

Auxiliary Matters



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AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER SERVICES AT HILTON HEAD REGIONAL HEALTH CARE



**PRESIDENT
DAVE HALES**

Greetings, fellow volunteers. I'm pleased to share some news on behalf of our Hospital Auxiliary Board. First, I hope you are navigating the mayhem safely as we continue to forge through these unprecedented pandemic times. Hopefully, with the vaccination program in full force, we will be able to begin expanding our activities soon. In the meantime – mask up, be safe, and stay away from the nutcases.

Here are a couple of updates from The Hospital Auxiliary:

Gift Shops: Dotty Gottdenker, our Gift Shop Manager, has begun work to reopen our gift shops on a limited basis. Our target date is **April 12**, and Dotty will be working with our gift shop volunteers and the hospital HR Department to ensure that proper training and safety protocols are in place.

Volunteers Returning: With the exception of our gift shops, there are no plans yet for our volunteers to return to other assignments. There is no question that the hospital staff and administration value and support our volunteers. However, as you can imagine, they have experienced quite a challenging time over the past several months. When the vaccination program winds down and things settle in a bit, a plan will be developed to bring our volunteers back gradually and safely.

Volunteer Services Manager: The hospital administration is exploring options for the recruitment, training, and supervision of our volunteers. While we don't know yet what form that position will take, we are confident that we will work collaboratively toward a positive solution. Again, this will happen gradually and safely.

Auxiliary Caring Touch (ACT) Program – A.C.T. provides emergency financial assistance to qualified patients discharged from specific local medical facilities who are financially unable to pay for certain healthcare needs. This includes critically needed prescription medicines, transportation assistance or special equipment for a limited time. During January of 2021, A.C.T. provided assistance to 7 patients for a total of \$1,325.

The program also provides infant car seats/carriers to patients who have babies, but do not have the finance ability or access to programs which would provide assistance in obtaining protective carriers for their newborn or infant children. The A.C.T. Program is funded through the proceeds from sales at the Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shops and contributions.

New Auxiliary Board Member: Welcome to **Jeff Jordan** who was recently elected to the Board of the Hospital Auxiliary. Jeff has been a volunteer since 2014 and services the front desk at Hilton Head Hospital. Jeff was the Director of Hospital Operations for Syntex Laboratories where he spent his entire career of 31 years. He and his wife, Ginny, relocated from the Chicago area after vacationing in Hilton Head for many years. We look forward to working with Jeff over the coming years.

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Thank you for your patience and support. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at davehaleshi@gmail.com.