

# The Pulse

Yavapai  
Regional  
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Center

Volunteer Services Newsletter

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## Happy 10 Year Anniversary East Campus!



The East Campus welcomed its first patient on May 15, 2006, and many of you were there on that day. We always enjoy hearing stories about those early days, and I know you are probably amazed at the tremendous growth over the last 10 years.

Volunteers were an important part of the successful opening of the East Campus. You assisted with tours before the campus opened and trained volunteers in a number of departments. Some volunteers serving on the West Campus transferred over to the East Campus and many new volunteers joined the program when the hospital opened.

*Thank you for your participation in that endeavor and your continued service.*

Here are some of the volunteers who were on the EC when it opened.



*"Summertime is always the best of what might be."*

- Charles Bowden

## A True Volunteer Fish-Tale

Not all volunteers are created equal. Volunteers come from many different places; have a variety of backgrounds, unique personalities, and some with unlimited talent. There was one particular East Campus volunteer that stands out. He was an extremely good swimmer, loved greeting visitors at the Volunteer Services Office, wasn't required to wear a uniform, and had an immense thirst for water.

The volunteer being mentioned here was Shreddy, the office Beta. He could shred his food like a great white shark and guard his surroundings from deadly predators. His swimming moves were done with utmost precision. Think JAWS!



While Shreddy had never received a Volunteer Recognition Award, it is estimated he earned 51,840 hours. That's a huge accomplishment for any volunteer, and one whale of a story. Unfortunately during the morning of June 24th, Shreddy retired from life and ventured into fish heaven at the ripe old age of 5+ years (150 in fish years). Shreddy was given as a gift to Volunteer Services by the Shredders. Those of you who met Shreddy will remember how he would swim to the top of the water in his bowl whenever someone was close and blow bubbles. There will be no special services for Shreddy. However, please take a moment to honor Shreddy by not eating seafood

## Coming soon ...

Check out the **Make a Health Connection** link on our website ([www.yrhc.org](http://www.yrhc.org)) and scroll down to the section, **Our Volunteers**. Volunteer interviews will be featured soon.

Special thanks to all our volunteers who agreed to be interviewed - we appreciate your willingness to tell your stories; our video crew was impressed!



Pictured here are Don Packard and his dog, Sailor, who were in our first video shoot.

And, while you are on our

## Cute story to share

Jean Dennison commented that she and her husband, Dean, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in June. She recalled that their Pastor didn't want to marry them since they were too different. So glad to know the Pastor eventually agreed to marry them. Congratulations Jean and Dean!



## Has this ever happened to you?

Sami Logan came in for her volunteer shift recently and had her uniform top draped over her back. She said she learned that it's best to *not* wear her uniform when she runs errands before volunteering. She was at Costco one day with her uniform top on and kept getting stopped by people who wanted to tell her about their positive experiences as a patient at YRMC. She said she enjoyed hearing all the stories but was late for her shift as a result.



## Fred Souther Receives Honorary High School Diploma

WWII interrupted Fred's opportunity to attend his high school graduation in May of 1943. His twin granddaughters, along with their high school administrators, arranged a ceremony for Fred at Desert Ridge High School's graduation. Fred enjoyed this rite of passage complete with a military escort and a standing ovation.

**Our thanks to the Volunteers who donate items to our Family Birthing and Breast Care Centers, Pediatric and General Patient Services and the Emergency Department**

**Here is a list of the volunteer groups and their contributions**



**Sunshine Stitchers**  
donate handmade baby items for our Family Birthing Center.



**Hug-a-Bears**

We receive stuffed bears from the Telephone Pioneers group to give to children who visit the Emergency Department. Each bear has a tag that says, "Hug Me I'm Yours." The Telephone Pioneers sew the bears and volunteers on the East campus stuff them. We appreciate everyone who participates in this endeavor.



**Yavapai Toymakers**  
donate handmade toys to our Emergency Departments (ED). These toys provide a welcome distraction for our children



**Handmade Pillows**  
We have two volunteers who make pillows for our patients. These are given to our post-surgery and other patients who use them for



**Project Linus**

This is a National organization whose mission is to provide handmade blankets to children in need. We are fortunate that our Pediatric Services department is included as one of 400



**Yavapai Needles**  
donate handmade baby items to our Family Birthing Center.



**Lonesome Valley Quilt Guild**  
donate handmade quilts to our Family Birthing Center.

**And other volunteers too ....**

We have many volunteers who are not part of a group who sew, knit and crochet items for our Family Birthing Center and Breast Care Center.

**To all of you who share your expertise ... *Our Sincere Thanks* - Your generosity is a gift!**



## AWARDS LIST

### Volunteers Awarded During April, May, June 2016

<p><b><u>100 Hour Pin</u></b>            Rita Ammons            Cindy Badura            Karen Beardsley            Monica Bolt            Dora Carter            Ian Cudney            Kristen Dicker            Nancy Dixon            Sami Dixon            Celeste Doornbos            Bob Dressler            Jean Ehlers            Jackie Gallant            Melina Gilbert            Jeff Haub            Sheri Joannes            Cathy Johnson            Peter Lamb            Fredi Lee            Matt Mahan            Dan McGrew            Janet Santiago            Geri Schaarschmidt            Carolyn Turner</p>	<p><b><u>200 Hour Pin con't</u></b>            Don Laupp            Ted Lee            Matt Mahan            Gene Roberti            Del Rosenwasser            Hal Rosenwasser            Mary Rae Seaman            Janet Shield            Dorothy Skura            Kaye Sullivan            Chuck White</p> <p><b><u>350 Hour Bar</u></b>            Amanda Bertsch            Helen Catlin            Randy Graybill            Bob Hanson            Bill Harless            Theresa Luedy            Lynda Matakovich            Connie Palmrose            Marie Traynor            John Perry            Don Packard            Myra Salenger            Joy Stoltzmann</p>	<p><b><u>850 Hour Bar</u></b>            Karyl Colozze            Dick Colvin            Josephine Danner            Fred Garzone            Gloria Green            Nancy Koosmann            Nadine Pierce            Shirley Reeves            Karla Roberts</p> <p><b><u>1000 Hour Bar</u></b>            Teresa Acacia-Carara            Don Colozze            Dani Dutton            Penny Hill            Rich Schoen</p> <p><b><u>1500 Hour Bar</u></b>            Mary Bodie            Norm Delucchi            Judith Hopkins            Tom Hubbard            John J Peters            Marie Trudeau</p> <p><b><u>2000 Hour Bar</u></b>            Arlene Cardinal            Jean Dennison            Peg Sperling            Jan VanDaalen</p> <p><b><u>2500 Hour Bar</u></b>            Norma Bauer            Mariann Ohlson</p> <p><b><u>3000 Hour Bar</u></b>            Peg Rhodes</p>	<p><b><u>4500 Hour Bar</u></b>            Rose Ohannesian</p> <p><b><u>5500 Hour Bar</u></b>            Sara Franklin</p> <p><b><u>40,000 Hours</u></b>            Sunshine Stitches</p> <p><b><u>5 Year Pin</u></b>            Teresa Acacia-Carara            Nancy Felauer            Alexandria Rentz            Marie Trudeau</p> <p><b><u>10 Year Pin</u></b>            Dan Burt            Peggy Craig            Freddi Davis            Maxine Everaert            Kathy Henke            Mary Howland            Ginny Mazade            Mary Roberts            Jim Robak            Sandy Woods</p> <p><b><u>15 Year Pin</u></b>            Mickie Groman-Hansel</p> <p><b><u>20 Year Pin</u></b>            Rose Ohannesian</p> <p><b><u>25 Year Pin</u></b>            Carol Stimple</p>
<p><b><u>200 Hour Pin</u></b>            Martha Case            Mady Cianfrani            Maureen Davidson            Lee Downing            Gloria Edens            Dennis Ferrara            Shirley Ferrara            John Hardy            Burt Harms            Fern Heckman            Barbara Hein            Don Hesson            Evan Johnson            Beverly Kirkpatrick</p>	<p><b><u>500 Hour Bar</u></b>            Diane Christensen            Nancy Felauer            Micki Freshour            Sandy Hanratty            Donald Hornby            LeeAnn Kipp            Chris Pierce            Carolyn Potter            Alexandria Rentz            Charmaine Santema            Kathy Vines            Joyce Webber            Yavapai Toy Makers</p>		

### Congratulations and Thank You!

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