



Happy faces filled the lobby!

First Quarter FY 2024 Southwest District South Georgia Medical Center



Ora stays busy at the crafts table

Yes, we jumped into the holiday season and kept running till the New Year! It all started with the annual Baby Christmas Stocking workshop on Nov. 21. Ora, Barbara, Emerita, Diane, Joan, and Dot worked diligently to create the cute stockings for babies born at Christmas

time. A week later Joan, Ora, Barbara,

and Mary Young assisted with the

kickoff for the lighting of the hospital

Foundation Love Light tree. Happy faces of many children filled the lobby as these four manned the craft tables and kept the long lines orderly as employee families waited for a picture with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!





Jan and Mary Young hum along as guitarist Santiago fills the lobby with Christmas music





Mary Young is off to meet Santa





Hilary's sweet family, Jeremy, Jude and Hattie Grace



Jan's grandchildren, Isla and Indie, stopped by for the fun



Joan and Diane begin the first step! The patterns have been signed through the many years by those who diligently worked to produce the stockings.



Diane and Emerita admire wreaths made by various departments and displayed for auction by the Foundation





Dot irons them smooth





We have missed you Mr. Griffin!



Mr. Dean shares humor with his hospital update!

There was some serious shopping at Jodi's Accessories/Gifts sales Dec.7-8 and we bagged a lot of stocking stuffers and Christmas surprises. Time for a break at the Yule luncheon gifted by the Foundation- a delicious meal, an interesting update on exciting times ahead for SGMC Health from CEO Ronnie Dean, fun games, and lots of

laughter! We delivered stockings to 37

precious newborns entering the world Dec. 18-25! Little caps knitted by Emerita completed the outfits

celebrating the gift of new life! Another special tradition completed our busy

month of celebrating as part of the SGMC Health family! Baby LaFabeon SGMC Health's firstborn in 2024, and his parents were presented with a beautiful

basket filled by the Auxiliary (Emerita's

crocheted baby blanket was the beautiful centerpiece)







First baby to receive a stocking and cap! Welcome to the world Dallas!



Joan and Clara!



Jan was surprised with a divine birthday cake!



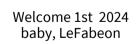
Both Hilarys with Chaplain Gary Woods



The Grinch could not steal our Christmas!



Another little one dressed in our stocking





Barb and her sweethearts (Riva the Diva, Dr.Cooper, and Rielle) are anxious to visit the residents of Langdale Place!



It is obvious that Rush Patel found the perfect fit when he sought a volunteer placement! A graduate of Valwood School and junior computer science major at VSU, Rush is highly regarded by staff in the IT Department. He is helpful in image computer (setting up programs for various hospital locations). He has little spare time for hobbies but he does enjoy video games and computer repair. Thank you for your contribution in your area of expertise!



Cameron Jackman is from Atlanta and his college experience has been at VSU. He is a senior biology major and began his volunteer placement in the ER last spring. He enjoyed it but his schedule did not allow him to continue those hours. He has returned to SGMC Health in the Gift Shop on Monday afternoons and stays busy stocking and training to run the register. His passion is R&B music both listening and singing along! His future includes a career in medicine and we hope it is a bright one!



Julia Higdon hails from Albany NY but arrived at VSU via Jacksonville. A senior biology major with her eyes on medical school, she chose In- Patient Rehab for her volunteer clinical placement. I found her busy preparing patient rooms and transporting patients to and from the therapy room. She and her younger sister are roommates and miss their Yorkie Harvey! Julia does not have much time for her portrait painting hobby as she is working on a research nanotechnology project (way over my head!!) You have a bright future Julia!







Pope as a VSU freshman and volunteer in the Cancer Center! Now after graduating from there with an Art degree and receiving a Master's degree in Art and Medicine from the University of FL, she has returned to SGMC Health as an Art Medical Professional in In-Patient Rehab. Her enthusiasm over using her artistic talent to contribute to the healing of stroke and trauma patients is contagious! As she spends time talking to them while they draw and paint, their minds are often taken off their pain and situations. The Physical Therapy and Occupational staff are most appreciative of her ability to assist in improving motor skills and communication. Hunter works full time at Target but finds time to volunteer in her "spare time!"



PLAN TO SIGN UP FOR OUR UNIFORM SALE FEBRUARY 15-16





...from the President's Pen

The Auxiliary worked extra hard the last quarter of 2023 with fundraisers and Christmas activities. Our October and December sales netted us \$5295.11.

In order to function more effectively we have moved our Board Meetings to the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 followed by the regular auxiliary meeting to 1:30. Our first meetings of the new year will be on Jan 24. If you have questions or concerns you would like to discuss please get them to me by the 19th of Jan so I can add them to the agenda.

May the new year bring you peace, joy and happiness.....and here's wishing you and yours health and prosperity in 2024! Peggy Beauvais

My New Year's Wish For You: May you have...

Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager.
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
Enough enthusiasm to look forward
Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make each day
Better than yesterday!

Anonymous

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A big thank you to Emerita and Barbara for helping Mary Young with pictures.

Emerita and Diane deliver Yule joy with the newspapers



Thanks for your service! 100 hours Teressa Akuoko Barbara Gattignolo John Gattignolo Capri Persaud Paola Roblero Lopez 300 hours Morgan Wynn 400 hours Clara Lugo 600 hours Joan Barrese 700 hours Peggy Beauvais **1500 Hours** Ora Morrison 3000 hours Jan Newton 6000 hours Diane Belcher Mary Young Manning 7000 hours Emerida Rodriguez 11701 hours Barbara Thomas Honorary Auxilian with 10,000



plus hours

The Cancer staff and volunteers could not keep the patients warm and comfortable without Renee's delivery of blankets! Her smile and songs of praise brighten every day!