

# Monroe Community Hospital Auxiliary Times



*We Love Our Residents!*

*Fall / Winter 2024*

## Resident Project Highlights

Spring/Summer is a fun, exciting time for Auxiliary-funded projects at MCH.

This summer of 2024 was full of wonderful programs beginning with an **Eclipse Party** that brought 167 residents outdoors to view the event from Parking Lot 1, streaming on the big screen in the Auditorium for those unable to go outside.

Next up was the **Car Show**. This is always a big hit with the residents. This year's show featured over 30 mint vehicles on a beautiful summer night in June.



Another big event is **Camp Friendship**, which provides a week of special activities for our Pediatric residents. This delightful program has now become an annual event for our young residents and their caregivers.

This year's theme was space/rockets. Activities included rocket crafts, a costume parade and a field trip to the Strasenberg Planetarium. The children also enjoyed a bonfire and had self-portraits drawn by a local artist which are now displayed on the unit.



The **Summer Concert series** also featured many enjoyable musical events, both on our outdoor stage and in the auditorium.

As always, we thank you for your support which makes these meaningful, enjoyable, and unique programs available to our wonderful residents!



**Mary Quinn**  
Project Committee Chair

**Kathy Thomas**  
Auxiliary Board Member

## MCH CLINIC

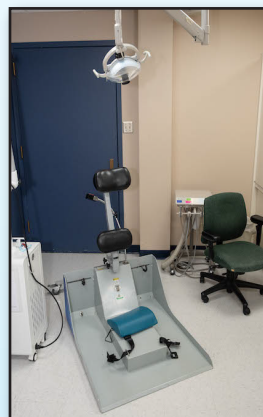
Consultative Services, better known as The Clinic, is a group that operates under the Nursing Department at MCH and works with contracted specialists who provide our residents with a wide range of routine medical care that they would otherwise have to receive at outside facilities.



The Clinic has providers in the following fields that have contracted with MCH and are credentialed by Monroe County: Audiology, Dental, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Podiatry, Psychiatry and Urology.

The dentist is here twice a week, and hygienists see residents four times a week. The podiatrist is here once a week, and the audiologist is here three times a month. The dermatologist and urologist are here twice a month and the ophthalmologist is here once a month.

The Clinic also facilitates several remote psychiatric sessions a week through the URMCC Telepsych program that allows our residents to receive care by way of telecommunications technology.



Everyone from respite residents to rehab patients to long-term care residents at MCH benefits from Clinic services. In 2023, over 4000 appointments were scheduled. In 2024 it is anticipated that over 4500 appointments will be scheduled.

Much appreciation to the dedicated Clinic staff, and the staff of transporters who bring the residents to their appointments.

**Sandy Lancer**  
Secretary, Auxiliary Board

# VEGAS EVENT

## Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

On behalf of the Monroe Community Hospital Auxiliary, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our recent Vegas Fundraiser at the hospital.

To our Jackpot, Double Down, and Lucky Seven sponsors, your generous support played a crucial role in making this event a tremendous success. We truly appreciate your continued commitment and contributions.

We are also grateful to our loyal supporters who attended the event, many of whom are readers of the Auxiliary Times. Your continued support is invaluable to us.



Most importantly, the 400 residents at MCH thank you for helping to improve their quality of life. Your involvement directly impacts their well-being, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

Please save the date for our next Vegas Fundraiser on May 2, 2025. We look forward to your continued support and another successful event.

**Thank you once again for your generosity and support.**

Best regards,

**Corky Allardice**  
*Auxiliary President*

## THE THRIFT SHOP AT MCH

Located on the 1st floor Hope Building

The MCH Thrift Shop is prepared for the Fall/Winter seasons with a great selection of seasonal items. Men's and women's long-sleeve shirts, warm sweaters, and pants take center stage among outerwear and scarves. So, if you are looking for good quality merchandise at bargain prices, stop by and see unexpected treasures. As you may be aware, proceeds from the Shop stay right here to support MCH resident programs and activities.

Tell your friends and family that the bargains at the Thrift Shop are also available to them. Stop by and check out the bargains. Donations of gently used items, such as clothing, accessories and housewares. Donations can be brought to the Volunteer Office (first floor of the Faith Building) or the Loading Dock in the rear of the building.

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

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# Volunteer Services Update

The Volunteer Program at MCH continues to be a point of pride, as approximately 80 volunteers contribute almost 12,000 hours annually. Despite that impressive number, the need for more volunteers is constant!

If you have 2 - 4 hours a week that you can dedicate to helping others, we would love to have you at MCH!

## We are currently recruiting for:

- Friendly Visitors who provide companionship to assigned residents, day & time flexible
- Thrift Shop Sales Associates needed Fridays 11:15 am - 3:45 pm
- Transport Volunteers needed Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3 pm

Please reach out to Laurie via phone at 585-760-6151, or at [lauriemacfarlane@monroehosp.org](mailto:lauriemacfarlane@monroehosp.org) if you are interested in joining our volunteer team!

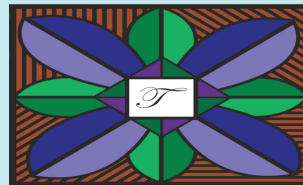
In addition to the satisfaction of helping others and the opportunity to make new friends, MCH provides volunteers with free parking, ongoing training, a meal voucher to assist with the cost of lunch, a monthly newsletter, volunteer gatherings and an annual recognition luncheon!

## Laurie MacFarlane

*Supervisor of Volunteers, Pastoral Care, and Customer Service*



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## Tapestry

Hours of Operation:  
Sunday - Saturday  
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Did you know that in 2002, after a year of research and construction, the Tapestry Gift Shop opened its doors on the first floor of the Faith Building where we are fortunate to have such a large, beautiful space.

This space allows us to be the MCH Resident's local "convenience store", offering low costs on everything from Health & Beauty supplies to candy, snacks, beverages, frozen foods and greeting cards.

In addition, we offer affordable clothing, gifts and accessories, mostly coming direct from New York and California. New fall and holiday items are starting to arrive which reflect the change of seasons. Stop in and shop whether for "gift giving" or a treat for yourself! All proceeds go to the Auxiliary to help fund Resident Activities.

The Tapestry Gift Shop staff, all volunteers, look forward to making new memories and friends with you. We hope you enjoy the Autumn Season and have Happy and Healthy Holidays.

**Janet Allardice**  
*Tapestry Merchandiser*  
760-6159

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