

# volunteer voice

*A publication for Stormont Vail Auxiliary members & volunteers*

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## Event to Honor Volunteers, Auxiliary Members

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging extraordinary people who give their time and service. We will be celebrating with a week-long schedule of activities, April 6-12. We will continue the long-standing tradition in honoring Stormont Vail Health volunteers and auxiliary members at a time when the nation also honors individuals and organizations for their voluntary and charitable service. You will receive an e-invite to the recognition dinner which will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, in the Pozez Education Center. Volunteers that do not have

email will receive information through regular mail.

Highlights of the program will be remarks from Dr. Rob Kenagy, who will officially be two weeks into his new position as president & CEO, Darlene Stone, senior vice president & chief human resources officer, Vernon Long, Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary president, and volunteer stories from Andy Tompkins and Cherie Carter. If you plan to attend you will need to let us know by emailing [jebillin@stormontvail.org](mailto:jebillin@stormontvail.org) or calling Volunteer Services at 354-6095. For this occasion, you may bring one guest to the dinner.

### Attention Awardees

A congratulatory letter has been mailed to volunteers who will be receiving awards at the 2019 recognition event on April 10. Please stop by Volunteer Services the next time you volunteer so that we can get a current photo of you to use at the awards presentation. Please check your records to ensure the information is correct. Contact Jeanne Billings at [jebillin@stormontvail.org](mailto:jebillin@stormontvail.org) or 354-6095 if you have any questions or changes.

## Annual Education Requirement Is Due April 1

We appreciate already receiving many of the education attestation forms back from volunteers who have completed this annual mandatory requirement.

If you are an active volunteer, you received the education module by mail in February. The annual education process, required by the hospital and The Joint Commission, verifies that volunteers have been given the required information to be used to retain the knowledge you gained when you attended new volunteer orientation. It also provides you with an awareness of health center policies as well as information specific to responsibilities as a volunteer.

Annual testing is done by all employees and volunteers. (Employees participate in annual testing separate times of the year).

If you did not receive the information, contact Volunteer Services at 354-6095 and we will get a copy to you. The review and attestation is to be completed and returned no later than April 1, 2019. If you are currently on leave, you may complete it now or submit prior to returning from leave. Thank you in advance for completing the annual review. If you have questions or need clarification on any of the information, call Volunteer Services.

# Message from the Auxiliary President

It is popular this time of year to talk about the weather, so here goes. It is almost spring – won't that be delightful? I seriously am impressed by the dedication of volunteers and



auxiliaries as they work to be on time and meet their schedules. Some days it is a challenge to be at your volunteer service when and where you are needed, and when it is not possible to be there you call in or find a substitute

because you know what you do is important to meet the needs of patients, visitors, and staff. I hope you are proud of your service and take home the joy of socializing and helping others. Please remember the Volunteer/Auxiliary Recognition Dinner on April 10. It is always a fun time to see your fellow volunteers in one room.

I am sure you know by now that the Building Blocks Child Care Center is wholly owned by Stormont Vail. Recently, the Auxiliary groups had "baby showers" and collected toys, blankets, and money to help entertain those young students. The Auxiliary also allocated some of its annual giving to Building Blocks, and Ione Frank, the 2018 Distinguished Auxilian, also directed her award to Building Blocks. There also are a few volunteer opportunities to help with the children. If you are interested please contact the Volunteer Services department.

Just a reminder, March 21 is the Auxiliary Membership meeting. This one is special since we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Stormont Vail Auxiliary. (There will be cake!) We are expecting some special guests, but you will have to be there to know who they are.

**Respectfully Yours**  
**Vernon Long**



*2018 student volunteers Jada Fulton and Tiya Gonzales take a break to enjoy the summer Frozen Treat week.*

## Summer Volunteer Program Seeks Applicants

Applications to participate in the summer volunteer program are being accepted now through May 10. The summer program is geared for students between ages 14-17, college students (ages 18+), and adults who can commit to at least eight weeks (minimum of one, 4-hour shift per week) during the 11-week program. The program runs from May 28 – Aug. 9.

Applicants will be required to attend one of the on-boarding sessions, which include an interview, health assessment and placement, if accepted. Because placements are made on a first-come, first-served basis, we encourage applicants to contact Volunteer Services to set up a time as soon as the application is submitted.

If you know of a student or adult who may be interested in applying, please direct them to [www.stormontvail.org](http://www.stormontvail.org), click on Give and Volunteer, click on Volunteer and Auxiliary, and the program they are applying for. Opportunities and forms are on the website. For more information, contact Volunteer Services at or (785) 354-6095 or [volunteerdept@stormontvail.org](mailto:volunteerdept@stormontvail.org).

## New Auxiliary Members

Please welcome the following individuals who recently joined the Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary.

- Barbara Hunter-Ward
- Dave Lubeski
- Cherie Carter
- Barbara Heideman
- Lori Spain
- Judy Pachosa

# Dishman Selected as Chief Medical Officer

I am honored to announce that Kevin Dishman, M.D., has accepted the senior vice president and chief medical officer position for Stormont Vail Health. In addition, the CMO serves as the president of the Medical Services Division medical staff.

Dr. Dishman joined Stormont Vail in 2000 as a hospitalist, serving in a multitude of leadership roles, including our current vice president, Acute Care Services. Dr. Dishman's "can do" attitude and compassionate spirit coupled with his patient care and business acumen were highlighted as attributes that he brings to this role. His ability to mentor, lead change and create an environment of collaboration, transparency and accountability will be key for the future of our health system. In addition, his sense of purpose, humor and passion for our patients will distinguish him as our next CMO.



*Kevin Dishman, M.D.*

Dr. Dishman received his Doctorate of Medicine in 1993 and completed his internal medicine residency in 1996, both at the University of Missouri School of Medicine, Columbia, Missouri. He is currently completing his Master of Health Administration degree at Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas.

As the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Dishman's direct reports will include our divisional vice presidents – Drs. Cliff Jones, Eric Voth and Bill Sachs – and Dr. Sridevi Donepudi, vice president and chief medical quality officer. Deb Yocum, vice president, Clinic Operations, and Marcy Lechner, director of Provider Recruitment & Support Services, will also report to him.

As I work with Randy in assuming the president and CEO role for the organization, I will be transitioning CMO responsibilities to Dr. Dishman and will communicate a formal CMO transition date soon. In addition, we will be actively recruiting to fill the vice president, Acute Care Services position, during the same period.

Finally, thank you to the medical staff leadership and our medical directors for participating in the interview process. I was pleased with the process, allowing us to evaluate the current and future needs of the organization, the top candidates and ultimately selecting a strong physician leader for this role.

Again, please join me in congratulating Dr. Dishman on his new role. I look forward to his leadership and along with the operating committee, guiding the strategic direction of our organization.

**Rob Kenagy, M.D.**

**Senior Vice President & Chief Medical Officer**

## Nominate Today for Distinguished Auxilian Award

It is time to submit nominations for this year's Distinguished Auxilian, and you are encouraged to give consideration in submitting a nomination. Consider nominating a member that:

- A leader by example – not necessarily by position or title
- A provider of distinguished service as an auxilian.
- An Auxilian who makes or has made a significant contribution to Stormont-Vail patients and their families.

Nomination forms are available in the department kiosk outside Volunteer Services, or by e-mail to committee chair Vanita Hunt, [vanita\\_hunt@yahoo.com](mailto:vanita_hunt@yahoo.com) or [volunteerdept@stormontvail.org](mailto:volunteerdept@stormontvail.org). If you have nominated an individual in past years but they have not been selected please complete another nomination form as it is helpful for the committee to have the most updated information.

The committee will review all nominations and select two nominees. Those nominees will be submitted to the executive committee for final selection, and the award will be given at the annual meeting in October. Deadline is April 30.

## Fundraising Events

The following dates have been set for the 2019 auxiliary fundraising events. Exact times will be announced in upcoming newsletters. Please add these to your calendar and plan to stop by!

**June 13-14**

Uniform Sale, Centennial A/D, Pozez

**July 10-12**

Book & Gift Sale, Hospital Main Entrance

**Oct. 16-18**

Book & Gift Sale, Hospital Main Entrance

**Nov. 14-15**

Masquerade Jewelry, Centennial Rooms, Pozez Education Center

# Calendar

## March 5

New Volunteer Orientation –  
9:45 a.m.-noon – Volunteer Services  
Conference Room.

## March 20

New Volunteer Orientation – 5:15-  
7:30 p.m. – Volunteer Services  
Conference Rm.

## March 21

Auxiliary General Membership  
Meeting – 70th Anniversary  
Celebration - 11 a.m.

## March 29

Retirement Reception for Randy  
Peterson, Stormont Vail Health  
president & CEO, 3-5 p.m. –  
Administration

## April 1

Volunteer Education Module Due  
to Volunteer Services (all active  
volunteers must complete)

## April 3

HAK District 1 Meeting – Lawrence  
Memorial Hospital

## April 4

Deadline for returnee youth  
volunteers to submit placement  
information

## April 6-12

National Volunteer Week

## April 10

Volunteer/Auxiliary Recognition  
Dinner – 6 p.m., RSVP to Volunteer  
Services by April 5

## April 24, 29 & May 2, 7

Onboarding Sessions for Summer  
Youth – 2-5 p.m. – Volunteer Services

## May 9

New Volunteer Orientation for  
Summer Youth – 4:30-6:45 p.m. –  
Gault-Hussey

## May 15

New Volunteer Orientation for  
Summer Youth – 4:30-6:45 p.m. –  
Gault-Hussey

## May 28

First Day of Summer Program

## June 4

New Volunteer Orientation for  
Summer Students – 9:45 a.m.-noon –  
Centennial A

For more information about any  
of these activities, please contact  
Volunteer Services at (785)  
354-6095.

# New Volunteers

Please welcome these individuals to  
the Stormont Vail Health volunteer  
team.

Anne Abbo – Blood Pressure Clinic &  
Behavioral Health

Kaylee Shook – Building Blocks

Shantel Thompson-Wright – Building  
Blocks

Jackie Terrones – Medical Staff

Kim Gambers – Neonatal Intensive  
Care

Wilma Segura – Surgery Waiting  
Room

Gerald Spaulding – Auxiliary Food  
Connection

Jennifer Macias – Building Blocks

Emily Scott – Auxiliary Gift Shop

Rebecca Gregory – Neonatal Intensive  
Care

Eulavene Baker – Surgery Waiting  
Room

Dyranique Stewart – Building Blocks

Hanin Abu-Hijleh – Emergency

John Roberts – Emergency

Hayley Campbell-Zirkel – Emergency

Hannah Rombeck - Building Blocks

Barbara Heideman – Lobby  
Ambassador & Pediatrics

Lori Spain – Neonatal Intensive Care &  
Cancer Center Ambassador

Abby Meyer – Neonatal Intensive Care

John Haug – Emergency

Jiyeon Park – Building Blocks

Brecken Brown – Birthplace

Jim Anguish – Heart Center  
Ambassador

Kenya Medlock – Emergency

Shea Manley – Emergency

Shanna Jochum – Neonatal Intensive  
Care

Rama Sabbarini – Building Blocks

# Be A Volunteer in the Know

**What is the smoking policy?** No  
tobacco is allowed anywhere on  
Stormont Vail Health premises.

**How can volunteers reduce the  
risk of health care-associated  
infections?** Follow the Infection  
Control Policy which is based on  
CDC and WHO guidelines by washing  
your hands with soap and water  
frequently during your volunteer  
shift.

**What do you do when a system  
fails (e.g., water, electrical)?**  
Contact Facilities Management at  
Ext. 26025 or dial 0 for operator.

**How is emergency power  
identified?** The outlets and  
switches are red. Other outlets and  
switches that are not red are not on  
emergency power.

**What is Stormont Vail Health's  
Fire Plan?** RACE: Rescue any person  
in immediate danger; Alarm: Dial  
Ext. 26444 in the hospital, dial  
911 in a clinic; Contain without  
endangering yourself; Extinguish  
without endangering yourself.

**How do I use a fire extinguisher?**  
PASS: Pull pin; Aim nozzle; Squeeze  
handle; Sweep side to side.



# News & Notes

## Student Scholarship Program Deadline is March 1

Application deadline for the Auxiliary student scholarship program is March 1. The student scholarship program is funded by the Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary and includes two \$2,500 scholarships and four \$1,000 scholarships each year. Information regarding eligibility and criteria are available by visiting [www.stormontvail.org](http://www.stormontvail.org), clicking on Give and Volunteer, then on Volunteer and Auxiliary, and Scholarship Information. Recipients will be notified in March.

## Annual Report Available

2018 was a great year for Stormont Vail Health. We continue to build strong community relationships, strengthen our team, improve value, quality and services, and expand access to health services. Our annual report is available on the Stormont Vail website in the About Us section. Thank you for your part in helping our communities be healthy.

## Stormont Vail Team Members Donate Nearly \$165,000 to United Way

Stormont Vail Health employees raised almost \$165,000 for the United Way campaign, an increase of \$7,000 from the previous year. Donations were raised during the Stormont Vail annual employee United Way campaign in October 2018. This level of giving is an indication that our employees live Stormont Vail's mission of "Working together to improve the health of our community" in partnership with the United Way.

## Daylight Saving Time Begins

A reminder to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9. Daylight Saving Time officially begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. As we begin to experience the warmer months of the year, enjoy the extra hour of daylight for garden and yard activities, entertaining, patio sitting, or whatever you enjoy outdoors!

## Mark Your Calendar for Annual Music Concert

Mark your calendar for the 12th annual "Music, Just What the Doctor Ordered" fundraiser at 3pm April 14, at First United Methodist Church, 600 S.W. Topeka Blvd. There is no charge to attend, however a free will offering will benefit low-income uninsured patients served by HealthAccess and

community partners. Local physicians will be performing their favorites. Don't miss the fun!

## Tax Credit for Volunteers

With April 15 fast approaching, there is still opportunity to request a copy of the number of trips to and from your volunteer assignments in 2018. When volunteers drive their own vehicle to carry out a task for an organization, the IRS permits a deduction of \$0.14 per mile. Please contact Volunteer Services if you would like this information and we will be happy to provide it to you.

## Committee Awards Funds to Health Center Staff

At a recent quarterly meeting, the Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary and Stormont Vail Foundation continuing education committee approved several requests from staff to attend continuing education offerings later this year. The Auxiliary awarded a total of \$9,962 to the following recipients: Kendra Niederklein, James Holland, Sarah West, Patrice Wolf, Brenda Wagner, JoAnn New, Sarah Angiemyer, Rochelle Thompson, Austin Dodds, Gardner Mallory, Jacqueline Koch, Jill Reese, Heather Fosberg, and Jason Gardner. Each year, the Auxiliary designates a specific amount from the general fund for these education grants. This year's Auxiliary chair is Bernie Becker.

## Update Your Addresses, Emergency Contacts

Please let Volunteer Services know if you have a new address, phone number, email address and/or emergency contact information. It is important we keep this information current. Thank you.

## Send Us Small Moments!

We know that every single day, Small Moments happen at Stormont Vail, whether it is making a patient's day brighter, assisting a family or visitor to find their destination, taking an interest in someone who needs to be listened to, or sharing your willingness to help a volunteer or staff team member. GOOD DEEDS HAPPEN ALL OF THE TIME. We would like to know more about the stories and instances where you create small moments for the people you connect with while serving as a volunteer. As giving as all of you are, it is natural to want to avoid the spotlight. We think it is important to share those stories.