GMC Student Volunteer Program a Huge Success in 2018

The GMC Student Volunteer program was very successful this summer with over 90 high school and college students participating. The students were placed in departments throughout the hospital and donated over 4,000 hours of service during their eight week tenure at the hospital.

During the summer, these student volunteers also participated in CPR class, Stop the Bleed class and a day-long conference entitled “Your Future in Healthcare”. The conference featured speakers from our Graduate Medical Education program, Emergency Department, Administration, Pharmacy, Imaging, Nursing and Surgery. The students were also able to tour the Emergency Department as well as a Surgical/Endoscopy Suite. A special thanks to all of our adult volunteers for mentoring these students throughout the summer.

From the President’s Desk

Greetings from your new Board! We missed those of you who couldn’t join us for the Luncheon and Installation of Officers. It was nice to see so many of you enjoying a break from your usual volunteer work. Our new theme is “United We Stand In Service.” I chose this theme as I hope to see our Auxiliary come together through teamwork to show our support for the hospital. It is always important for each of us to show our own style of leadership skills to excel in uniting as a strong group. Brag about our phenomenal group to your friends. I would love to see us build our membership this year! Charla Summers, our outgoing Northeast District Director presided at the Installation. We were honored to welcome our incoming Northeast Director Kathryn Leach.

Cynthia Chandler shared with everyone that our Auxiliary donated over $100,000 this past year to Gwinnett Medical Center. Jim and Sheila Herren enjoyed the retirement slideshow presented to thank them for their years of service.

I hope you all have enjoyed a summer vacation or some fun activities during these lazy days of Summer. I look forward to serving as your President this year.

Carrie Sheehan
President
New Officers Installed at General Meeting/Luncheon

President Patti Garrett called the Annual Meeting to order and stated she could not believe a year had gone by since she took office. She thanked the 2018 board members and the VOC Staff for all their help and guidance during the past year.

A delicious lunch was then served and a video was presented that highlighted the 10 years that Jim and Sheila Herren have volunteered at GMC. DVS, Cynthia Chandler thanked them both and presented them with a Memory Book of pictures and comments from other volunteers. Jim and Sheila recently retired and moved to Milledgeville to be near family.

Cynthia then detailed in her Distribution of Funds presentation where all of the funds raised this past year will be utilized. A $100,000 gift was made to the GMC Foundation to fund the following projects throughout the hospital include:

- $ 30,000 will be used to purchase a EQGT Exoskeleton at Glancy Rehabilitation Center. The exoskeleton is indicated for stroke and spinal cord injury rehab that is designed to help patients get back on their feet supporting relearning of correct step patterns, weight shifting and potentially mitigating compensatory behaviors.
- $ 10,000 will be used to purchase a EQGT Exoskeleton at Glancy Rehabilitation Center. The exoskeleton is indicated for stroke and spinal cord injury rehab that is designed to help patients get back on their feet supporting relearning of correct step patterns, weight shifting and potentially mitigating compensatory behaviors.
- The $11,000 will meet various needs at GECC which include: detailing the recently purchased van and providing a carport for protection, an aluminum bench and wicker outdoor furniture for the patio. Also included new signage for the front outdoor canopy and new furniture for a front alcove coffee cart area.
- The GMC Simulation Lab will receive $38,790 for equipment that will give students, residents, nurses and physicians an opportunity to train in a more controlled environment.
- For a front alcove coffee cart area.

In addition to the $100,000 to the Foundation, an additional $24,000 was used for aquarium maintenance at GECC, Courtesy Cart repairs and maintenance, GHA COV Conference costs, Fall Prevention Kits, GECC Birthday Parties, and for sponsorship of both the GMC Foundation Golf and Gala events. The Auxiliary also paid for the salary for the Gift Shop Managers and paid part-time gift shop clerks.

Parliamentarian Dianne Pike read the nominated officers for the 2018-2019 year and they are as follows:

- President: Carrie Sheehan
- President Elect: Sara Lundy
- VP of Membership: Brenda Falkler
- Recording Secretary: Dolores Svendsen
- Corresponding Secretary: Pat Collum
- Treasurer: Robin Eggleston
- Parliamentarian: Patti Garrett

The officers were elected by acclamation. District Directors Charla Summers and Kathryn Leach then installed the new officers. 2018-2019 President, Carrie Sheehan stated her theme for this year is “United We Stand In Service”. She pointed out that when we are given our volunteer orientation handbooks, our goal is to provide outstanding customer service to patients and staff at GMC. That is our renewed theme for this year as our volunteers strive every day to provide that service to patients through our service and our sales.