



Tidbits

*Updates & Recognitions from
Executive Health Director
Alyssa Tallo*

- Mark your calendars! The **Employee Appreciation Picnic** is coming up on August 2nd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – we can't

wait to celebrate you!

- Despite the thunder showers cutting the day short, MCH's Independence Cup was a huge success. **We are incredibly appreciative of all our patrons who helped us raise over \$38,000 for Project Independence!**

- It's that time again – we want to hear from you! In our ongoing commitment to communicate with staff and implement policies and procedures that address your needs, our latest **employee survey** comes out in **August**. Please keep your eyes peeled and give us your feedback. It is very important to us and we appreciate your input and support.

- The next **Job Fair** is on **August 17, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.** We will be doing these monthly for the foreseeable future - please help us share with your networks!

- As you all know, the MCH Employee Spotlight program continues to be a big success. To keep it going strong, we're adding another convenient way for you to get us your submissions! **Look for drop boxes in the Friendship lobby, Garden lobby, and at the main entrance – and please, keep them coming!**

Gratefully,

Alyssa Tallo

Happenings at MCH!



First Day of Summer Concert featuring Trio Los Claveles



MCH Foundation Independence Cup Golf Tournament



Annual Classic Car Show at MCH

Featured “MCH Moments” Submitted by Staff

So many of you sent your heartwarming interactions with residents and colleagues, and they were all outstanding examples of the care with which you all interact with one another, how much you love your job and are proud of your work, and the environment that we strive to create here at MCH. These will continue to be featured in upcoming newsletters as well as on Facebook, and we invite one and all to keep the stories coming! Please send yours to colleenmccarthy@monroehosp.org. We are encouraged and inspired by every single moment, and are proud to share them with the world. Team MCH for the win!

I work in the Business Office. A resident I call my buddy, is Mary. We would visit each other often, and the first thing I would do would be to get my hug. During COVID I could not do this. One day, the doorbell rang at the Business Office and I answered the door. There was Mary. I greeted her and asked how I could help, and she said that she came to say hello to me, that she missed me, missed my hugs and loves me. I was incredibly touched – this just melted my heart. I told her that I missed and loved her too. Now, any time I see Mary, I give her my hug. – **Debra Miller, Business Office**

For the past year, Mitchell and I have forged a beautiful friendship. The first day I met Mitchell, he was waiting for the elevator in the main hall. He sat there for a bit, but was unable to ‘catch’ the elevator. I stopped and asked him if I could help. He agreed to allow me to ‘catch’ the next ride for him. We chatted for a bit until the elevator came. When the doors opened, he asked me to send him to his next destination, PT.

I didn’t see Mitchell again for a couple weeks. Then, I spied him waiting on the elevator. I helped him out, after we chatted again. We met in the main intersection

many times from that point. Mitchell was waiting for the ‘lady with the hair in the dress’, I guess that was me. J We quickly became friends. I learned that Mitchell has a birthday, one day before mine. We are Taurus, which makes us quite compatible. Mitchell is always telling me funny stories or jokes. Sometimes he serenades me. Mitchell will wait in the main hall for me and greets the employees (he calls this his bus stop) until after he is able to catch me in the hallway. He then escorts me to the HR Department, where we chat for a minute or two about our weekends or the up coming events. He is extremely funny and I really enjoy our interactions. Mitchell and I have become Family and I cherish each day that I get to see my friend. – **Janice Toland, HR**

(Follow-up from Janice: I met with Mitchell in the hallway again today. I asked him if I could read him something, but told him he wasn’t allowed to get teary eyed. He promised. I read him this email... We both were in tears!)

I have been a nurse for 19 years and have had the honor of witnessing love, death, sadness, and joy with many elders. One moment that stood out the most happened recently. Betty has been a resident of mine for about a year. Betty has dementia and is very busy, sitting for only minutes at a time. Betty’s husband Burt just became a new resident on the same floor as Betty.

On Burt’s first day I was in his room with him. Burt was sitting on his bed and I was standing in front of him. In walks Betty. Betty took my hand and bent down to look at Burt sitting on his bed. Betty stated, “Is that you Burt?” Burt replied, “Yes Betty. It’s me.” Burt immediately stood up and they hugged for a long time. Then Burt told Betty, “I will love you till I die.” I was teary eyed and couldn’t speak for a minute. I shared this touching story with my coworkers and each time my eyes watered. Even with such a cruel disease like dementia, true love prevailed. – **Michelle Starkweather, Nursing**