



Monroe Community Hospital

Auxiliary Times

We Love Our Residents!

Spring/Summer 2023

Our Mission To promote and advance the well being and quality of life of the residents of Monroe Community Hospital through volunteer service, fund-raising activities and program and service provision.

Getting to know a resident

Maxine Childress Brown

Maxine was born in 1943 and lived in Washington D.C., for the first 30 years of her life. She graduated from Spingarn High School. She studied for 2 years at Howard University in Washington D.C, then moved on to Springfield College for an additional 2 years. Maxine continued her higher education at the University of Massachusetts earning her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education.



While at the University of Massachusetts, Maxine met her now husband James Brown. They married in 1963 and are still very much in love after 60 years. Maxine and James have three children, Scot, Nikki and Kimberly, all three very successful, of which Maxine is very proud.

After leaving Massachusetts, Maxine and James moved to Rochester, living in the 19th ward. Maxine learned sign language at a very young age as both of her parents were deaf. This allowed Maxine to be the perfect match at the Rochester Institute of Technology where she was a professor and signed for deaf students. She also taught education at the University of Brockport.

In 1984, she became the Community Liaison Officer for Rochester, New York and was elected to the City Council. Concurrent to the Rochester City Council position, Maxine served as Associate Executive

Director, Health Association supervising nine programs serving a variety of human services.

Maxine wrote a book, "On the Best of Truth": A Hearing Daughter's Stories of Her Black Deaf Parents". The book describes challenges and triumphs that she and her sisters faced as hearing children.

In 1999, Maxine was on "The Price is Right" hosted by Bob Barker and won \$2000.00 playing Plinko. Maxine says it was "most exciting and exhilarating."

Maxine's favorite food is "Chitlins" (pig intestines) and her least favorite food is "Broccoli". Maxine loves to dance, create art, listen to music and read. You can see two beautiful pieces of her artwork on the first floor of the Faith Building. She hopes she will be able to teach sign language to anyone interested here at MCH.



Maxine loves it at MCH and complements the wonderful staff that provides her care. Maxine's number 1 place to enjoy at MCH is the Tapestry Gift Shop. She also enjoys shopping at the Thrift Shop. The excursions on the Auxiliary bus provide her with many happy experiences.

Many thanks to Maxine for sharing her diverse and interesting life experiences.

Corky Allardice
MCH Auxiliary Board President

RESIDENT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

MCH Resident Programs continues to offer a full schedule of activities, many of which are supported by the Auxiliary.

In March, we hosted a St. Patrick's Day celebration with Irish Dancers and music by Peter Carpenter as well as a special catered fish fry for over 90 residents. We also continue the Art for the Young at Heart program, which allows residents to create and display artwork each year. April included performances by Biodance Dance Company with Mount Hope World Singers, and the Irondequoit Concert Band in the Auditorium.



Ceramics program

The annual Car Show is scheduled for June 15.

We are looking forward to the start of our summer concert series. We are also planning special Mother's and Father's Day events, resident trips to the Lilac Festival, and many other community outings with the MCH Bus.



Concert series

Aimee Bodine
Resident Programs & Spiritual Care



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THE THRIFT SHOP AT MCH

Located on the third floor of the Faith Building across from the Resident Library

Everyone loves a bargain! SOOO check out the new stock in the MCH Thrift Shop and swing into Spring with the new Spring and Summer fashions. Don't miss out on the bargains.

When you embark on your "cleaning out" project, keep in mind that your donations as well as your purchases support the diverse programs that MCH residents enjoy.

We accept donations of gently used clothing, jewelry, accessories, household goods, knick-knacks, and linens. Donations can be dropped off at the Volunteer Office on the first floor of the Faith Building or at the loading dock in the rear of the building.

The Thrift Shop will soon be moving to a new location on the first floor of the Faith Building. Stay tuned for news of our Grand Opening.



We look forward to seeing you in the Shop soon and appreciate your support.

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM



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Tapestry

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Saturday
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Spring has arrived in the Tapestry Gift Shop. Come in and shop for our new styles for the season. We offer boutique style clothing and accessories you won't find in your local department store. New items arrive daily, so don't be a stranger. We love seeing you in the Shop, even if you are just browsing. AND did you hear, there is no longer sales tax on Clothing!!

Are you looking for a special gift for Mom and/or Dad for their special day? Come on in and see what we have to offer. And don't forget, a Tapestry Gift Card is the perfect gift! Gift cards are available in any denomination and can be used on anything in the Shop.

In case you have missed it, along with our variety of clothing and accessories, we now have a freezer, several coolers and a coffee pot in the shop. Come on in and warm up with a nice cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Looking for ice cream, we've got it and a slew of things to snack on or have for a meal. Stop in and check it out!

Did you know we do phone orders? If you can't make it to MCH, call us and place an order over the phone, any of our volunteers will be happy to assist you. Credit Card purchases only.

In closing, this shop could not be possible without our dedicated Volunteer Staff who have been working several hours over their normal schedule of late. At the current time we have 8 volunteers working 6 days a week and would love to have more. And to remind you, all proceeds go back to Resident Programs that are sponsored by the MCH Auxiliary. If you would like to help out, contact Laurie MacFarlane at 760-6151.

Hope to see you in the Shop.

Janet Allardice

Tapestry Gift Shop Merchandiser

Tapestry Gift Shop is located on the first floor of the Faith Building across from security.

Volunteer Services Update

The MCH Volunteer Program is going strong with 80 volunteers providing approximately 10,000 hours of service a year! And Spring and Summer offer some very special opportunities for our volunteers. Whether it is taking residents outdoors for a walk in the warm weather; helping to maintain our extensive gardens and grounds; helping customers in our on-site shops make their seasonal purchases; or escorting residents to the outdoor concert series or unit picnics - volunteers help make it possible and share in the fun!

If you would like to join our volunteer program please contact Laurie at 585-760-6151 or via email at lauriemacfarlane@monroehosp.org More details on volunteer opportunities are available at <https://www.monroehosp.org/volunteer>

Laurie MacFarlane

Supervisor of Volunteer and Customer Services