

# Volunteer Update

A publication for Partners and Volunteers

## *Happy Fall Y'All!*

What an amazing fall we are having! My hope is you all have had an opportunity to be outside these past few weeks to enjoy all of the bright oranges, browns, reds and yellows of the season. Not only are the colors enjoyable but the temperatures have been as well.



Fall is always a busy time of year for volunteers. Below are some updates about all of the great things taking place with our volunteers as well as reminders.

### **Wish List Allocation**

Allocation of Wish List grants took place in September and volunteers once again were able to provide financial support for patient care items. This would not be possible if not for the time and energy volunteers give in service to the Well Wisher Gift Shop and with all of the special fundraisers held throughout the year. This year \$25,000 was donated back to the hospital for the following items and departments.

Birth Center	Swaddle Sacks & Supplies	\$6,866
Environmental Services	Carpet Extractor	\$2,735
Food & Nutrition Services	Café Trays	\$1,093
Medical/Surgical Unit	Sara Steady Standing Aid	\$2,684
Nuclear Medicine	iPad, speaker and holder (3)	\$1,650
Outpatient Care Center	Power Procedures Chair	\$6,506
Rehab Services	Metron Value Rolling Step	\$563
Rehab Services	Slings for Sara Plus Standing Aid	\$852

### **Fall Appreciation Parade!**

On Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> a drive-by appreciation parade was held for volunteers along the outer ring road for the hospital. While we are not yet able to gather in large crowds, we still wanted you all to know just how much we appreciate YOU, your time, talents and your patience as we continue to keep moving forward. It was GREAT seeing those who were able to drive-by! Take a look inside this newsletter for a photo collage of some of the volunteers who were able to attend.

### **Love Light Program**

On Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> the annual Love Light Tree program will take place. While the program will be held virtually again this year, the Love Light trees will be located in the front parking area of the hospital for all to see throughout the month of December. Lights may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one for the holiday season. A Love Light form is included with this newsletter so don't forget to order yours today! Love Light is one of the volunteer's bigger fundraisers so please make sure to share the form or direct friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to the website to help ensure this program continues to be a big success. ([froedtert.com/lovelight](http://froedtert.com/lovelight))

**Holiday Poinsettia Cheer!**

Partner volunteers will generously share the gift of holiday cheer this year by providing beautiful poinsettia plants to those patients who need to be in the hospital over the holidays. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to assist with the delivery and each plant will include a notecard with holiday wishes from our wonderful volunteers.

**Annual Education/Flu Vaccination Reminder – due November 12<sup>th</sup>**

Annual education packets were mailed in September to the home address we have on file. Information was included regarding how to complete and return the annual education quiz as well as how to obtain a required flu vaccination and submit verification. Thank you to those who have completed and returned these requirements already.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for all that you do not only in the areas where you provide service but to help keep the gift shop open and your help with the cookie sales many special fundraisers that take place.

We are grateful for you and for your patience.

We wish you a Happy Halloween, a blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season!

Stay safe, be well,

*Ann Johnson*

Ann Johnson, Director  
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**Nutman Sale @ FWB**

Thursday	Dec. 2, 2021	10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Friday	Dec. 3, 2021	10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Collective Goods @ FWB**

Wednesday	Dec. 15, 2021	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursday	Dec. 16, 2021	7:30 to 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1 to 4 p.m.
Friday	Dec. 17, 2021	7:30 to 10 a.m. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Anyone interested in helping, please contact Lori Keon at

262-836-8391

or

[lori.keon@froedtert.com](mailto:lori.keon@froedtert.com). THANK YOU!!!!

## Annual Education & Flu Vaccine Reminder

### November 12, 2021 deadline

All volunteers must complete annual education and flu vaccine requirements by November 12, 2021. Volunteers who do not complete these requirements by the due date will be removed from volunteer membership. Please mail your vaccine documentation with your annual education quiz in the business reply envelope included with your packet or fax to Julie Allison, Occupational Health at 262-836-7766. Contact Keri Schwartz at 262-836-8063 with questions.

**Thanks to all who have already completed these requirements!**



### *November:*

Jean Beck	11/1
Ray Pitroski	11/4
Lee Wenhart	11/7
Gabrielle Merk	11/10
Brad Bastian	11/15
Dorothy Overbye	11/16
Chelsea Smith	11/20
Sharon Gahan	11/21

### *December:*

Karen Soneson	12/8
Carol Schaefer	12/15
Faith Sullivan	12/17
Deb Backhaus	12/20
Caryn Uebelacker	12/26



## CORONAVIRUS AND VACCINES

“The COVID 19 pandemic could effectively be over in a year because enough vaccine will be manufactured and distributed by that time”, the Moderna CEO said in an interview. Enough doses should be available by the middle of next year so that everyone on earth can be vaccinated. Boosters should also be possible to the extent required.

“People who don’t get vaccinated could develop natural immunity because the Delta variety is so contagious. In this way we will end up in a situation similar to that of the flu. You can either get vaccinated and have a good winter, or you don’t do it and risk getting sick and possibly even ending up in the hospital”.

### DNA VACCINES

Traditional vaccine contains weak or inactive forms of viruses or bacteria. They stimulate your body’s immune system to respond to the disease causing substance, which protects you if you’re exposed to it in the future.

More recently scientists have developed vaccines that instead use genetic material from viruses and bacteria, such as RNA or DNA, to help your body mount this defense. mRNA (messenger RNA) vaccines are already in use against the virus that causes COVID 19. Scientists are now looking to use DNA vaccine as another option to fight COVID and other infectious disease. Since the 1990’s experts have been researching how they could use DNA. DNA is genetic material found inside the cells of every living organism. You can think of it as an instruction booklet for how cells reproduce themselves in your body. DNA vaccines have several potential advantages over traditional and even mRNA vaccines.

- 1.) They can be developed quickly. It’s easier to develop large amounts of a gene than to make proteins and grow bacteria or grow viruses.
- 2.) They are cheaper to make. It’s less expensive to make and purify large amounts
- 3.) They’re easier to transport. DNA is stable and doesn’t need to be stored at low temperatures like mRNA does

Scientists still don’t properly understand much of the immune response caused by DNA vaccines and we have limited data on their safety, possible side effects, and effectiveness. Researchers are studying DNA vaccines to fight HIV and certain cancers. Neither mRNA or DNA vaccines change your existing genes in any way and neither can infect you with a disease.

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