



May/June 2024

Neighborhood News

Summertime is here in full force, with sky rocketing temperatures and an overabundance of vacationing volunteers. It brings such joy to see our GNMC family sharing their travel stories. I am amazed to see how the juggling of schedules miraculously works out year after year, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers who cover for each other to ensure that GNMC remains staffed appropriately.



Cassi's Corner

Amid the juggling schedules, I am excited to share a few behind-the-scenes infrastructure projects we have been diligently tackling. At GNMC, we like to build teams that allow us to utilize the skillset of our volunteers alongside staff. Recently, I have been able to see firsthand the value of a team approach. Our website redesign team has been working on the first phase of a full redesign project. We hope to get this funded and completed in the next several months. Our IT team has been busy switching support services to improve

more opportunities to measure and improve our quality of care. Also, a grant through the CFCA has allowed us to add a second Community Health Worker, who will assist in data collection and more patient education opportunities.

We are fortunate to have such talent to call upon to serve our mission, yet we could always use more. Surprisingly, many of our volunteers are not retired. The requirement to serve at GNMC is not overwhelming and can be flexible. If you know any retired or non-retired RN's, NP's, PA's or MD's, we could use additional clinical volunteers to help share the load of our growing needs. If you are just curious about serving, call to request a tour and meet our amazing team.

Cassi

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER UPDATES

GNMC welcomes several new volunteers: **Judith Ludwig** at the Front Desk, **TJ Raines** on the Referrals team, **Teresa Rollins** in Clinical Admin, and **Deborah Georgens, RN** (not pictured) and **Jackie Callahan, RN** on our Clinical team.



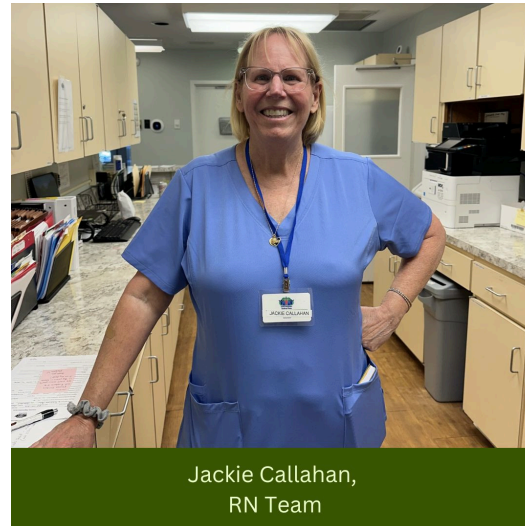
Judith Ludwig,
Front Desk Team



TJ Raines,
Referrals Team



Teresa Collins,
Clinical Admin Team



Jackie Callahan,
RN Team

Congratulations to Volunteer Coordinator, Vanessa Cortes for completing the Cross Cultural Health Care Program: Bridging the Gap Medical Interpreter Training.

Way to go, Vanessa!



Vanessa Cortes, Volunteer Coordinator

We celebrated two Work Anniversaries recently: Three Years In May for Operations Director, **Sharon McElveen**, and Five Years in June for Executive Director, **Cassi Kilpatrick**.



Celebrating Sharon McElveen's 3-Year Anniversary with GNMC



Celebrating Cassi Kilpatrick's 5-Year Anniversary with GNMC

Our volunteers are truly the "Stars of Our Show," and recognized them at a themed Appreciation Event we hosted in their honor. Despite the storm, a

GRANT NEWS

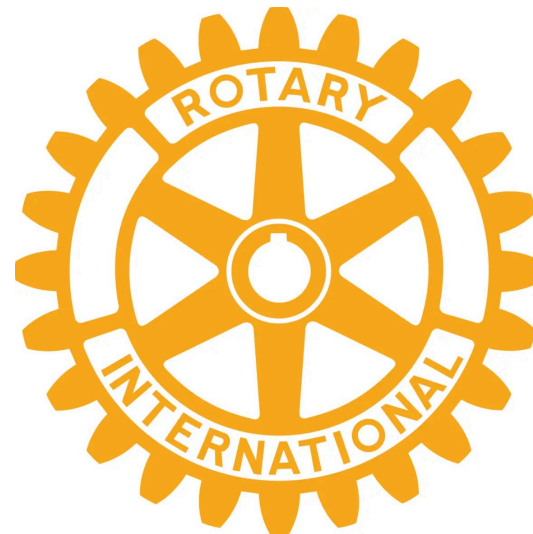
GNMC is fortunate to receive grant funding from several returning loyal supporters: **Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina, Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina Foundation** and **The Beaufort Rotary**, which provided grant funding for equipment needed at the clinic.

New partner, **Food Lion Feeds Foundation**, provided support for healthy eating and education programs for our patients.

We continue to enjoy support from our local church partners, including **St. Peter's Catholic Church** with **A Light For Beaufort** grant.



Barry Wilson, President, Beaufort Rotary
and Dene McCain



GNMC is so grateful for the continued support from **Jai Dowell** and the **LOVE Beaufort Mission** group from **St. Helena's Anglican Church**. They not only sponsored our Volunteer Appreciation Event, but they hosted it at the very last minute due to inclement weather.

A big thank you goes out to Community Partners **Herm's Liquor**, **Southern Wholesale Carpet**, **Lowcountry Cider Co.**, **The Beaufort Inn** and **Bill's Liquor & Fine Wines** for donating items for the event.



Cassi Kilpatrick at the Volunteer Appreciation Event on May 9 at the Parish Hall at St. Helena's Anglican Church



Dr. David Baehren, Sarah Smith, Sharon McElveen, Jai Dowell, Janie Lackman, Vanessa Cortes and Jill Evans



OUTREACH

Events we attended and supported during May and June included **The Beaufort Charities Invitational Golf Tournament**, the **United Way Annual Meeting**, and the **Port Royal Community Fund Annual Meeting**.

United Way of the Lowcountry acknowledged the importance of Volunteers at its 60th Annual Meeting. This year, our very own **Lisa Wilt**, GNMC Vice Chair and Administrative Volunteer, was recognized as this year's recipient of the **Peter Post Service Star Award**.

Congratulations Lisa!



Lisa Wilt and Dale Douthat, President & CEO,
United Way of the Lowcountry

SHOUT OUTS!!

- **Dr. Downs, Beth Campbell, RN, and Marta Rodriguez (Interpreter)**, for going above and beyond to provide exceptional care for one of our patients with cancer.
- **Vanessa Cortes** and **Jill Evans** for the extraordinary job in planning and executing the Volunteer Appreciation event.
- **Al Dedel, Cheryl Johnson** and **Ingrid Schweitzer** for picking up many open Front Desk shifts.
- **Zahory Bernabe-Villegas** and **Michelle Jerome** for filling the gap in the community health worker role and keeping the transportation running smoothly.
- **Abbie Shaw** for wearing many hats as a new volunteer.

-- **Al Dedel** and the **Dataw Community** for answering the call for unused CPAP machines. Thanks to the generosity of so many and our partners at **Resource Medical**, we have been able to provide many CPAP machines free of charge to our patients with sleep apnea.

-- **Dr. Baehren**, our Medical Director, for being a great advocate for our patients.

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