



APRIL VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Greetings!

April is National Volunteer Month, and I cannot wait to celebrate with you! Our annual Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday April 29, and invitations will be in the mail soon. Keep an eye out for yours!

March was a busy month, and I met with many potential new volunteers. Four new volunteers completed their onboarding and started in March. Three of them are U of R students, and the fourth is also a young adult. It is exciting see our program grow, particularly with the addition of young folks, who are somewhat underrepresented on our volunteer roster! (See more info about this on page 2) As always, please help spread the word about our amazing facility and let's keep new volunteers of all ages coming through the doors!

Congratulations to Volunteer Mike G who was recognized with a Spotlight Award for his support of the Caring Group in March!

Let's keep working together to support the amazing community that is MCH!

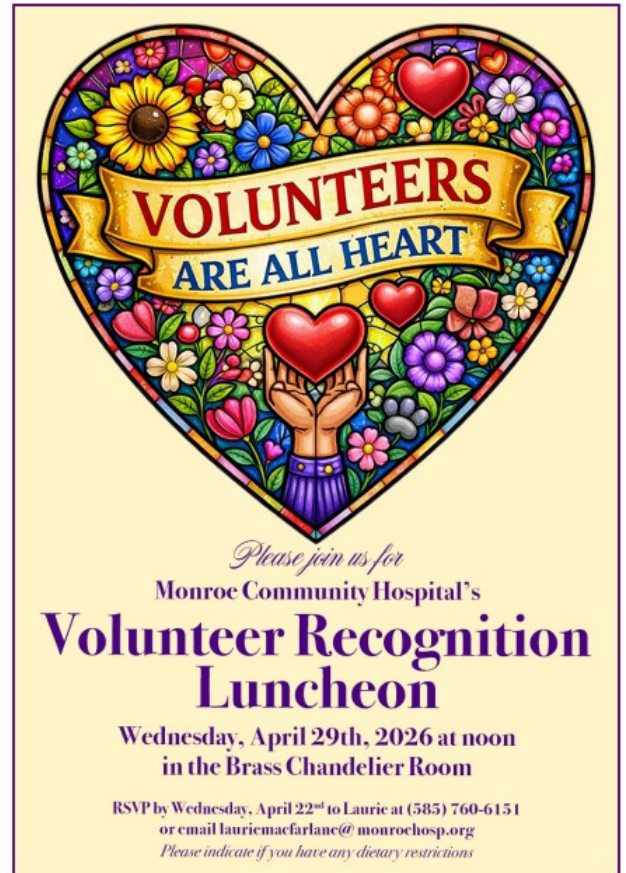
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Exciting New Volunteer Opportunity Coming Summer 2026 – Friendship Place Volunteers!

Friendship Place is the new dementia care unit currently being renovated on FR1 West. The target opening date is July, and volunteers may be needed to staff the welcome desk, circulate throughout the unit, and provide oversight in the dining room during meal hours.

If you are interested in assisting on Friendship Place, please let Laurie know.

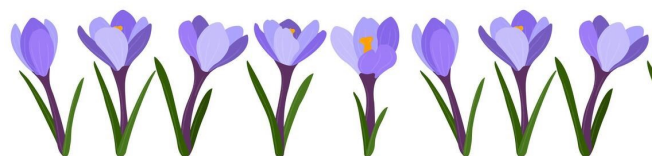
Did you know April is National Poetry Month? Initiated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, it is the world's largest literary celebration. It highlights poetry's role in culture, featuring events like Poem in Your Pocket Day, held this year on April 30. Celebrate by carrying a copy of your favorite poem in your pocket or wallet and sharing it with others!



News and Reminders

When transporting residents from Faith 4 Center, please be mindful that these residents need an escort *to and from* any event or activity. In general, they may be physically frail and need additional support. Thank you for taking extra care and providing a round trip escort to these residents.

Loaner I-Pads available for your use when you are visiting residents. You could use these to play music, watch videos, explore resident interests, etc. They are available in Mary McDowell's office; she is the Resident Programs



April Events & Activities

Please attend with a resident or sign up to help transport!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Friday April 3 at 11 AM
Ecumenical Good Friday Service

Saturday April 4 at 2 PM
Easter Mass

Tuesday April 7 at 2 PM
The RPO Jazz Trio

Thursday April 9 at 2 PM
Sweden Singers

Thursday April 16 at 7 PM
Mt. Hope World Singers

Tuesday April 21 at 10:15 AM
RCSD High School Choir & Band

Monday April 27 at 7 PM
Kodak Concert Band

Wednesday April 29 at 2 PM
Vineyard Love Ministry Choir

Thursday April 30 at 2 PM
Ecumenical Memorial Service

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

Monday Movie Matinee at 2 PM
April 6, 13 and 20

Every Tuesday at 11 AM
Caring Group in the Veterans Tribute area of the Hope Lobby

Tuesday Feeling Fit Exercise at 2:15 PM
April 14 and 28

Every Wednesday at 2 PM
Worship Service or Bible Study

Every Thursday at 11 AM
Catholic Mass

Please sign up to transport online at:
[April 2026 MCH Schedule](#)
or contact Laurie!

Volunteering By The Numbers

4 new volunteer joined our program in March!
Welcome to Tim G, Julianna L, Elana M, and Shawna T!

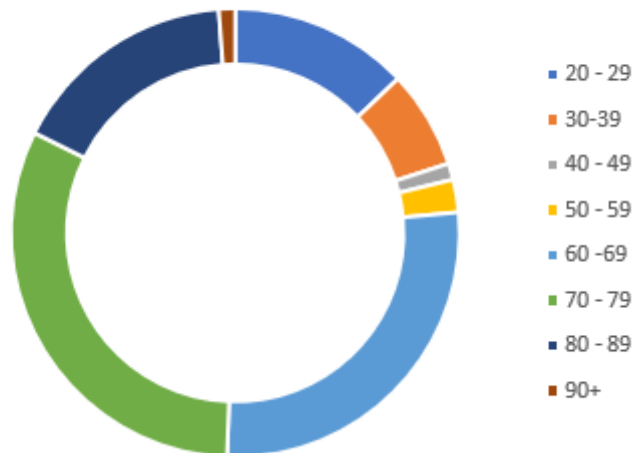
61 volunteers were active in March, contributing **1,030** hours to MCH.

52% of March Transport Shifts were filled. Let's keep increasing this percentage!

61% of the Friendly Visitor requests were filled, meaning **68** residents have a volunteer assigned, and **43** residents are still waiting.

18% of our volunteers are in their 20s and 30s; **4%** are ages 40–59; **28%** are in their 60s; **32%** in their 70s; and **15%** are 80+!

Volunteers By Age



Effective Wednesday April 8, the MCH Cafeteria will update their registers to the latest national penny guidelines, below. Please note this will effect cash sales only.

NATIONWIDE PENNY SHORTAGE

If you choose to pay in cash and pennies are not available, your change will be rounded to the nearest nickel. If the change due:

- Ends in 1¢ or 2¢ → rounded down to 0¢
- Ends in 3¢ or 4¢ → rounded up to 5¢
- Ends in 5¢ or 0¢ → no rounding
- Ends in 6¢ or 7¢ → rounded down to 5¢
- Ends in 8¢ or 9¢ → rounded up to 10¢

Credit/debit card + digital payments will be charged to the exact cent. No rounding applies.



Happy Birthday wishes to: Margaret A Nancy B Susan H
Laurie K Debbie M Chris M Mary P