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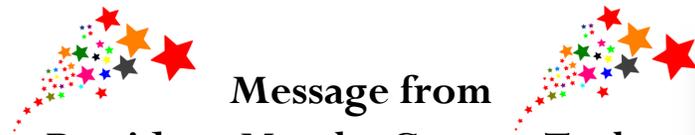
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Message from President Martha Greene-Tucker *Stars Connecting with Stars*



Greetings,

I'm getting very excited as we approach the 2020-2021 COVSGHC Conference which is this October 4-6. It has been two years since we have had the opportunity to meet in person. I will be standing at the front door of the Anderson Conference Center waiting for all of you to arrive. It will be so much fun reminiscing about years in the COVS past and sharing time together once again.

Healthcare Volunteers have a common thread, "Loving Others." Love is not just a noun; it's a verb. It's not what you think or feel; it's what you DO. Thank you for being SHINING STARS throughout the State of Georgia during my year as the COVSGHC President.

Many years ago Theodore Roosevelt wrote: "When you get to the end of your rope tie a knot and hang on." That's exactly what all of you have done during COVID-19. Your dedication as a Volunteer has been PHENOMENAL!!!!!!

Martha Greene-Tucker, President

Council on Volunteer Services Healthcare

Message from Cathy Hefner, President-Elect



Happy Summer! It is hard to believe we are speeding right through July with conference time getting closer and closer! I am not sure about y'all, but I am super excited!

This year our conference, as we all know, will be held in a new location in Macon and what a wonderful way to start our COVS recovery period from Covid. Our "stars" will really be shinning in October. Our Conference Chair, Linda Holloway, has been working night and day to ensure this is the best conference ever!

One of the best parts of holding the office of President-Elect is I get to read all the newsletters from all the COVS member hospitals! So many interesting stories, recipes, fundraising events, and 'who is who' in the world of volunteering. Congratulations to all those that have sent in their newsletters no matter how big or small. They are very encouraging to me, and I know they are to all the volunteer members of your hospitals. My year, as President-Elect, is quickly coming to an end. I have learned a lot of things from our president and thank heaven for her guidance!! Martha better get ready for all the phone calls she will receive from me next year!

I hope all of you have had the opportunity to return to your hospitals and begin once again to volunteer. Speaking for myself, I have greatly missed my weekly time at our hospital thrift store, and I am so happy the store is now open and that I can return to volunteering.

Enjoy what is left of the summer, and I cannot wait to see everyone in October at our Council on Volunteer Services Georgia Health Care Conference.

- Cathy Hefner

CONGRATULATIONS!

Elizabeth Wilmot Bull Scholarship

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The 2020-2021 Elizabeth Wilmot Bull Scholarship Committee (Anita Barnes, Latrelle Barnwell, Betty Anne Foran and Beth Lewis) is pleased to announce that we have been able to award \$1,000 scholarships to six exceptional applicants. They are:

- **Liezl de la Cruz**, submitted by Emory University Hospital, will be attending Emory University School of Nursing. Her goal is to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.
- **Fatima Ghiathi**, submitted by Tanner Medical Center, will be attending Mercer University as she continues her path towards becoming a Primary Care Physician.
- **Bryanna Marshall**, submitted by Emory University Hospital, will be attending Emory University. Bryanna is planning to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.
- **Hannah Claire Ross**, submitted by Dorminy Medical Center, will be studying to become a Nurse Anesthetist at Georgia College & State University.
- **Rojean Sanders**, submitted by Emory University Hospital, will be attending Emory University and plans to become a Registered Nurse.
- **Anna Claire Tipper**, submitted by Phoebe Sumter Medical Center, will study for her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Georgia Southwestern State University.

We congratulate these young women and wish them every success in their chosen fields, and we thank the members of the COVS for their contributions to make these scholarships available. - Anita Barnes, EWB Chair



Message from Linda Holloway
1st Vice President-Conference Chair
Stars Are Shining For Conference 2021
 Anderson Conference Center, Macon, October 4-6, 2021

Greetings to Everyone! What an exciting time it is right now as plans for our 2021 Annual COVS/GHC Conference are being finalized! I want to express my sincere gratitude for the way each district has stepped up to take on responsibilities to make it a worthwhile event.

Registration packets will be distributed in a few days. To be assured of a spot for you, we need to have registration forms and fees in the hands of our treasurer Brenda Foy no later than **September 1**. (*Note: I wouldn't depend on putting it in the mail August 30 or 31 and having the mail reach Brenda by **September 1**.)* So make plans now to come and be a part of the gathering.

I am very excited that we will be able to meet in person! It has been a long time of 'exile,' and I can hardly wait to see the friends I've made at previous conferences. I hope you feel the same. We've tried to make some time in the schedule where you will be able to mingle and socialize.

We also have some great workshops planned where you can:

- learn more about the pandemic and what we can do to avoid a recurrence
- get ideas on helping your volunteer group recover and grow now that you are back in your hospitals
- learn how your DNA affects your health and how you can work toward better health styles
- and get a little exercise to get you going.

And don't forget to sign up for the "Council's Got Talent," where you can be the Star!!!

Thank you all for allowing me to be your conference chair this year. My goal is for you to relax, get re-acquainted, and return to your hospitals refreshed and informed.

See you in Macon October 4, 5, and 6!!!

- Linda Holloway

Our Volunteers Around Georgia



Archbold Memorial Hospital

Auxiliary (Thomasville) Board Of Management meeting took place at the Advanced Therapy and Sports Medicine facility at 10 a.m. on May 26, 2021.

Items discussed included the following:

- Volunteer hours for March/April, 2021 were 266.
- The Scholarship Committee received \$15,000 to award this year.
- The reported net profit for April 2021 was \$20,096.87. The gift shop account balance is \$16,3506.65.
- Our Inpatient Hospice \$50,000 pledge to the Foundation for this year will be paid.
- The Nominating Committee will have officer nominations for the July meeting.

Wellstar Douglas Hospital Auxiliary

News:

- Each year the Auxiliary awards two \$1000 Claire Eskew Memorial Scholarships to deserving high school seniors in Douglas County. This year's recipients are **Jacquelyn Jones** and **Joann Obioma**. Jacquelyn Jones will be attending Troy University in Alabama. Her field of interest is Biomedical Sciences. Joann Obioma will be attending the University of South Carolina in Chapel Hill. Her dream is to become an Orthopedic Surgeon.

- Betty Wright Noland (1927-2021) is honored in the latest edition of the newsletter for her 41 years of service as a volunteer. She was the founder of the hospital's volunteer auxiliary group and held every office in the organization.
- On June 7 Douglas Hospital Volunteers presented a new service—Courtesy Transportation on the Wellstar Douglas Campus. A new golf cart will provide transportation for patients, visitors, and staff, Monday through Friday, 9:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- If you are a cancer survivor, you are invited to take part in the drive-by Super Heroes Event on Saturday, August 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wellstar Douglas Hospital. This Cancer Survivors' Day Celebration welcomes everyone, especially those in decorated cars!



As **Maya Angelou** wrote,

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget
how you made them feel."*

Our Volunteers Around Georgia



In July 2021, **Wellstar Cobb Volunteers** (Austell) presented the Foundation and Wellstar Cobb leadership with the

"big check" symbolizing their donation for FY21. Cobb Volunteers donated \$125,000 to the Wellstar Foundation in this COVID year! Faced with significant financial challenges due to the pandemic, including partial shut down for gift shops, elimination of all on-site vendor sales, and decreased sales due to the no-visitor policy, volunteers are proud to make this donation to the Wellstar Foundation. However, in spite of these challenges, our volunteers and gift shop team were able to exceed our

fundraising goal for the year. This donation will be utilized to purchase equipment and update facilities at Wellstar Cobb Hospital. A photo of the check presentation is below.



Pictured left to right are: Amy Saye, Volunteer Services Manager; Ashley Irwin, Wellstar Foundation; Heath King, Wellstar Cobb CFO; Kandice Busha, Gift Shop Supervisor; Anna Best, Cobb COVS President.

“We’re Back at Wayne Memorial Hospital!” (Jesup) It was a great honor to see the sign on the hospital lawn welcoming all volunteers back. Finally, after 16 months away from the hospital, things are slowly going back to “normal.” First, the gift shop was opened, then positions on the second and third floors were opened, and limited transporter positions are now open. The Thrift Store opened for business recently and will be accepting donations. The nurses and other hospital staff are very thankful to have us back as witnessed by their smiling faces and words of “Welcome Back!” as we

go about doing our duties that we missed so much during the pandemic. It’s hard to believe that life as we knew it could be totally turned upside down for such a long period of time all over the world. We are in dire need of more volunteers. Registration forms are available throughout the hospital. We are so thankful to have a local, top-rated hospital with so many wonderful doctors in our community. Hopefully, in coming months, we will be all the way back to where we were before the pandemic.

Our Volunteers Around Georgia

Each year, **Wellstar Cobb Council On Volunteer Services** (Austell) offers up to ten \$2,500 scholarships for students pursuing a degree in healthcare. The requirements include that students must maintain a 3.0 GPA, attend an educational institution in the state of Georgia, and be a resident of Cobb County or employed/volunteer at Wellstar Cobb Hospital.



WELLSTAR COBB COVS PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE 2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kaitlyn Bateh

Georgia Institute of Technology

Xindy Chen

South College/Atlanta Campus

Jadesola Duroshola

Kennesaw State University

Nneka Mbeledogu

Kennesaw State University

Somtochukwu Obiegbu

Mercer University

Sneh Patel

Emory University

Vem Piamthai

Augusta University/Athens Campus

Destiny Sims

Morehouse School of Medicine

D'mya Williams

Kennesaw State University

Drashti Zalavadia

Georgia State University



Congratulations to these deserving students!!

President Peggy Duvall states in a recent newsletter that **Memorial Satilla Health Hospital Auxiliary, Inc.** (Waycross) will resume regular board meetings on September 21, 2021.

Our Volunteers Around Georgia



WELLSTAR COBB AND WELLSTAR NORTH FULTON HOST FIRST VIRTUAL VOLUNTEEN PROGRAM

On-site summer VolunTeen programs were not possible in 2021, but Wellstar still wanted

to invest in future healthcare workers. Wellstar Cobb Volunteer Services and Wellstar North Fulton Volunteer Services worked together to offer a Virtual VolunTeen program in June 2021. Seventy-seven students from the metro Atlanta area participated in this five-week program allowing students the opportunity to learn more about careers in healthcare. Our program motto was: The Future of Healthcare Is Here.

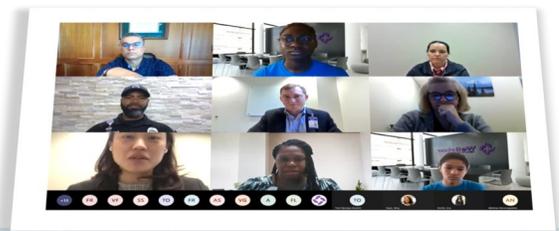
Sessions included: Infection Prevention and the Pandemic, Virtual Job Shadow, Mental and Spiritual Health, Healthcare Panel Discussion, and Chat with a Healthcare Professional. The Virtual Job Shadow was a big hit as we literally walked throughout the hospital with a laptop and interviewed different staff members and learned about their departments and the equipment in their areas. Students received a T-shirt, swag bag, and certificate of completion

for participating in the program. But, they took away a lot more than that. Student comments included:

Even though there was Covid and we could only meet over zoom meetings, I was still able to learn a lot and enjoyed the sessions. I will be sure to apply again next year!

I wanted to thank you and the rest of the VolunTeen staff who made this all possible and the invited speakers I learned so much from. I had a great time in this program, and the overall process despite the program being virtual, was an amazing experience for me.

I just wanted to let you know that I truly enjoyed the program. It felt so quick but I learned and gained tons of new information! Thank you so much for contributing to this years VolunTeen program!



Wellstar Sylvan Grove Hospital (Jackson)

Hospital Week was held in May and our auxiliary fed both first and second shifts on May 14th. The meal was catered and even though our auxiliary was not present to help serve, we were there in spirit!

Volunteer Week was held recently and even though we could not be there in person to celebrate, we know the hospital misses their volunteers! Thank you to the hospital for the gift bags our auxiliary members received during this week! - **Nancy Lee, President**

Our Volunteers Around Georgia

Southeast Georgia Health System-Brunswick Campus

“Christmas in July” Community Project

A mighty cause to end homelessness in Glynn County



Each year our Volunteer Services Executive Board chooses a December project to benefit someone or some group in our community. In April of 2021 we discovered that Hand in Hand of Glynn was starting to build a community of 60 Tiny Homes for persons who are experiencing homelessness. These “Tiny-but-Mighty Homes” are 240 square feet, each will have a bedroom/sitting area, a full kitchen and a bathroom with shower and a covered porch. The residents will have permanent homes, a supportive community, and the help they need to avoid a return to life on the streets. On-site medical and psychological services will be made available by Southeast Georgia Health Systems and Coastal Health providers. There will be a community center with a kitchen, classrooms, library, reading and computer rooms that will allow the residents to meet and take classes in life skills, health, and wellness. In the plans for the site, there is an area for a community garden where the residents will be able to grow some of their own fruits, vegetables, and flowers. This Tiny Home

community is centrally located near grocery stores and a drug store that are within walking distance.

Phase 1 of the project will have 16 homes ready for occupancy by early November of this year. Three of us visited the site and found that our volunteers could help create a home for someone who hasn’t had one in a while. When the residents move in, we are helping to give them a permanent home that is furnished with everything they will need. We are providing the basic kitchen items, cleaning equipment and supplies, linens, personal hygiene items and a welcome mat and outdoor chair for their front porch. The aim was to ask members of our Volunteer Services group to provide the items on the “wish list” for one of the houses in this first phase of the project. This project was so well received that our group furnished two homes and is well on the way to providing some furnishings for a third.

Some Volunteers at Southeast Georgia Health System began returning to service in September of 2020 in the Gift Shop, followed

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Our Volunteers Around Georgia



Southeast Georgia Health System-Brunswick Campus

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by those that volunteered at our Guest Services desks and other areas in December. The Emergency Care Center Volunteers returned in June and our Surgical Services Volunteers have returned in July. We have not been able to gather as a large group since December 2019, so we decided that the best way to collect all the items for our “Christmas in July” project was to have a drive-thru at

one of the buildings on our campus. The drive-thru was held July 27, and all items donated for the two Tiny Homes were delivered to the Hand in Hand of Glynn Community site. If anyone would like to have more information they can visit the website, www.handinhandofglynn.org.

Respectfully submitted, MaryLynne Cochran





Northside Hospital Forsyth News

(Cumming)

- Over the course of the pandemic, the three VP's of Events and Fundraising have met on a regular basis via Zoom to check in with each other, brainstorm ideas for online fundraisers and help keep each other's spirits up! The importance of being connected has been uplifting. During the pandemic, this group managed to offer three fundraisers –Dream Dinners, Masquerade, and Silver Connections! We continue to look for options for the next few months until we come back to the hospital on a regular basis. We were excited to offer an online version of Nothing Bundt Cakes just in time for Easter. Ziparoos, a new environmentally friendly product was scheduled in May for Mother's Day and the end of school year teachers' gifts.
- Thank you to the hospital volunteers that have donated money to the Auxiliary since October

2020. We have received \$604, which will help fund the Scholarships for future healthcare workers. A visitor to the hospital made a surprise donation to the Auxiliary because he was treated so kindly and was impressed by the volunteers he encountered.

- The Auxiliary Board approved the purchase of three microwaves to replace the current ones in the cafeteria.
- Fifty-one volunteers have returned to volunteering. The departments accepting volunteers at this time are GI Lab, the Gift Shop and A Baby's Place, Pre-Op, Materials Management, Shuttle, Resource Center, Mail, Scholarship and Auxiliary Officers.
- Our new handbook is now available. Thank you to volunteer **Kerri Chitale** who worked very hard to create an auxiliary handbook that will be used by new volunteers, VolunTeens and the general membership.

Jean Corey Scholarship

Congratulations to all!

The Jean Corey Scholarship Committee (Betty Walls, Kathy Hefner, Linda Holloway, and Wanda Sellers, Chair) received three applications for the 2021 Scholarship Award. The committee believes that the COVID virus stopped students, many of whom were not back in school, from applying this year. The committee voted to award all three applicants the scholarship. Each of the students had excellent grades and was active in their school and community. They are as follows:

- **Jaleah Rhett** was nominated by the Southeast Georgia Health System. She graduated as an honor student of Brunswick High School.
- **Courtney Smith** was nominated by the Southeast Georgia Health System. She graduated as an honor student of Glynn Academy High School.
- **Ananya Vemaraju** was nominated by the Northside Hospital Auxiliary. She graduated as an honor student of Dunwoody High School.