



Volunteer News

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VOLUNTEER UPDATES

Leave of Absence

As many of you know, I am on a leave of absence for four weeks, returning Sept. 14. My supervisor **Jennifer Capps**, Chief Development Officer, and co-workers **Arla Shephard Bull**, Marketing Coordinator, and **Tracey Fredrick**, Development Specialist, have been amazing and will be taking on some tasks to help keep things afloat.

Please be patient while I am away but if you need anything do not hesitate to reach out to the Development office at (360) 427-3623 or send an email to foundation@masongeneral.com. Thank you for your understanding.

Volunteer Summer Picnic Highlights

Please take a peek at the photos shared on page 3. We were so grateful to celebrate with all of you in July and are looking forward to seeing your faces again soon!

Medicare Wellness Visits

Included in this issue is some information about Mason Health's Medicare Wellness program.

- Iris Hilburger
Volunteer Coordinator

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June-Aug Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 7/8 Betty Langstraat
- 7/11 Merry Antrim
- 7/18 Marilyn Cook
- 7/19 Terry Oliver
- 7/26 Edie Kroha
- 8/1 Judy Zehrunge
- 8/3 Connie Adams
- 8/9 Carol Goodburn

Hello September

POLICY HIGHLIGHT: ID BADGES

Note from Iris

At the Volunteer Appreciation Reception, those in attendance were provided updated volunteer badge components: lanyards, clips with pull strings, and a new double-sided purple "Volunteer" tab that hangs between the photo ID badge components. The new double-sided purple "Volunteer" tabs also have QR codes on either side for clocking in and out. Given these new badge components, I thought it would be appropriate to share the ID Badge policy in this issue!

Purpose

To provide a means of positive identification to enhance the security and safety of patients, hospital employees, volunteers, contract workers, providers, visitors and vendors and all others who access this facility.

Policy

All employees, volunteers and contracted staff are expected to adhere to this policy. Failure to adhere may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

When to wear Name Badges:

- All employees, volunteers and contract staff are expected to wear their photo identification badge when they are in any district facility in the capacity listed below:
 - Working (and while entering and exiting District buildings)
 - Volunteering (and while entering or exiting District buildings)
 - While attending educational opportunities other than the evening community classes, or events.
 - While attending work or volunteer related meetings.
- Do not loan/give your ID badge to anyone.
- Employees, volunteers, and contract staff are responsible to have their name badges for entering secured work areas at the beginning of their shift. Please do not ask other staff persons to grant you access to a secured work area.
- Please do not grant access to an employee, volunteer, or contracted staff person that does not have their ID badge on their person. This is for your safety and the safety of patients, staff, and visitors.

Policy Continued

- If you forget your name badge when reporting to work, please contact the Human Resources Office. To obtain a temporary photo ID badge contact HR at ext 28880 to set up a time. HR hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- If you do not have your name badge when reporting to work and HR is closed, you must stop at registration and contact the House Supervisor. Once the House Supervisor lets the registration or other staff person know the employee is cleared to access district property, the employee with no name badge will complete the log at registration and be allowed access. The House Supervisor may issue a temporary badge if available.

Issuance and Maintenance of Name Badges

- To obtain a photo ID badge, contact the volunteer coordinator.
- All employees will be issued two photo badges, one will be chipped, the badges must be worn together and above the waist, facing outward and remain uncovered during all working hours.
- ID badges are activated by the IT department.
- The picture, name, job title, and department must be visible at all times. Only District-issued decals and pins may be placed on badges and/or lanyards (i.e. flu shot stickers). Do not place any pins through the card as this will harm the computer chip.
- Non-management staff will have only their first names on the front of the badge.
- Do not wash the badge in a washing machine.

Lost, Defaced or Misplaced Badges

- Lost, defaced or misplaced name badges will be reissued at the expense of the employee.
- If your title, name or job position changes the badge is replaced at no cost to you.
- To obtain a photo ID badge contact the volunteer coordinator.
- If your name badge is left at home, you may be asked to go home and retrieve your name badge.
- Human Resources or the volunteer coordinator may issue a temporary badge for lost/misplaced badges.

Termination

- At termination the employee, volunteer, or contracted staff must return their badge to their hiring manager.

AUGUST- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Environmental Services Technician Tylor Brown's insightful and dependable nature, which he exhibits with both patients and co-workers, is a major reason why his peers have selected him as Employee of the Month. Brown graduated Shelton High School in 2010. He has family ties to Mason Health —



Tylor Brown, EVS Tech

his mother, Tammy Johnson, works as a scheduler for Diagnostic Imaging, and his grandmother, Alice Brown, worked as respiratory therapist for 30+ years. After graduating from high school, Brown held a variety of jobs in the local area before joining Mason Health in 2018. "The hospital is the best job I have ever had," he said. "The management structure is better, and I like the union representation. It doesn't feel like you're talking to a wall if you have to get something dealt with." His teammates love his pleasant attitude. "Losing your temper and being impatient isn't going to get anything done," he said. "If you're in a bad mood and dragging your feet to get things done, everyone is going to have problems."

MASON HEALTH SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST MONICA VINSON PUBLISHES PAPER ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SPEECH THERAPY PATIENTS

COVID-19 can greatly impact the respiratory system, with symptoms such as shortness of breath and loss of taste and smell plaguing many since the virus' onset in 2020. Medical speech language pathologists (SLPs) have played a unique and vital role in assessing and treating individuals diagnosed with the virus. Mason Health's Monica Vinson, MS, CCC-SLP, recently co-authored the study paper, "The Impact of COVID-19 on Clinical Practice in Medically Based Settings: Speech-Language Pathologists' Perspectives," which details how the virus has changed who is being seen by speech-language



Monica Vinson, MS, CCC-SLP

pathologists and how their mental health impacts their medical care and treatment. The full study can be viewed at https://pubs.asha.org/doi/10.1044/2021_PERSP-21-00166# and on www.masongeneral.com/services/rehabilitation-and-physical-therapy.

MASON HEALTH EARNS MULTIPLE AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION PARTNERSHIPS

For the recipients of an organ or tissue donation, there is no question that the procedure has saved and improved the quality of their lives. Mason Health's own Director of Emergency, Walk-In Clinic and Trauma Services Kristyn Criss received a life-altering tissue donation that now allows her to remain active while working and going on adventures with her four children. Mason Health staff understand the power of organ and tissue donation, and this spring, two partner organizations recognized the District's support of this important service.

LifeNet Health honored Mason Health Chief Nursing Officer **Melissa Strong** and Chief Development & Communications Officer **Jennifer Capps** with the **2021 Hospital Administration Award**. The award celebrates their leadership in creating a supportive environment that promotes the culture of donation throughout Mason General Hospital.

LifeCenter Northwest awarded Mason Health with the **2021 LifeCenter Northwest Collaboration Achievement Award**, which honors hospital partners who excel in the area of planning a collaborative family conversation regarding donation with LifeCenter Northwest

LifeCenter Northwest also awarded Mason Health with the **2021 LifeCenter Northwest Organ Donation Referral Achievement Award**. The award recognizes hospital's efforts at achieving and maintaining a timely referral rate.



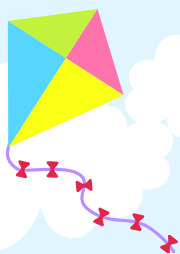
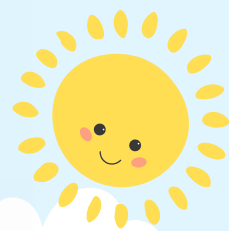
LifeCenter Northwest Hospital Development Program Manager **Korri Shimizu** presents Mason Health CEO **Eric Moll** with the 2021 the 2021 LifeCenter Northwest Collaboration Achievement Award and the 2021 LifeCenter Northwest Organ Donation Referral Achievement Award.

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

**MASON HEALTH
VOLUNTEER SUMMER PICNIC**

JULY 14, 2022

We celebrated you!





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PLEASE JOIN US!

The community is invited to a

DRIVE-THRU TRUNK OR TREAT



Cars will be spaced out 6 feet and staff will be dressed up in festive costumes. Staff will also be required to wear masks and gloves.

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

2 to 5 p.m.

MASON GENERAL HOSPITAL
 Emergency Department Parking Lot

SAY BOO TO THE FLU!

Mason Health will be offering free flu shots during Trunk-or-Treat.

To donate candy, email foundation@masongeneral.com

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Free Medicare Wellness visit!

The Medicare Wellness Visit is intended to give you and your care team time to talk about how you're doing, find ways you can avoid illness and help you to stay feeling your best.

Our Annual Wellness Team of registered nurses is reaching out to existing patients who are signed up for Medicare Part B coverage to schedule their first free Medicare Wellness visit.

While Medicare Part A coverage is automatic through the federal government, Medicare Part B coverage is optional and includes a premium. However, Medicare Part B coverage waives copays and deductibles for annual wellness visits.

Please contact your health care provider if you have questions.



"The Medicare Annual Wellness visit is a wonderful opportunity for your provider to focus on prevention and wellness versus the typical acute or 'sick visit.' It gives us the time and opportunity to investigate any screenings you may be eligible for, identify potential risk factors for illness as well as health and safety concerns. It give us more time with patients and it is at no cost to them!"

- Jennifer Kummerfeldt, ARNP



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MEET YOUR PROVIDERS!



Michelle Hamilton, DO



Trevor Kwan, DO



Jennifer Kummerfeldt, ARNP



Benjamin May, DO



Mark Schlauderaff, MD



Jimmy Wesson, MD

To learn more or if you have questions about the new Medicare Wellness Program, speak with your health care provider or visit our website at www.masongeneral.com.

ASK IRIS

Answers & Advice

From Your Volunteer Coordinator



Dear Iris,

I heard that there are some new volunteer opportunities? Are volunteers welcome back to Mason Health?

Dear Volunteer,

Yes! Volunteering and job shadowing opportunities are here, however, they are determined on a case-by-case basis at the moment. If you have volunteered in the past, you are welcome back now with proof of COVID-19 vaccination. New volunteer applications will be accepted later this fall - stay tuned for further updates!

Sincerely,
Iris Hilburger

Submit your question by emailing ihilburger@masongeneral.com with the subject "Ask Iris". Submissions will be published anonymously and are subject to edits

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