



The Pulse



Volunteer Services Newsletter

April 2020

Volunteer Award Winners!

We always announce our volunteer awards at our annual volunteer recognition event each year. Since we could not hold this event, we found another creative way to inform our award winners of their selection. We borrowed the method used by the Publisher's Clearing House and went to their homes to surprise them with their awards!

(Please know that we followed all COVID-19 guidelines with social distancing and accomplished this before the "stay at home" order was issued)

Since we couldn't give our speeches (which we promise to do when we can all gather again), the following is a brief summary of each award winner:

**Sandy Hanratty
East Campus
Volunteer of the Year**



Sandy has been an Escort since June of 2014. She is the first to jump up when she sees someone coming who looks like they may need a wheelchair before they even enter the hospital. She always has a smile no matter what is going on around her.

Her nominations included the following phrases:

- Sandy has a wonderful attitude and is very professional
- She is very friendly and always ready to help the patients/visitors and her fellow volunteers
- She is the kindest, happiest person – it is a pleasure to work with her

**Phyllis Sylvester
West Campus
Volunteer of the Year**



Phyllis delivers the mail and previously volunteered in the Emergency Department. She started volunteering over 18 years ago. Phyllis is the chair and is a very "hands on" leader. Her nominations included the following phrases:

- She has a great demeanor, is approachable and very fun, all of her partners have enjoyed working with her
- Every which way you turn; Phyllis is greeting someone and offering to help them
- There must be a million other things that I could say and I know others would agree

**Diana Ashby
Sandy Zinn Martin
Award Winner**



Diana has been an Escort since January of 2017. In the spirit of how the Sandy Zinn Martin award began, she exemplifies service to not only YRMC, but to her fellow volunteers as well.

Some of the reasons that Diana was awarded this honor include:

- She makes sure her fellow volunteers have rides to appointments
- She will purchase cards and pass it around for other volunteers to sign when one of them is ill
- She not only passes a card around for other volunteers to sign, but she will make goodies for all of them to share on their birthdays

Congratulations Sandy, Phyllis & Diana!

Volunteer Spotlight



Don (right) is pictured with YRMC's Security Officer, Bob Molina (left)

PAWS Volunteer, Don Packard "Heroes Among Us" Award Winner

Don received this award from Bethany's Gait Ranch for his work with service dogs in the community. Don is active at YRMC with 2 of his dogs, Sailor and Jake plus he volunteers at the V.A. Medical Center as well.

**What a wonderful honor
for a wonderful volunteer!**

National Volunteer Recognition Week April 19 - 25



How different it is at YRMC currently with very little volunteer presence on our campuses ...

We still want to acknowledge a snapshot of your 2019 contributions

Over 700 volunteers gave 104,700 hours

A few other noteworthy numbers...

Dorothy Kalabus is the volunteer who has served the most years – 39 years

Marlene Martin Beasley is the volunteer with the most hours – 17,094 hours

54 volunteers have volunteered at YRMC for over 15 years

Volunteers were involved in over 60 YRMC areas

There are 19 4-legged furry volunteers in our PAWS Program

Even if most of you are not on campus right now, please know that we are virtually celebrating and honoring you and all of your amazing efforts and contributions to YRMC!

What a Great Surprise!

Volunteers, Mark and Mary were buying groceries for their neighbor, who is also a volunteer, and they shared that while they were in line, out of the blue a man came up to them and asked, "Can I buy your groceries?" Mark's first thought was that he wanted to take their basket of food from them, but he actually was offering to pay for their groceries. The man was part of the Findlay Surprise Squad. These members go around town to help the community in various ways approximately once a month.

Mark added, "It just made our day."

How nice for volunteers who are so generous with their time to experience this unexpected and delightful surprise.



Saying Goodbye to Susan Peltier, Gift Shop Coordinator

Susan has chosen to retire and we are sad to say goodbye to her, although she does promise to return as a volunteer. We look forward to seeing her in a volunteer shirt and getting her started in a new way.



She has been a great asset to the Gift Shops with her flair for merchandising and buying. Susan was our costume designer for the past several luncheons and we appreciated her creative approach to our apparel. We enjoyed Susan's great sense of humor – what a fun energy she brought to our department and the Gift Shops.

In her retirement she will be focusing on new artistic endeavors and some travel.

We'll Miss You Susan and
wish you the very best!

Welcome to Returning Gift Shop Coordinator, Tessa Gillette

We are delighted to welcome back Tessa to her role in the Gift Shops. Tessa was in this position 3 years ago and shared that she's very happy to return and "so excited to be working with everyone again and can't wait for the volunteers to return."



Tessa brings significant retail experience with her once again. Her most recent job was with the Heritage Park Zoo and also worked for New Frontiers / Whole Foods.

Please help us extend a warm welcome back to Tessa – we look forward to working with you again!

Volunteer Uniforms

Because we are being optimistic and TRULY hope you are back by these dates the following are the next quarter's exceptions to our Uniform Policy

Take a break from your usual volunteer uniform and enjoy dressing up for these holidays -

Memorial Day May 18 - 24

Wear red, white and blue



Rodeo Days June 29 – July 5

Wear your western attire



We received this photo from a volunteer which was such a lovely gesture ... the words from Scrabble tiles is the same wish for each one of you as well!!!



AWARDS LIST

Volunteers Awarded During
January, February, March
2020

100 Hour Pin

Bruce Behrends
Per Bjune
Sheila Brabec
Carl Brehmer
Dan Brodek
D'Ambra Condos
Maria Fields
Anna Footracer
Joanne Hyder
Christine Lind
Ann Marie Salvatore
Ken Schiltz
Dick Sheldon
Veronica Mobley
Azelia Postgate

200 Hour Pin

Tim Baker
Sandy Bechtold
Lyla Bruce
Cynthia Christiansen
Earl Daughtry
Heather Densmore
Kristen Dicker
Shari Hill
Mark Hopkin
Brigette Loden
Lynette McCormick
Becky Paul
Sharon Ritchie
Karen Schlegel
Rod Scott
Gail Walters

350 Hour Bar

Joe Baker
Julie Blassl
Marshall Case
Don D'Angina
Gary Duemling
Rhonda Kremer
Cyndee Lieberman
Bonnie Marshall
Bob Meadowcroft
Phil Ritter
Amy Russell
Rusty Thompson
Kate Cartwright
Elly Crouch
Georganne Grotey
Debbie Weidner

500 Hour Bar

Steve Baker
Barbara Bartels
Denise Caywood
Betty Cholewinski
Sonia Clarke
Margaret Conway
Lisa Dontes
Bob Hall
Judy Hall
Jan Minnig
Melissa Monahan Joyce
Debbie Putman
Michael Resnick
Joe Rubio
Susan Sherman
Sharon Stuczynski
Joan Woods

850 Hour Bar

Diana Ashby
Nancy Dixon
Lana Fielding
Jackie Gallant
Bea Jensen
Pat Lundblad
Debbie Morreim
Mick Sand

1000 Hour Bar

Stella Haggis
Barbara Hein
Ron Phillips
Jarie Roe
Del Rosenwasser
Carol Shepherd
Pat Ullmann
William Warren

1500 Hour Bar

Deacon Tony Humphrey
Marie Traynor
Claudia Starr

2000 Hour Bar

Kathy Avery
Olga Lesso
Lynda Matakovich

2500 Hour Bar

Kathy Henke
Penny Hill
Ginny Mazade
Sandra Sawyer
Dan Burt

3000 Hour Bar

Larry Christensen

3500 Hour Bar

Susan Cholewa
Rob Petrocci
Kris Trainor

5000 Hour Bar Georgie Halliburton

5 Year Pin

Tom Bettcher
Linda Bush
Gloria Edens
Stella Haggis
Bea Jensen
Hugo Malanga
Jim Matakovich
Lynda Matakovich
Richard McBride
Connie Palmrose
Mary Rae Seaman
Dana Todsén
Marie Traynor
Gail Walters
Joanne Ames
Michael LeBlanc
Dan McGrew

10 Year Pin

Sonya Amend
JoAnn Burkholder
Anna Jensen
John Maldonado
Ann Yurkiewicz

15 Year Pin

Judy Besser
Buz Williams

20 Year Pin

Luana Mangold

**Congratulations and
Thank You !**

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