



A MESSAGE

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT **GEORGE FORCIER**

Dear friends of GSHS:

Over many newsletters, I have tried to describe GSHS so you would know the kind of patients that we serve and the people who volunteer to provide these services. GSHS is capable of providing fairly comprehensive healthcare to our patients thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and our donors. Equally important to our ability to offer comprehensive healthcare to our patients is the collaborative arrangement we have with Sarasota Memorial Specialty Clinic (SMSC). SMSC does not offer primary physician care to patients and is a perfect complement to the medical care that GSHS is able to provide.

Several members of our Board of Directors recently met with Rodica Vasilescu, the Director of the SMSC, to both strengthen our relationship and to better streamline our collaborative efforts. For patients to qualify for services from SMSC, they must be uninsured and have income below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level, which are the same as the qualifying criteria for our services. Therefore, GSHS patients, who reside in Sarasota County, also qualify for SMSC services. SMSC offers complete diagnostic testing (e.g. blood tests, MRI, X-rays, mammograms, etc.) for patients. In addition, if patients need treatment by medical specialists, these services are also provided by the SMSC. All volunteer physician specialists are associated with Sarasota Memorial Hospital. In addition, primary funding for the Specialty Clinic is provided by Sarasota Memorial Hospital. The SMSC is really a gift to our community and is a unique offering for Florida hospitals. Our patients, volunteers and supporters are grateful that GSHS has this collaboration with SMSC.

Patient Comments

FROM RECENT CLINIC VISITS

very nice people.

The staff are very caring and always prepared to meet my needs regarding my diabetes & heart disease. This clinic/pharmacy has been a life saver. My stress has dissipated since I have been coming here.

Thank you to all the volunteers for taking time to help.

Please share any additional comments:

This Place is absolutely Amazing

Everyone is always so nice, caring, & concerned for my health. Thank you so much for all you do.



Volunteer Profile

SHERRY BAKER

My career in healthcare began in 1980. I graduated as a Registered Radiologic technologist at a small hospital in Lancaster, Ohio. (The programs were hospital based at this time). After several years in the hospital, I took a job with a privately held physician owned company who formed joint venture partnerships with physicians across the country. As a Clinical Director for this company my role was to travel to hospitals across the country and perform training for physicians and staff on the use of lithotripsy (a machine that breaks up kidney stones with a shockwave). Later in life, I would decide to go to nursing school and then on to graduate school for a business degree. These degrees led me to Medtronic where I worked in their Neuromodulation division. My role at Medtronic was as a Clinical Director, again, training physicians and staff on neuromodulation equipment. I retired from Medtronic in 2016 and my husband and I moved to Florida full-time in September 2017. I was introduced to Good Sam through another volunteer, Kay Dellos. Kay shared with me her role at Good Sam and explained to me that they were looking for nurses. I interviewed with Luldes and the rest is history. I love working at Good Sam because it gives me the fix I need for nursing without being employed full-time in a hospital. I love working as an advocate one day a week doing paperwork and I also love seeing patients in clinic. I really feel like I have the best of both worlds when it comes to nursing.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LICENSED PHARMACISTS & PHARMACY TECHNICIANS

Tuesdays 9 AM - 2:30 PM &
Wednesdays 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

LICENSED NURSES

Wednesdays 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM