



Monroe Community Hospital

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Volunteer Services Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2025

Volunteer Office: (585) 760-6151

Greetings, Volunteers!

As November begins and MCH revs up for the holiday season, I look forward to getting festive and having fun with all you volunteers!

Speaking of fun, thank you to the 10 volunteers who helped make the Oct 22 Spooktacular a spine-tingling success! Transport volunteers included our new Pat K, Mark B, Svante P, Brendan M, Linda B, Humza M and 4 students from Alpha Xi Delta at RIT! Thank you one and all! Attendance was approx. 300, which included 80 residents! See page 2 for some Spooktacular photos.

For several years now, we have gathered in November for a Thanksgiving style lunch. This year I am trying something new, and hosting several smaller luncheons. You should have received an invitation in the mail, and the invitation is included here → Please let me know which date you want to attend.

Also note, due to the weather cooling down, the Enclosed Courtyard located behind Friendship is now closed for the season. Security codes on the doors leading to the courtyard have been re-activated. If you have any questions on this, please let me know.

Thank you for everything, and see you soon!

Laurie

MCH Volunteer Office

Laurie MacFarlane, Supervisor, 585-760-6151
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You are invited to a Holiday Luncheon!

As fall turns to winter, let's gather in small groups to welcome the holidays and celebrate our MCH Volunteers!

All Holiday Luncheons will be held in the Fireside Lounge on Faith 6.

Pick one date to attend from the options below:

Wed November 12 at 12 Noon - *RSVP by Wed Nov 5*

Thurs November 20 at 12 Noon - *RSVP by Thurs Nov 13*

Thurs December 4 at 12 Noon - *RSVP by Wed Nov 26*

Wed December 10 at 12 Noon - *RSVP by Wed Dec 3*

RSVP to Laurie at 760-6151 or at lauriemacfarlane@monroehosp.org with the date you want to attend and any dietary restrictions.



Resident Highlights

Resident Tom Turner is a published author! His book, *Beyond the Bridge: 10 Lessons I've Learned From a Lifetime of Disability* is available on Amazon. The Auxiliary recently hosted a book-signing event for Tom.

Resident Deborah Leary recently travelled to Albany to meet with the Governor's Office and advocate for an increase to the Personal Needs Allowance, the monthly spending money that is provided to Medicaid recipients who live in nursing homes. This Allowance is \$50 and has not been increased since 1988. Kudos to Deborah for advocating on behalf of nursing home residents state-wide.



Spooktacular Photos



November Events & Activities

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

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Monday Nov 3 at 2 PM
American Pops Salute

Tuesday Nov 11 at 2 PM
Veterans Day Service

Tuesday Nov 11 at 7 PM
Rochester Medical Orchestra
Open Rehearsal

Friday Nov 14 at 2 PM
BINGO

Monday Nov 17 at 10:30 AM
Bantaba African Dance and
Drumming

Wednesday Nov 26 at 11 AM
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

Monday Nov 10 and 24 at 2 PM
Monday Movie Matinee

Tuesday Nov 18 & 25 at 11 AM
Caring Group in the Williams
Lounge on Faith 6

Tuesday Nov 18 & 25 at 2:15 PM
Feeling Fit Exercise

Wednesday Nov 5, 12 & 19 at 2
PM Worship Service or Bible
Study

Thursday Nov 6, 13 & 20 at 11 AM
Catholic Mass

Please sign up to transport online at:
<https://signup.com/go/yNxDzYC>
or contact Laurie!

The Month in Review

As of October 30, 64 volunteers were active, volunteering over 1,000 hours.

4 new volunteers joined our program—**WELCOME** to Sonia, Chris, Maeve, and Sreyoshi!

58% of October Transport Shifts were filled. Great work, everyone!

60% of the Friendly Visitor requests were filled, meaning 65 residents have a volunteer assigned, and 44 residents are still waiting.

November Holidays

There are 4 County Holidays in November. If you normally volunteer on one of these days, you are welcome to come in, but please note that office staff will not be working and it may be quiet around the facility. Holidays are:

- Tuesday Nov 4, Election Day
- Tuesday Nov 11, Veterans Day
- Thurs Nov 27 and Friday Nov 28, Thanksgiving Holiday

Happy November Birthdays to:

Janet A
Elaine D-G
Sheryl D
Barbara F
Jill H
Marty M
Ann S
Marlin S
Stephen T



THANK YOU
VETERANS