

Newsline

Volunteer Mission: Volunteers of UnityPoint Health - Meriter offer their gift of time to enhance the patient and family experience and promote a place of care and healing.



Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

Welcome to the following 17 New Volunteers who started at Meriter in October:

Lauren Benedict	Pharmacy
Paige Corfits	Team UP
Tal Even	Team UP
Greysen Foss	Team UP
Ellie Hoffman	Team UP
Simran Kaur	Birthing Center
Kelly Luu	Emergency Services
Lorie MacLeish	Knitter
Felipe Marquez	Outpatient Physical Therapy
Avalon McDonald-Lewis	Infusion Center
Madison Nacker	Team UP
Mitchell Nguyen	Physical Therapy
Julia Pace	Team UP
Zachary Roloff	Emergency Services
Elizabeth Shank	Team UP
Leo Steiner	At-Your-Service
Taylor Zenz	Team UP



Important Dates

November

22nd-23rd VSO Closed for Thanksgiving

28th Friends of Meriter Advisory Council Mtg. 2:30-3:30 p.m.

28th Love Lights Tree Lighting @ Dusk

December

4th Celebration of Friends of Meriter Greenbush Garden Bistro 2-3:30 p.m.

4th Linens & Footwear in Cafeteria & MBC

6th Julie's Last Day – Celebration with co-workers, volunteers, and friends in the Volunteer Services Office

(Lobby Conference Room) 11a-1p

7th Blood Drive 8:30a-2:30p

In Classrm 9 McConnell Hall

19th – 21st Nutman in Cafeteria & MBC

24th-25th VSO Closed for Christmas

31st & Jan. 1 VSO Closed for New Year's

NOTE:

Madison Police Dept. Training
Civilian Response to Active Shooter
Events (CRASE)

Dec. 11 – 10a-12N – Bolz Auditorium

Volunteerism –

So, I Googled the term volunteer. Wow, as with most things, so many different definitions came up! But, I did see a trend. While almost all definitions used different terms, I saw a trend related to meaning. To summarize, I saw things like, “practice of doing work for good causes”, or “providing time and skills for the benefit of others”.

So how do I interpret these definitions? It would seem to me that the consistent messaging included taking action and doing so for the greater good of others. Without a doubt, this is what all our volunteers do and I see it every day. Some spend hundreds of hours supporting our patients and families, some spend a few hours a month. Some cuddle babies, others way find a patient to their appointment. Regardless of what is done or how much time is given, volunteer support is meaningful and impactful to our patients. And, what really makes our volunteers special is they also find meaning for themselves in the support they provide.

Thanks for all that our volunteers do!

James Arnett
Vice President of Operations

Groundbreaking Ceremony at Child and Adolescent Psychiatry



Thank you Friends of Meriter for your generous \$82,000 gift to help the expansion project at the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry hospital, 8001 Raymond Road. You are unwavering in your support of Meriter, our patients, families, and the needs of this community.

Pictured Left to Right: Joe & Jeanne Silverberg, Phil Ingwell, Julie Hannifan, Dennis Ganshert, Brenda Johll, and Laurie Ingwell.

Here is a little recap of October's TB/Flu Clinics

- 98% Volunteer compliance
- 360 Volunteers attended a walk-in clinic
- 6 Volunteers were terminated due to noncompliance ☹️
- This is a mandatory annual requirement for volunteers, employees, and practitioners
- In total 4,219 people were screened during October 10-22

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

Influenza Season officially started on November 16, 2018 @ UnityPoint Health – Meriter!

Wisconsin is already seeing the first of this season's influenza cases.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Do not volunteer if you are sick!
- Practice good hand hygiene. Handwashing is the #1 way to prevent the spread of infection.
- Use respiratory etiquette – cover all coughs.
- Volunteers will be notified in the Spring when influenza season ends.

Do you know anyone who needs a job???

UnityPoint Health – Meriter is growing fast and has a number of open positions. We have full and part-time opportunities with flexible hours, competitive wages and awesome benefit packages.

***I Love My Job.
You Should Too!***

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