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V.I.P. Volunteers in Print

Coming Events

* **Karissa's Jewelry Sale Fundraiser, Thursday & Friday, December 3rd and 4th, 7am-6pm**, in the atrium of the medical center. You won't want to miss this opportunity to do some early holiday bargain shopping! Many great stocking stuffers for just one dollar!

* **Monthly Volunteer Inservice – "People-First" Language**, presented by the Child Life Interns, **Monday, December 7th, 12-1pm, Pavilion Classroom 2**. Please RSVP by December 3rd, if attending. Lunch provided.

Holiday Gift

Volunteer Services has a small holiday gift for you. Please stop by the office when you have a chance.

Supervisor of the Year!

Nominations for volunteer supervisor of the year are now being accepted. If you feel that your volunteer supervisor is worthy of special recognition, please fill out a nomination form and submit it to Volunteer Services by January 8th. Forms are located in the volunteer check in area or let us know to email one to you.

Holiday Office Closings

The Volunteer Services office will close at noon on **Thursday, December 24th** and remain closed on **Friday, December 25th**. We will also be closed on New Year's Day, **Friday, January 1st**. Remember to check with the area where you volunteer for their holiday schedule and let your supervisor know if you plan to be away for the holidays.

We're Number 23!

The Dallas Morning News



President and CEO Rick Merrill proudly announced Cook Children's is ranked number 23 on the list for the *Dallas Morning News* Top 100 Places to Work in Dallas-Fort Worth 2009.

PLACES TO WORK 2009 To make this distinction even more special, Cook Children's is the top ranked Fort Worth-based company, the only health care system listed in the top 40 and the highest ranked not-for-profit on the list. The full list of rankings is now available online at www.dallasnews.com. (From Cook Children's, *Focus*)

Corporate Programs

Many businesses and corporations provide community support by championing their employees' volunteer commitments. Corporations like BNSF Railway, Chase Bank, CitiGroup, Home Depot, Kohl's, and others offer Donation Matching Programs or Time-Off Programs. Both programs support their employees' efforts to serve in the community where they do business. Donation Matching Programs have varying requirements but basically give nonprofits a donation for the number of volunteers giving their time to an agency. Time-Off Programs allow their employees time to volunteer during their work day. Please let the volunteer office know if your employer offers either of these wonderful programs. Your volunteer commitment may benefit Cook Children's in even more ways than you realize!

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer Services Office Aide – Volunteer Services staff seek a volunteer to come in once a week, Monday, Thursday, or Friday, 1-5pm to help with phones, data entry, filing, office coverage, etc. Please contact Michelle in the volunteer office for more information, 682-885-4337.

A-B-C-D Award



Congratulations to **Mac McCall**, our Above and Beyond the Call of Duty honoree for November. Mac volunteers in the evenings rotating weekly between Child Life and Volunteer Services. He is described as, "A wonderful, dedicated person; here every Tuesday straight from work and ready to help in any way he can. Mac is an inspiration and complete joy to have as a volunteer!" Mac's interest in becoming a volunteer began after completing Cook Children's Experience the Mission program. He has been with us since March of this year and already has over 67 hours. We offer our sincere gratitude to Mac for his service above and beyond the call of duty.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Family, friends, volunteering, fellowship, and great food were among the many things volunteers attending the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon mentioned as being thankful for. Everyone enjoyed an abundance of homemade holiday goodies, brisket, and turkey. Attendees viewed the Cook Children's flyover video showing the virtual completion of the new buildings that are currently under construction. Several volunteers also won centerpieces for their holiday tables.



Cookie Cutters Stitches



Virginia & Mac



J.J., Laveta, & Francee



Hazel

Golden Hearts' Tea

Cook Children's elite group of Golden Heart volunteers, those with 2,500 or more volunteer hours, gathered recently to catch up, share news, and revisit fond memories. Pictured below (L to R), **Tony Martinez, Laveta Curry, Jinx Florey, Kay Ellis, Mary Jo Baird, Glenna Nieswiadomy, Evelyn Edwards, June Johnson, Joann Boston, Ann Bogle, and Jeanne Hosler**. The 40 Golden Hearts represent decades of volunteer service, tens of thousands of volunteer hours, and the rich volunteer history of Cook Children's.



~Happy Holidays to You and Yours!~