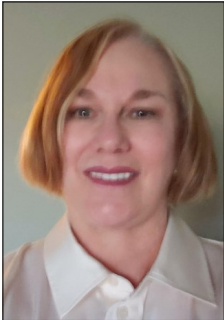


Auxiliary Matters



July 2023

AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER SERVICES AT HILTON HEAD REGIONAL HEALTHCARE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE VICKI GORBETT

Greetings fellow Volunteers,

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful spring in the Lowcountry.

First, thank you to all of our volunteers for the dedicated service you provide to our hospital, patients and guests.

We saw many volunteers return over the last several months and Hilton Head Regional Healthcare continues to slowly return volunteers on a limited basis to various patient departments.

The Auxiliary continues to expand its reach and positive impact within the community. We have helped thousands of patients of Hilton Head Regional Healthcare and supported over 200 nursing students receiving an education at USCB and TCL.

The Auxiliary has been productive and busy over the last several months. Here are some of the accomplishments:

- The Auxiliary Scholarship Program donated a total of \$65,000 in scholarships to local area schools for nursing students, and \$25,000 to HHRH healthcare students.
- The 36th Annual Hospital Auxiliary Invitational Golf Tournament was held November 28 and 29, 2022 with another great success, raising over \$75,000 to support Auxiliary programs.
- The Children's Memorial Garden held its 22nd anniversary celebration on May 7, 2023.
- Our gift shops continue to thrive and had a successful holiday season with proceeds supporting the Auxiliary Caring Touch (A.C.T.) program for patients in need.
- In 2022, the A.C.T. program provided \$9,500 to patients needing critical prescriptions and infant car seats.

More details on these initiatives and programs are highlighted on the following pages.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and continues to stay safe and healthy.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES \$75,000 IN 2022



Tournament Director **Bob Elliott** presents a check for \$75,000 to Auxiliary President **Vicki Gorbett** from the proceeds of the 2022 Hospital Auxiliary Golf Tournament.

The Annual Hospital Auxiliary Golf Tournament has always been an important contributor to the total funds required to support many Auxiliary programs. This year the tournament committee was proud to present a check to the Auxiliary for a record-breaking \$75,000 raised from the 2022 event. They also achieved their target goal to bring the total money raised by the tournament to \$1 million over its 36-year history!

We are grateful to our tournament director, Bob Elliott, his committee, and the players and sponsors for their continued support over the years. Our 37th annual event will be held this year on **November 27 and 28, 2023** and will be played at two premium courses—Harbour Town Golf Links and Wexford Golf Club. We expect 280 players again this year at this sellout event. See more on the tournament on page 3.



UNIFORM SALE Our Spring Uniform & Shoe Fair was held on May 4 and 5 for staff at HH Hospital and CCH. First Uniform sets up in the lobby at each hospital the night before the sale. They provide a large assortment of uniforms and shoes used in all the units of the hospital. Staff members comment that they enjoy the convenience of making their purchases on site without travel to another location. The merchandise changes with each semi-annual sale so staff can always look forward to seeing what is new. Our next uniform and shoe fair will be held in the fall.

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NEWS & NOTES

AUXILIARY CARING TOUCH PROGRAM:

A.C.T.

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. This program also provides infant car seats/carriers to patients who give birth but do not have the financial ability or access to programs providing assistance to purchase protective carriers for their newborn or infant children. The A.C.T. program is funded through the proceeds of sales at the Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shops and additional contributions. Since its inception, this program has provided over \$690,000 to those in need. Through the first four months of 2023 the A.C.T. program has provided a total of \$744 to five patients.

CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN:

On Sunday, May 7th, families and friends gathered for the 22nd annual ceremony of The Children's Memorial Garden at Hilton Head Hospital to pay tribute to their loved ones who have passed. Led by founders Amy Metzger and Julie Feldman, with music provided by Lavon Stevens and Louise Spencer, the ceremony ended with the joyful release of 600 butterflies.

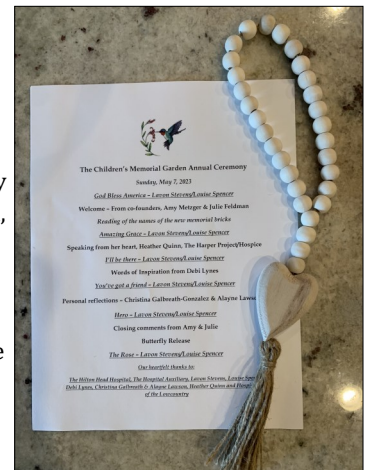
The Hospital Auxiliary helped to build the garden in 2001 as a tranquil place for families who are grieving, as well as hospital visitors seeking a quiet respite. The Auxiliary continues to support both garden maintenance and this special annual memorial ceremony.

For more information about the Children's Memorial Garden, please contact **Amy Metzger** at 843-384-2859 or **Julie Feldman** at 843-298-1967.

THE AUXILIARY TROLLEY

The Hospital Auxiliary purchased and maintains a four-person golf cart (The Trolley) at Hilton Head Hospital. The Trolley is operated by our volunteers who transport patients and visitors between the various parking lots and buildings on our hospital grounds. All who need or want a ride are welcome to use this service which is greatly appreciated, especially during inclement weather by patients, visitors and staff. Out-of-town visitors often come to our hospital to seek medical help or visit friends and their first experience may be a warm greeting and helpful directions from one of our trolley drivers.

We are in need of volunteer drivers who want to help and enjoy being outdoors and meeting people. Shifts are available mornings or afternoons, generally for four hours. If you want or like to drive a golf cart and you like to be outdoors, please consider joining our Trolley Driver Team. Please call the Auxiliary office at 843-689-8246.



36TH ANNUAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDS SCHOLARSHIPS & PROGRAMS



Funds from the 2022 tournament were allocated as follows:

\$15,000 for the nursing program at the Technical College of the Lowcountry,

\$20,000 for the nursing program at USC Beaufort,

\$8,000 for the Hilton Head Hospital Auxiliary Caring Touch Program,

\$7,000 for The Hospital Auxiliary's Women's Health Program, and

\$25,000 for scholarships for eligible dependent children or spouses of HHRHC employees pursuing degrees in the medical field

USC Beaufort \$20,000



Technical College of the Lowcountry \$15,000



SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Hospital Auxiliary recently distributed \$60,000 to students and local colleges for their nursing programs. A check for \$20,000 was presented to the USCB School of Nursing and a check for \$15,000 to the Technical College of the Lowcountry Nursing Program. An additional \$25,000 has been set aside for our local Auxiliary Healthcare Scholarship program for qualified dependents of hospital employees pursuing degrees in the medical field.

COMMUNITY NEED:

Our fund raising efforts are focusing on helping to address the severe shortage of nurses on Hilton Head Island and throughout the Lowcountry. We do this by supporting programs which encourage students to enter the medical profession, providing scholarship money to help nursing students earn their degrees, and supporting programs that attract nurses to work and remain in our area.

The Hospital Auxiliary distributed an additional \$30,000 in scholarships to nursing students at TCL and USCB provided through a **Power:Ed** grant. **Power:Ed** fuels ideas and initiatives that gives students opportunities, builds the educational system, and strengthens South Carolina's future.



2023 AUXILIARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Plans are well underway for the 37th Annual Hospital Auxiliary Golf Tournament on November 27 & 28, 2023. Golfers will enjoy **two** days of spectacular golf playing 18 holes at Harbour Town and 18 holes at Wexford Golf Club.

If you are interested in volunteering to help out at the tournament, contact [Dave Hales at davehaleshi@gmail.com](mailto:davehaleshi@gmail.com).

Sponsorship is available at a variety of different levels. To learn more about the Hospital Auxiliary Golf Tournament and learn about sponsorship opportunities for the 2023 tournament, please visit our website at hhiaux.org and click on the golf tournament link.

If you are interested in becoming a hole or tournament sponsor, call [Bob Elliott at 989-430-4436](tel:989-430-4436).

Auxiliary Gift Shops

Stop by our gift shops at Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital. We have a collection of gifts for everyone on your list—plus handsome fashion accessories to see you through the summer . . . handbags, beach bags, jewelry, cover-ups. Remember there is no sales tax and a 10% discount always applies.

The Auxiliary Gift Shops have been open for over two years since closing down in March 2020. A big THANKS to our dedicated volunteers who do double duty to make this happen. We need volunteers in our gift shops so we may offer continued full service to patients, visitors, staff and YOU! If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer in our shops, please pass the word on.

For information on volunteering in the Auxiliary Gift Shops, please call **843-689-8247**.



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PLANT-IT-PINK BREAST CANCER GARDEN:

The Auxiliary donated \$1,025 to the Avid Gardeners for the Plant-It-Pink Garden. The Avid Gardeners are very proud of their contribution to the beautification of the hospital's entrance and the message it provides for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends, and the staff who treat them. The Plant-It-Pink Garden stands as a reminder to the community that they should schedule annual mammograms and as a message of HOPE for all who visit.



WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM:



The Auxiliary provides aid in various forms to the breast cancer support group which meets at 10:00 on the first Thursday of each month at the Bluffton Medical Campus across from Dr. Ringer's office. The meetings are open to anyone who is a breast cancer survivor or someone recently diagnosed.

We provide fruit and pastries for the participants to enjoy at the meeting. The group has a variety of speakers and activities designed to provide helpful information and advice for those going through treatment for breast cancer. We continue to furnish books which help to guide them through the treatment process. We have recently added books for men who have been

diagnosed with breast cancer, which is more prevalent than expected.

During the holiday season, a pink Christmas tree is decorated by the support group and the Auxiliary presents gifts to each of the ladies. Last year each received a manicure set and then sang Christmas carols to those patients at the infusion center. This year the Auxiliary will provide travel mugs in recognition of breast cancer awareness.