



# Monroe Community Hospital AUXILIARY TIMES



**We Love Our Residents!**

**Fall/Winter 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.

## A new home...

### ... for our beloved Thrift Shop

On May 1, 2023, the new location for the MCH Thrift Shop officially opened on the first floor of the Hope Building. The new location provides visibility and easy access for our faithful patrons.

Shoppers will discover a robust selection of men's and women's clothing, shoes, purses, housewares, jewelry, accessories, and a variety of seasonal and unusual items.

The MCH Auxiliary owes gratitude to the MCH Administration for making the move and renovations possible. And a very special thank you to two very dedicated and creative volunteers for organizing the new space and facilitating the change.

Marianne Marsh and Barbara Fortunato donated countless hours to this endeavor. Their efforts have paid off. The interest and sales in the Shop have improved substantially in the past few months.



Keep in mind that all proceeds from Thrift Shop sales go to support the many diverse programs that enhance the quality of life for the MCH residents.

Donations or gently used items (*as listed to the left in Paragraph two*) are accepted at the Volunteer Services office on the first floor of the Faith Building or the receiving dock in the rear of the building.

**Sandy Lancer**  
*Secretary, Auxiliary Board*

**The Thrift Shop is open Monday-Thursday from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm and is located on the First Floor of the Hope Building**

## MCH FUNDRAISING

The MCH Auxiliary and the Residents of MCH would like to thank all of our supporters for another successful **Mega Raffle** fundraiser. Thanks to all of you we raised over \$12,000, to be used to enhance the quality of lives for our beloved residents.

A very special thank you to Sage Ruddy for sponsoring the Mega Raffle and their continued support.

**SageRuddy**  
*And Company, Inc.*

This year, **Super Bowl squares** will be available only in the Tapestry Gift Shop in January 2024.

Our **Vegas Event** fundraiser is to be held at MCH May 17th, 2024. This is always a great time with great food and great music.

**More information to follow in our Spring newsletter.**

**Corky Allardice**  
*President, Auxiliary Board*



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## Tapestry

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

The Gift Shop is stocked with winter merchandise, and well stocked with holiday goodies. Come on in and get that special gift for someone, or yourself. And remember a Tapestry gift card is always a welcome gift for a resident or co-worker.

As we have seen everywhere, the continuing increase of price on pretty much everything has been reflected within the Tapestry. However, I will continue to work very hard to keep the prices of merchandise in the Gift Shop affordable for all staff and residents.

If you have a special request, please contact me or leave a note with one of our volunteers and I will do my best to help you out.

Thank you for your continued support and remember, all proceeds go right back to supporting Resident programs. I wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Wonderful Holiday season.

**Janet Allardice**  
Tapestry Merchandiser  
760-6159

**Tapestry Gift Shop is located on the first floor of the Faith Building across from Security**

## THANK YOU!!!

**THANK YOU** for your continuing support of our Auxiliary fundraisers as we enhance the quality of life for our residents. In 2023, we/you have funded twenty-four different initiatives. We delight in sharing some of what your generosity has made possible!

**Camp Friendship** was hosted by our Friendship 1 East pediatric care team in July for our youngest residents.

The **"Five Days of Fun"** included Animal and Disney Day, featuring a special showing of Beauty and the Beast, spending an afternoon making "cool" tie-dyed t-shirts and beautiful pour paintings, a fun outing to the Strong National Museum of Play where the Butterfly Garden was a favorite; and at the end of the week, participants enjoyed music therapy followed by a concert by the Brotherhood Music Group! The staff and residents of FR1E express their special thanks for making this experience happen and added: *"we are all excited for next year!"*



**Magazines for the Consultative Service Area (Clinic):** Patricia LaVigne, LPN, reports: *"It's so nice to offer our residents something to read while they are awaiting their appointments. Thank you!"*

**Streaming Service:** *"Thanks so much for funding this project!"* Aimee Bodine, Director of Resident Programs, tells us that having this service provides access to many movies residents have been requesting and that an average of fifty residents are now attending the movie matinees, an increase of over 65%!!

**Avatar** was a big hit and even though the movie was three hours long, every resident remained for the entire showing!! The streaming service also made possible the showing of **Beauty and the Beast** during Camp Friendship.

Aimee shared that "we plan to begin using the service on weekends for residents to come to the Auditorium to watch a movie, sporting event, or other programs of interest". Look for information on other projects in the next edition.

**Kathy Thomas**  
Auxiliary Projects Committee Co-Chair

## Volunteer Services Update

As we move into fall and winter, it is a wonderful time to reflect on our lives and set priorities about how we spend our time. Volunteers have told me over and over again that they feel they receive more from their work at MCH than they give to the residents. While I am sure that is not the case, it does point out that helping and supporting others is one of the surest ways to ensure our own happiness, well-being and sense of connection.

The MCH Volunteer Program is always looking for new volunteers to become part of our warm and friendly community. Please reach out to Laurie at (585) 760-6151 or [lauriemacfarlane@monroehosp.org](mailto:lauriemacfarlane@monroehosp.org) to learn more; or visit our website at <https://www.monroehosp.org/volunteer>

We can't wait to hear from you!

**Laurie MacFarlane**  
Supervisor of Volunteers, Pastoral Care, and Customer Service



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**The MCH Auxiliary Board**  
extends to our loyal supporters,  
amazing staff and beloved residents  
our very best wishes for a  
**Happy Holiday Season**  
full of love, peace and joy  
and a Happy and Healthy 2024

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