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SAVE the DATE

April 10 – April 16, 2016
National Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 15, 2016
1:30pm, Main Lobby of HHMH
Volunteer Appreciation Reception

The HHMH Administration has commissioned a sign in appreciation of our volunteers. In observance of National Volunteer Appreciation Week, it will be dedicated on April 15 at 1:30 pm outside the Gift Shop in the Hospital Lobby followed by a Reception in the central courtyard.

May 18, 2016
Annual Auxiliary Spring Luncheon Meeting at San Juan Oaks to include food, meeting, a featured speaker (Dave Eggers), and fashion show. Details to be mailed in April, so watch your mailboxes!

July 14 – July 15, 2016
Scrub Sale
Hospital's Central Courtyard

September 21 – Sept 22, 2016
Shoe Sale
Hospital's Central Courtyard

HAWKINS MEMOIR NOW AVAILABLE AT MADELYN'S GIFT SHOP!

Do you know the history of our hospital? Have you ever wondered about our lobby portrait of the smiling little girl and her cat? You can experience our history through the memoirs of T. S. Hawkins, now available in Madelyn's Giftshop!

Born in 1836, Hawkins was instrumental in our town's inception and his granddaughter Hazel was much beloved. Haze's tragic death may have been avoided had Hollister contained a modernized clinic, so T. S. built our original hospital in downtown Hollister in her memory.



[Images Courtesy BenitoLink]

Initially published in 1913, Hawkins' memoir *Some Recollections of A Busy Life* were recently reprinted by his great-great-grandson, New York Times bestselling author Dave Eggers. Eggers recently spoke at the SBC Historical Society's Wapple House Museum to an impressive turnout! You can also catch Eggers at our annual Spring Luncheon at San Juan Oaks.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Have you heard of our Volunteer Incentive Program? When you refer someone compatible to our program and they hit the minimum of 48 hrs (8 hours minimum for 6 months), you get a \$5 gift card *and* are entered in the \$100 drawing at our Holiday Party!
- Hazel's Thrift Shop is on the Web! View blogs, sales flyers, calendar, forecasts, updates, videos, and more! Visit HazelsThriftShop.org

- Help is always needed at Hazel's Thrift Shop! Lots of opportunities available – fun for a retiree or someone eager to add new skills to a resume! Thrift Shop areas include: Cashier, Warehouse, The Book Nook, and Hazel's Treasures

HOSPITAL NEWS

by Alice Silva Oliveira

I know you've heard this before but we really do have the best group of volunteers anywhere and you are so appreciated!

Whether you give 100 or 8 hours each month, you are passing on a gift every hour you volunteer. Think about it. Even if you don't speak with or touch another human being, what you do is improving someone's life each time you put on that teal smock or apron. There are too many jobs and too many of you to name individually but know that everything you do touches someone.

When you keep ED or Med-Surg supplies stocked, you are making sure the staff is ready to go when an emergency walks in the door. You may de-lint towels in Central Sterile or keep our Medical Records files in order. That helps the staff do what they need to do more efficiently.

You may sort donated items at Hazel's Thrift shop. If so, you make people smile when they find that perfect blouse, book or plate they didn't know they needed. You make a Chamberlain Children Center resident excited to fill that bag with good quality, clean clothing, books or other must need items they may not otherwise have - free of charge. You also make donors smile because they know their donations are going to a good cause or will get recycled instead of adding to our landfill.

At the Reception desk, you make people feel better about what they have to face, but you don't get offended if they don't smile because you understand. Sometimes you get to do something fun like give an elderly resident a manicure, hear a lullaby play when a baby is born in the Women's Center, or deliver flowers to a patient.

But that's not why you do it. You volunteer here at HHMH because you have a good heart and want to make our community a better one. For that, we all thank you.

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HAZEL'S & TREASURES THRIFT SHOPS

by Larry Smith

Everything is going great, though volunteers are always needed. Our newest updates include an industrial coffee machine and an overhaul of security; interior and exterior cameras and new equipment.

MADELYN'S GIFT SHOP

by Bobbie Champagne

We are so proud of the new look in the Gift Shop. The new flooring and painting was a much needed facelift and the curiosity it stirred really increased our sales. Our \$5 (November) and Scrub (February) sales were a huge success. In spite of the rain, we had tremendous support from staff and exceeded our last two years in sales!

A big thank you to the great volunteers that work in the Gift Shop. Do you realize that several volunteers have been there more than fifteen years? That is a lot of hours, and shows a lot of dedication.

The Gift Shop and our Vendor sales enabled us to give \$50,000 to the Hospital Restricted Fund last year, and that is our goal again this year. So stop in and say hi- see the goodies we have, and soon we'll have Mother's Day items- and be sure to try our Marich candy. We are the "Best Little Gift Shop" in town!

SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

by Joanna McMahon

Volunteers are wonderful at saving staff time, especially with room visits. Residents are very appreciative!

ESCORT / RECEPTION

by Alice Silva Oliveira

As you may be aware, the hospital main lobby has been remodeled. Now that the Reception desk is complete, Escorts now sit alongside the Reception volunteers. Although it's taking some getting used to for some of the Escorts, it's a great overall improvement in patient and visitor service.

MED – SURG

by Mayra Garcia

Staff is very appreciative for all the volunteer help! Although some tasks may seem minor, it really helps, especially on days when they do not have any CNA's. It is a great help to the staff when our volunteers assist in discharging patients, transporting to radiology, or even just sitting with a patient and keeping them company.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

by Mayra Garcia

Ed is one of the busiest departments and the staff is most grateful for all the help from our volunteers. Volunteers in ED are a tremendous asset to this department. There is never a dull moment!

WOMEN'S CENTER

by Sarah Rufener

Things at the women's center are going well. It's a nice place for the hospital to serve families expecting a new life or direct women upstairs to the radiology department for their appointments.

LETTER FROM THE CEO

by Ken Underwood

Spring is always an exciting time for the Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital, Mabie Skilled Nursing Facilities, and Mabie Clinics. This Spring, we will be providing patients with the area's only 3-D Breast Ultrasound system to benefit early cancer detection for women. The new Spring look also includes Auxiliary funding for an upgraded front lobby and new hospital flooring. Our services have been upgraded as well, with Kyle Hsu, M.D., General Surgeon, specializing in laparoscopic, minimally invasive procedures, and Vivek Jain, M.D., Neurologist, providing treatment for Alzheimer's disease, dementia, stroke, Parkinson's disease, and balance issues. We are so grateful for the Auxiliary's amazing support for contributing to and advancing the access and availability to such high quality services in our local community.

AUXILIARY PURPOSE

To promote the welfare of the Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital and their patients through ways and means proposed or approved by the governing body of the acute care and convalescent hospitals. You are invited to attend our monthly board meetings! Meetings take place on the 2nd Monday of each month (September-June) in the Support Services Building, 2nd Floor, Great Room, at 10:00 a.m.

Coordinator of Auxiliary Volunteer Services
- Alice Silva Oliveira

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Newsletter – Leanne Oliveira
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Publicity – Barbara Brookshire
Scholarships – Pam McHam
Sewing – Kathi Hart
Spring Lunch – Gayle Jackson
Winter Bazaar – Joan Moore

Current Monthly Membership

Active: 126	Youth: 16
Associate: 157	Total: 299

THANK  YOU