



Auxiliary Times

We Love Our Residents!

Spring/Summer 2024

Our Mission To promote and advance the well being and quality of life of the residents of Monroe Community Hospital through volunteer service, fund-raising activities and program and service provision.

President's Letter

Dear, Family, Friends and Supporters:

I would first like to thank every one of you who have continued to support the Monroe Community Hospital Auxiliary. Without your support we could not fulfill our mission:

"To promote and advance the wellbeing and quality of life of the residents".

In 2023 you supported the Mega Raffle and Super Bowl, which both were a great success! Now you have another opportunity to join us for our Vegas Night!

SAVE THE DATE:

The **Vegas Night fundraiser** is back after a 4-year hiatus. Come and enjoy live music, dinner, and fun at the tables.

Get your tickets before they are gone!! Call Laurie McFarlane at 585-760-6151.



Over the years, fundraising has become more challenging. Your dedication to our residents means more than words can express. Here are some of the residents' thoughts:

"The bus is important, because it makes it easy for us to take trips and go places."
- Alec

"I had a great experience with the ice cream truck. The people serving were nice. I was happy to get out and enjoy the weather. My favorite flavor was the peanut butter caramel."
- Angela

"I feel useful. I am pleased with myself when I finish a piece that I can use as a gift. I look forward to coming to Ceramics - it gives me a lot of pleasure."
- Janice

If you have never visited MCH and would like to have a tour of this wonderful facility, or if you just have a general question, please reach out to me at 585-738-4094.

My sincere appreciation,

Corky Allardice
President, Auxiliary Board

RESIDENT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

The Auxiliary is excited to be funding twenty-one programs / projects for our residents in 2024, made possible through your support of our fundraising events. Pet therapy, dance performances, Hochstein School of Music concerts, Camp Friendship, TV remote controls/antennas, and a Ladies Retreat, are just a sampling of these programs.



Ladies Retreat: Our recreation team organized the Ladies Retreat on March 8th. in honor of International Women's Day. Thirty ladies participated! They enjoyed chair yoga, hand massages with Mary Kay cosmetics, a special luncheon, and personalized caricature portraits. A special day for thirty of our special ladies!

Antennas/Remote Controls: Our Facilities Department staff identified a resident need and requested Auxiliary support to provide universal remote controls/antennas to residents unable to afford cable service. This equipment allows them to enjoy TV watching without a cable connection. To date, we have distributed ten of these remote controls in 2024.



Upcoming Events: On April 8th. There will be an Eclipse Party to view the phenomenon, either outdoors or streaming on the big screen in the Auditorium. Our Annual Car Show will be in June, followed by our outdoor Central Park summer concert series.

We thank you, as always, for your generosity which is essential to our mission of "promoting and advancing the wellbeing and quality of life of our residents"!

Mary Quinn
Project Committee Chair

Kathy Thomas
Auxiliary Board Member



MCH Auxiliary Board of Directors

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COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

The Auxiliary was honored to receive not one, but two Community Arts Grants for 2024 from the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts (GVCA).

The first, "Dance Series at MCH" provides funding for three culturally diverse dance performances throughout the year. The first performance by **Womba Africa Drumming and Dance** took place on February 23.



Daystar Dance will present dances rooted in Native American culture on July 15, and Grupo Cultural Latinos en Rochester will perform on October 18.

The second grant "Musical Enrichment Initiative Program" was written by Nazareth College Music Professor Bonnie Choi using the Auxiliary as a sponsor and provides for a monthly music performance on the Hope 2 Dementia Unit for 6 months. This is the second grant Prof. Choi has received from GVCA to support the Hope 2 unit.

Volunteer Services Update

As we move into the spring and summer, it is a wonderful time to reflect on our lives and set priorities about how we spend our time. Volunteers have told me over and over again that they feel they receive more from their work at MCH than they give to the residents.

While I am sure that is not the case, it does point out that helping and supporting others is one of the surest ways to ensure our own happiness, well-being and sense of connection.

The MCH Volunteer Program is always looking for new volunteers to become part of our warm and friendly community. Please reach out to Laurie at (585) 760-6151 or lauriemacfarlane@monroehosp.org to learn more; or visit our website at <https://www.monroehosp.org/volunteer>

We can't wait to hear from you!

Laurie MacFarlane

Supervisor of Volunteers, Pastoral Care, and Customer Service



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Designate Your United Way Gift to the MCH Auxiliary #1311

Please remember the residents of Monroe Community Hospital and select #1311 as your United Way donor designation. Your designation to the MCH Auxiliary will help continue to fund important quality of life programs for our residents.

THE THRIFT SHOP AT MCH

Located on the 1st floor Hope Building

Are you searching for unique fashions, home décor or jewelry at a discount? Stop by the Thrift Shop and check out the ever-changing stock. You will find a diverse selection of unusual items. The spring and summer collections have arrived and are ready for savvy shoppers.

A Thrift Shop purchase is one you can feel good about!! When you make a purchase at the Thrift Shop you are supporting the diverse programs that the MCH residents enjoy. The dollars you spend stay at MCH to provide an enhanced quality of life for the residents.

We accept donations of gently used clothing jewelry, accessories, household goods, knick-knacks and linens. You can drop donations off at the Volunteer Services office on the first floor of the Faith Building or the receiving dock in the rear of the building.

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Tapestry

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Sunday - Saturday
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

Happy Spring Everyone!!!! Tapestry Gift Shop is ready with all new styles for the season offering boutique style clothing and accessories you won't find in your local department store. New items arrive daily, so don't be a stranger.

Mother's Day and Father's Day are right around the corner . . . come on in and see what we have to offer. And don't forget, a Tapestry Gift Card is the perfect gift! Gift cards are available in any denomination and can be used on anything in the Shop.

Did you know we do phone orders? If you can't make it to MCH, call us and place an order over the phone, any of our volunteers will be happy to assist you. Credit Card purchases only.

Tapestry Gift Shop could not be possible without our Dedicated Volunteer Staff. Currently we have 9 volunteers working 7 days a week, we would love to have more. All proceeds go back to Resident Programs that are sponsored by the MCH Auxiliary. If you would like to help out, contact Laurie MacFarlane, 760-6151.

We hope to see you soon in the Shop, even if you're just browsing.

Janet Allardice
Tapestry Merchandiser
760-6159

Tapestry Gift Shop is located on the first floor of the Faith Building across from security.