

Each time we discharge a COVID-19 patient home from the hospital, we play the familiar Beatles song "Here Comes the Sun" overhead so everyone in the facility can celebrate this great milestone. It's only fitting that the angle of this beautiful picture shows the sun's rays right above our Critical Care Unit where many COVID-19 patients are being treated. What a wonderful reminder of the sunny days to come.

ACHAT

2020 - July/August/September



Anderson Regional Medical Center is now a back-to-back recipient of the American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award, having received the award in both 2019 and 2020. Anderson is one of only 140 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor this year.

The award recognizes Anderson's success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients by meeting aggressive performance measures as outlined by the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

"The cardiac team at Anderson continues to set and achieve high goals that improve the outcomes of our heart attack patients and in turn, save lives. This award demonstrates that our physicians and staff have a strong commitment to provide patients with the most advanced cardiac care in this area," said John G. Anderson, President and CEO of Anderson Regional Health System.

To receive the Platinum Performance Achievement Award, the hospital must consistently treat heart attack patients according to the most current, science-based guidelines for eight consecutive quarters and meet a performance standard of 90 percent

or more for specific performance measures.

"As a Platinum Performance Award recipient, Anderson Regional Medical Center has established itself as a leader in setting the national standard for improving quality of care in patients with acute myocardial infarction," said Michael C. Kontos, MD, FACC, chair of the NCDR Chest Pain – MI

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Registry Steering Subcommittee, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center. "By meeting the award requirements set forth in the registry, the Anderson team has demonstrated their ability to provide reliable, comprehensive treatment for heart attack patients based on current clinical guideline recommendations."

Dr. Wes Bennett, interventional cardiologist with Cardiovascular Institute of the South, said, "A heart attack occurs when a blood clot in a

coronary artery partially or completely blocks blood flow to the heart muscle. Treatment guidelines that are used as performance measures for the award include administering aspirin upon arrival and discharge, timely restoration of blood flow to the blocked artery, smoking cessation counseling and cardiac rehabilitation, among others."

When asked how this award complements Anderson's chest pain center accreditation, Bennett replied, "The Anderson cardiac team uses an evidence-based, protocol-driven, and structured approach to acute care cardiology which allows clinicians to quickly and efficiently assess patients who require timely treatment. Adequate implementation of these processes allows patients to be better monitored, ensuring they are not sent home too early or admitted unnecessarily."

Voluntarily participating in the American College of Cardiology Chest Pain- MI Registry empowers health care provider teams to consistently treat heart attack patients according to the most current, science-based guidelines and establishes a national standard for understanding and improving the quality, safety and outcomes of care provided for patients with coronary artery disease, specifically high-risk heart attack patients.

UV Robot Expands Sanitization Practices at Anderson

Anderson Regional Health System is utilizing UV light emitting robots to provide enhanced sanitization across its facilities. Studies show that UV (Ultraviolet) energy is proven to kill bacteria, fungi and viruses, including 99.999 percent of coronaviruses.

Jason Cain, RN, MSN, Director of Nursing at Anderson Regional Medical Center, said, “The robot is enhancing our infection control procedures with faster, more effective disinfection. For example, it typically takes 45 minutes to effectively clean a patient room manually with disinfectant wipes, and then another 30 to 60 minutes for the chemicals to dry and airborne germs to dissipate. The UVC energy emitted by the robot kills the germs in 15-20 minutes after a thorough manual cleaning, greatly decreasing the wait when a new patient needs to be admitted to the room. Most important, the utilization of a robot decreases the exposure risk for our environmental services team members.”

UVC energy is a wavelength range of Ultraviolet energy spanning 200-280 nanometers (nm). The UVC

Robot specifically employs the highly germicidal 253.7 nm bandwidth to cause photochemical damage to cellular DNA and virus RNA. This biological damage inactivates the cell by preventing replication and therefore infection capability. Germicidal efficacy is determined by the overall dose of UVC, which is a product of lamp output (i.e., intensity) and exposure duration. Through effective, single-cycle, whole-room disinfections, the robot delivers the correct dose of UVC energy, ensuring maximum automated germicidal treatment with every cycle.

Dr. Keith Everett, Chief Medical Officer at Anderson Regional Health System, said, “Infection prevention has always been and will always be a priority in our hospitals. Sanitizing our facilities is not a new practice, but the potency of the COVID-19 virus requires us to enhance our sanitizing routines and ensure our processes are at a maximum. The UVC robot technology is capable of removing any potential contamination in just minutes, which allows us to maximize safety and efficiency for our patients and staff.”



Above, nurses show off the robots. Below, Jason Cain, Director of Nursing.



Wright Honored With Anderson's First DAISY Award

By Laura Hyche

Courtesy *The Meridian Star*

Scottish minister and scholar Robert Leighton wrote, "The flower that follows the sun does so even on cloudy days." Filling one of the most vital roles in the health care system, nurses are often unsung heroes, the flower on that cloudy day for a COVID-19 patient.

Anderson Regional Health System celebrated one such hero when it presented Melissa Wright with The DAISY Award. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune SYstem.

The DAISY Foundation was formed in 1999 by the family of Patrick Barnes as a way to honor the nurses who provided quality and compassionate care to Patrick during the final stages of his battle with Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). This award recognizes a remarkable individual who consistently demonstrates excellence in his or her work. The Barnes family acknowledges the super-human work nurses do for their patients and their families every day.

Wright has been a critical care nurse with Anderson for 15 years; she has been caring for COVID-19 patients in the CCU since the pandemic began.

A resident of York, AL, Wright said she is humbled by this tribute, but more important, she said it is an honor for which she was nominated by one of her patients.

"This nomination was especially meaningful to me," Wright said. "He was in the hospital for a little over a month, but he was on a ventilator for three weeks of that time. He recovered, so he is one of our success stories."

Day in, day out, nurses who care for COVID-19 patients become the primary communicator

between patients and their family members.

"We are so close with these patients; they become just as important as our family members," Wright said. "That's what makes our care for them so special and important."

Nurses in the CCU do everything from assisting in FaceTime calls between patients and their loved ones, to talking to the patient every day and reassuring them with kind words.

Wright was presented with a certificate, a DAISY Award pin, and a hand-carved stone sculpture entitled "The Healer's Touch." Additionally, everyone in the unit celebrated with cinnamon rolls

made with Makara cinnamon, a favorite of Patrick's during his illness. The Barnes Family asked that whenever and wherever nurses smell cinnamon aroma, they stop and think about how special they are.

Melia Goodman, director of Critical Care, said Wright was the perfect choice for this award.

"[Wright] is a great leader," Goodman said. "She does what it takes, and she never complains. COVID takes a toll on all us, our patients, their families, and our nurses."

Wright is so appreciative of her DAISY that she will continue to fight the battle against COVID-19, just like all of her fellow nurses in the CCU, she said.

Come December, Wright and her fiancé, Thad Cobb, will marry, a ceremony they postponed in April due to the pandemic.

"We will go to the mountains and marry, then we will have a big celebration when this virus is long gone," Wright said.



DAISY Box Decorating Contest Winners

The DAISY Box Decorating Contest winner was Telemetry, with everyone shown here in three photos.



2nd Place • ER



2nd Place • Non-Urgent Care
(ER 2)



3rd Place • Labor &
Delivery/Nursery

MCC Nursing Students Garner 11 Anderson Scholarships

For Oregon native **Angela Bautista**, her decision to become a nurse wasn't as innate for her as it is for others.



Bautista

"No one in my family is a nurse, and most of the time, when I met a nurse at a doctor's office, I didn't even know they were one," she noted.

But it was a bank co-worker who recognized Bautista's potential nursing skills and encouraged her to pursue a career in this healthcare field.

Today, the 26-year-old Meridian resident is a third semester Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program student at Meridian Community College, one of 11 students selected for seven Anderson Regional Health System scholarships. Each comes with a \$2,500 honorarium.

For the past 32 years, Anderson has provided scholarships to MCC nursing students. John Anderson, President and CEO of Anderson Regional Health System, said, "The scholarships are mutually beneficial for Anderson and MCC. Our relationship with MCC remains a valued recruitment pipeline for our nursing work force, which is the core service of our health care system. We are honored to present these scholarships that help future nurses advance their education," he said.

"We're so grateful to Anderson for providing scholarships to our nursing students. These dollars help open doors to outstanding students who will, in turn, give back to the healthcare needs of our community,"

said MCC President Dr. Thomas Huebner.

Nurses follow a calling and often show characteristics of being tenacious, compassionate and driven; the Anderson scholarship recipients are nursing students who demonstrate those qualities. They are selected based on academic ability, nursing excellence, MCC faculty's recommendation, an application and a written essay on why they chose nursing as a career.

Dr. Lara Collum, MCC associate vice president of nursing and healthcare education said nursing education is critical for helping future nurses develop the reasoning and judgement skills to safely practice as a nurse. "Part of our program mission at MCC is to prepare students for safe, effective professional practice that enhances our local and global communities."

Dr. Huebner added, "We appreciate the life-changing opportunities afforded by this investment."

The partnership between Anderson and MCC is longstanding, said Leia Hill, vice president of institutional advancement and executive director of the MCC Foundation. "The support we receive from Anderson has been significant for our students, MCC, and our community," she said.

Hill added, "We appreciate working with colleagues who have a vision for investing in the health-related educational needs of Meridian and Lauderdale County and are proud of the students who have earned these

scholarships."

Bautista, who holds a bachelor of science degree in speech communications from Oregon State University, said she's now discovered a passion for nursing. "When I envision myself in the future as a nurse, it makes me so happy and excited for what lies ahead," she noted.

Another MCC third-semester student and scholarship recipient,

Michelle Smith, 49, from Buckatunna, said her dream of nursing started in high school. Still, she changed career paths and didn't pursue nursing until



Smith

after her children were grown. Starting as a certified nurse assistant, "I worked as an aide at a long-term health facility for six months to see if this was really what I wanted to do. I fell in love with every aspect of my job and I knew I had to see this dream to the end," she said.

Bautista along with classmate **Blair E. Black**, 20, of Toomsba received



Black

the Dr. Jeff Anderson Scholarship. Dr. Jeff Anderson founded Anderson Infirmary in 1928. At that time, the hospital had room to accommodate 30 patients and was staffed by three physicians and a handful of nurses. Dr. Anderson's vision for the future, and his commitment to providing quality medical care for the residents in East Central Mississippi and West Central Alabama are the foundation

of what has now grown to be Anderson Regional Health System, a 400-bed medical center with over 160 physicians representing more than 38 specialties. The scholarship was created in 2004 to honor Dr. Anderson.

Jasmine C. Bates, 26, of Collinsville and Smith were awarded the Dr. W. J. Anderson III Scholarship. Dr. Anderson was the son of Dr. William J. Anderson and the grandson of hospital founder Dr. Jeff Anderson. Dr. Anderson was a general surgeon from 1962 until his retirement in 1998. Dr. Anderson served as president and chairman of the board of directors at JARMC until his death in October 2002. This scholarship was created in 2003 to honor Dr. Anderson's visionary leadership to the hospital.



Bates



Bonner



DuValle

Receiving the Dr. William J. Anderson Jr. Scholarships were **Haley Bonner**, 19, of Meridian, and **Gina DuValle**, 20, of Meridian. Dr. Anderson was the son of Dr. Jeff Anderson, the founder of the hospital. Dr. Anderson served as a general surgeon at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center. The scholarship was created in 1988, a year after his passing, to honor the many accomplishments of Dr. Anderson.

Sage McKee, 24, of Meridian and **Cameron Thornton**, 23, of



McKee



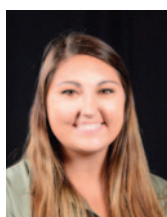
Thornton

Collinsville are the recipients of the Dr. Jeff Hollingsworth Scholarship. Dr. Hollingsworth, the grandson of Dr. Jeff Anderson, was a cardiovascular surgeon in Jackson and was instrumental in getting the cardiac catheterization program started in Meridian. Dr. Hollingsworth passed away in 1986. This scholarship was established in 1988 to honor Dr. Hollingsworth.

Jerome D. Adkins, 22, of Meridian, received the Reuben S. Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Johnson began his 47-year service to Anderson Regional Medical Center in 1947. He was president and chairman of the board for 38 years. He was instrumental in the successful transformation of the hospital from a small infirmary to what became Anderson Regional Medical Center. Johnson also served as the internal management consultant from 1976 until his death in 1994. The scholarship was created in 2007 to honor Johnson's many accomplishments.



Adkins



Monsour

Kristina R. Monsour, 23, of Meridian, received the William J. Gunn, Esquire, Scholarship. Gunn began his service to the medical center in 1965 as secretary to the board

of directors and general counsel for the hospital. In 1967, he became a member of the board of directors and continued his faithful service until his death in August 2001. The scholarship was created in 2002 to honor Mr. Gunn's service to the hospital.

Jasmine P. Bush, 25, of Meridian, was the recipient of the Anderson Board of Directors Scholarship. The board works behind the scenes to ensure that Dr. Jeff Anderson's vision, to give quality health care to the people of our region, is carried out. Each member brings expertise in a different area that enhances the quality of care given to patients. These individuals work tirelessly and with very little recognition for their labor. The scholarship was created in 2012 to recognize the valuable contributions of each board member.



Bush

Jan Farrington, Anderson board of directors member, said, "Anderson is deeply committed to the nursing scholarship program we initiated in 1988. We understand the importance of providing funds to help these students complete their education and attain their life goals and aspirations. These scholarships not only help the students, but also help our community. MCC continually produces nursing school graduates who remain in Meridian and provide the quality nursing care that is in such demand."



Dulaney Named Top 20 Under 40

Dr. Caleb Dulaney has been named as one of The Meridian Star's "Top 20 Under 40" for his efforts to provide advanced cancer treatment options at Anderson Regional Cancer Center, enabling patients to stay close to home for care. Dr. Dulaney is also active with the youth of our community, having started a First Lego League Junior Team which introduces science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to children ages 4-16 through fun and exciting hands-on learning. Dr. Dulaney and his wife, Madison, have three children, and they are members of First Presbyterian Church. Congratulations Dr. Dulaney.



Roberts Receives GEM Award

Congratulations to Denise Roberts, Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator, who recently received Morrison's GEM Award for Clinical Excellence in Dietetics. The GEM award recognizes Denise's outstanding contributions to diabetes education in the inpatient and outpatient setting, as well as non-diabetic nutrition education, staff training and recognition, and assistance with Morrison's internship program.



Tulip Selected as Chairperson-Elect

Congratulations to Dr. Hans Tulip who was recently selected Chairperson-Elect of the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Tulip is a board-certified General Surgeon with Medical Arts Surgical Group. He serves as the Trauma Medical Director at Anderson Regional Medical Center.



Karrh Graduates from Leadership Program

Congratulations to Kristin N. Karrh for graduating from the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation's Leadership Lauderdale program. Kristin is our Credentialing Coordinator and CME Coordinator and she is Lean Healthcare Certified.



Twilliey Receives Ph.D.

Congratulations to Sonja Twilliey Ph.D., RN, Nurse Manager at Tom C. Maynor Rehabilitation Center, for receiving her Ph.D. in Nursing Education and Administration from William Carey University.

Burgers from the Board

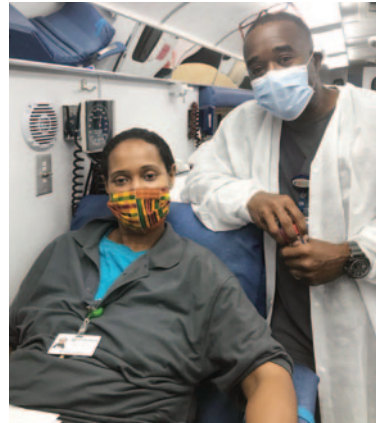
Our Food and Nutrition Service Department showed up recently to grill, package and box up 1,600 hamburger plates for our day and night shift staff as part of a thank you from our Anderson Board of Directors. Employees were impressed with the assembly line production of the delicious burgers and trimmings from the Dietary staff.

Many thanks to our Board for this treat.



Blood Drive

Blood donations are still needed at all times, and we are pleased to say 52 units were collected during a recent two-day blood drive at Anderson. Many thanks to all of those who donated the gift of life.



First Baptist Treats Frontline Staff

Thank you to First Baptist Church of Meridian for providing our frontline staff with a delicious meal from Squealers Barbeque.



Love Out Loud

Thank you "Love Out Loud" Meridian for the goody bags for our staff. Love Out Loud is a yearly event in which area churches provide community services.

RETIREMENT



Mamie Mitchell, RN

Congratulations to Mamie Mitchell, RN, who retired recently after 20 years with Anderson. Mamie started her healthcare career as a patient care tech, then went to college and earned her degree in practical nursing, returning again to earn her associate degree. During her time with Anderson, Mamie worked on 3-South (Swing Bed), float pool, infusion therapy and finished as RN Charge Nurse at Horizons Geri-Psych Unit. Her coworkers said, "Mamie is loyal and dependable. Mamie is a very good nurse." With Mamie (center) are Betty Cryer, left; and Vickie Skinner.



Patsy Thrash

Congratulations to Patsy Thrash on her retirement from Anderson Regional Health System. Patsy's career at Anderson spanned 42 years where she worked in the Laboratory as a staff tech, Urinalysis Department Manager and Performance Improvement/Point of Care Supervisor. Her friends and coworkers describe Patsy as helpful, caring and attentive to the needs of patients as well as her coworkers. She will be greatly missed at Anderson for her dedicated service. With Patsy is John G. Anderson, President and CEO.



Wound Care Week

Banana splits were the perfect summer treat for the staff at Anderson Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center as they celebrated Wound Care Center Appreciation Week. Anderson Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center is accredited by the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS), which means that this facility has met the highest standards of care and patient safety.

Anderson Offers Meds-to-Beds Program

Anderson offers Meds-to-Beds as a bedside service to enhance the discharge process for each patient. Our Anderson Pharmacy retail staff will deliver discharge prescriptions directly to a patient — in the hospital — prior to leaving the hospital. The delivery service is free.

Designed with our patients' health in mind, this program conveniently eliminates the need for a stop at the pharmacy on the way home. Our pharmacist processes the prescriptions and is available to discuss medications with the patient and caregivers before leaving the hospital.

The liaison for this program is our Discharge Medication Technician, **Candace G. Davis**, who works with each patient to ease the transfer to home. The program was first piloted on 2-East and has been expanded to many of our other floors.



Reaccredited for Five More Years

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) recently granted Anderson Sleep Disorders Center reaccreditation for a period of five years beginning in February. Sleep facility accreditation through the AASM includes accreditation for all types of sleep testing, including in-center polysomnography (PSG), multiple sleep latency testing (MSLT), maintenance of wakefulness testing (MWT) and home sleep apnea testing (HSAT).



Snow Cone Treats

The United Way of East Mississippi kicked off the 2020-21 campaign by treating our staff at both Anderson North and South campuses.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

APRIL • MAY • JUNE



Express Care Clinic



Lab



Neurology Services



Swing Bed Unit



Rehab Week

Anderson Outpatient Rehabilitation Center recently celebrated National Rehabilitation Week. The Center provides physical, speech and occupational therapy.

PRAISE FOR ANDERSON

On June 15, 2020 My son Grant Smith was born with Multicystic Dysplastic Kidney disease and only lived for 4 hours. I just wanted to take the time to thank all of you wonderful people for making my time with baby an easy

& enjoyable time. Not once did I have anyone who didn't care about me or Grant. Thank y'all for taking care of me & giving me all the time to love on my baby boy. God Bless

Love,
Heather Ferguson

Patti Ball
Vivian Wilson
Lakeisha McFarland
Candy Huddleston

Amanda Litchfield
Alibonah Rigdon
Jossical Calvert

Lydia Burns
Joy Chesney

Cath Lab- Thank you so much for helping save Tim's life. Even though the last place I wanted him to be was in the cath lab- I knew he was in caring hands. Thank you for what you do & for doing it well & caring. Russ- Thank you for taking the time to FaceTime me. I was terrified, but so thankful I got to speak to him before the cath. again- Thank you all so much! ♥️ Julie
Ava (pink) & Cooper (blue) say Thank you so much for saving my Daddy's life. ♥️♥️

Cath Lab,

Thank you for everything you do for not only every patient you encounter, but especially what you did for me. God Bless you all!

Tim

Anderson Named Best Hospital in 2020 Readers' Choice Community

Man of the Year

- 1stDenton Farr
2ndJohn G. Anderson

Woman of the Year

- 3rdDr. Lindsey Prewitt

Best Boss

- 2ndJohn G. Anderson

Cardiologist

- 1stDr. Jennifer Rodriguez
2ndDr. Dale Touchstone
3rdDr. Shea Hailey

Doctor

- 1stDr. William Billups III
2ndDr. Kim McDonald
3rdDr. Doug Phillips

Fitness Center

- 1stAnderson
Health & Fitness Center

Gift Shop

- 1stAnderson
Pharmacy & Gift Shop

Internal Medicine

- 1stDr. Muzaffar Rahat
2ndDr. Laura Alexander
3rdInternal
Medicine Clinic

Massage Therapist

- 3rdLaporshia Ruffin

Nurse

- 1stMelia Goodman, RN
2ndKayleigh Street, RN
3rdMartha Gore, RN

OB/GYN

- 1stDr. Ronnye Purvis
2ndDr. Elizabeth Trest

Ophthalmologist

- 1stDr. Jonathan Moore
3rdDr. Jeffrey Cook

Oral Surgeon

- 1stDr. Asif Lala
2ndDr. Joel Drummond

Pain Specialist

- 1stDr. Azhar Pasha
2ndDr. Eric Pearson

Pediatrician

- 1stDr. Deanna Price
2ndDr. Robert Justice

Pharmacist

- 1stMark Milling, RPh

Pharmacy

- 1stAnderson Pharmacy

Physical Therapy/Rehab

- 1stAnderson Outpatient
Rehabilitation Center

Physician's Assistant

- 1stAmy Goodin, PA
2ndCedric Ruffin, PA

Plastic Surgeon

- 1stDr. Lee Thornton
2ndDr. Mark Elliott

Podiatrist

- 1stDr. Leigh White
2ndDr. Scott Hanegan

Primary Care

- 1stDr. Doug Phillips
2ndDr. Valerie Evans
3rdKaren Deese, FNP-C

Rehabilitation Center

- 1stTom C. Maynor
Rehabilitation Center

Congratulations!

EMPLOYEES OF QUARTER

APRIL • MAY • JUNE

Mission

To continue our heritage of healing and improving life for the people we serve.

Melissa Wright is a Registered Nurse in the ICU/CCU. Her coworkers said, “Melissa leads by example. She really goes the extra mile to make sure patients get the best possible care. • She is a cheerleader for her team. She pulls out the best performance in her coworkers. • Melissa offers kindness and compassion to patients and gives them hope that they can overcome obstacles. • She is that shining armor for Critical Care. • The competence, skill set and compassion Melissa demonstrates increases positive clinical outcomes for patients. • A patient who had been on a ventilator for three weeks said Melissa was his light in a dark hole and she helped him navigate the path to daylight. • Dr. Hatem Mourad said, ‘On several occasions, I have observed Melissa’s, calm, positive demeanor foster positive team performance during very critical and stressful situations, improving clinical results. She is an exceptional nurse and team leader.’ Melissa is highly respected and valued by her team mates, physicians and nurse leaders. • She is a tremendous asset to Anderson and to her team. Melissa truly is THE BEST.” In her spare time, Melissa enjoys traveling, hunting and fishing, watching movies and antique shopping. She is engaged to be married later this year.



Vision

To be the healthcare provider of choice.

Rebecca Lee is a Pharmacist who works on the COVID floor. Her coworkers said, “Rebecca has been a SUPER STAR as we have navigated our way through the pandemic. We could not make it without this pharmacist doing what she does. • She rounds with physicians and makes it happen. Rebecca is a team player and really goes above and beyond for her coworkers. • Rebecca is very knowledgeable, a diligent worker and a great resource to the staff. She keeps us informed and helps us out in any way she is able to. • We are incredibly blessed to have her as part of our team, not just during this unbelievably difficult time, but always.” In her spare time, Rebecca enjoys quilting with her mother. She is an avid reader and she loves playing games with family and friends. Rebecca teaches 11th grade Sunday School at her church, and she has served as the volunteer pharmacy director for 10 years at Camp Seale Harris, a camp for children with Type 1 diabetes.



Values

We recognize: Respect, Trust, Dignity and Responsiveness.

Samantha McIntosh is a Respiratory Therapist. Her coworkers said, “Samantha is very kind and interactive with patients. She is highly competent in her role. • She is methodical with great attention to details. • Samantha is very supportive, compassionate and caring toward patients and many tell her she is a ray of sunshine because she always has a smile on her face. • Samantha always makes sure she is doing her duties to the best of her ability. • She is very dependable.” Samantha said her passion for the respiratory therapy field began as a child because she was born with asthma and battled respiratory issues her entire childhood. She really enjoys helping her patients. In her spare time, she enjoys weekly Bible study meetings, teaching, reading, socializing, networking, hunting, fishing, riding four-wheelers and spending time with her family and her son, who is three years old. She serves as a minister of music and pianist for two churches, teaches adult and youth Bible study and Sunday School and is active in youth and women's ministry. Samantha also participates in Relay for Life and other community outreach events.



EMPLOYEES OF QUARTER JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

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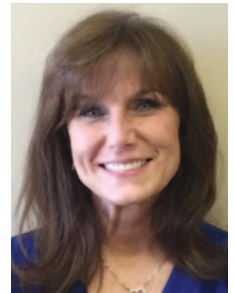


Jennifer Embrey is a Registered Nurse who works at Anderson Express Care Clinic. She has played an integral role in COVID-19 testing over the past five months. Her coworkers said, “Jennifer has stepped up to every challenge presented to her during this difficult time. • She and the whole Express Care staff have done an outstanding job. • Jennifer is a hard worker and she goes over and above to make sure that she does everything she can to take care of the patient’s needs. • She has been a tremendous asset to the clinic. Jennifer displays excellent teamwork. • She is a team player, always checking with the other staff to see if they need help or if she can assist them in any way. Jennifer is dependable. • She is also very efficient and a problem solver, if she’s given a task she will find a way to get it done and done in a timely manner.” In her spare time, Jennifer enjoys attending church with her family, spending time with her friends and family, shopping and going to the beach. Jennifer and her husband have been married for 24 years and they have two children, Justin and Olivia.

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Debbie Williamson is a Registered Nurse who works in Case Management. Her coworkers said, “Patients who are unable to have visitors depend on our case management team to keep their family informed. Debbie has worked extremely hard keeping each patient’s family well updated during this difficult time. • She has received numerous commendations from family members who have had loved ones in the critical care areas. They all expressed profound gratitude for Debbie’s concern, compassion and consistent communication with families who cannot be with their loved ones during this crisis. Many referred to her as their ‘Angel of Mercy.’ • One family shared that Debbie was a beacon of light during a dark time in their lives. Debbie has eased the pain during a most difficult time. • She makes a difference with patients and families every day. • Debbie is a blessing to so many and we appreciate her kindness and dedication. She is our ‘Work Mom’ and we love her so much.” In her spare time, Debbie enjoys spending time with her family and going to the beach. She and her husband Russell, who also works at Anderson, have been married for 32 years, and they are very active in their church. Debbie and Russell have a daughter, a son, a daughter in-law, and a precious 8-month-old granddaughter.



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Theresa Harris is a CNA who works on 5-East and floats to other units when needed. Her coworkers said, “Theresa is a joy to work with. • She demonstrates a caring and compassionate attitude toward patients. She really takes a proactive approach in addressing patient needs and makes sure the needs are met consistently. • Theresa has a quiet voice and a gentle spirit. • When she is working with you, you never have to worry about your patient being satisfied; it’s a guarantee that they will be. • Theresa is a hard worker. She is willing to do more than assigned and does it with a big smile on her face. All patients love her and request her to be their caregiver. • She never complains; she just gets the job done. Anderson is so blessed to have a committed hard worker like Theresa.” In her spare time, Theresa enjoys watching movies, cooking new recipes and spending time with her four children.



EMPLOYEES OF QUARTER OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER

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Amanda Steakley, RN, has worked at Anderson for 17 years and played a major role in caring for COVID-19 patients on the inpatient unit. Her coworkers said, "As someone who is always exceeding expectations, Amanda is a great choice for employee of the quarter." • She was one the first nurses to care for COVID-19 patients, and she showed no fear or hesitation when there was so much unknown. • Amanda was a team player for our unit during the most difficult time many of us have ever experienced, and she continues to step up to the plate daily. • Outside of direct patient care, Amanda also assists in training new nurse graduates. • One of these nurses said, "Amanda is an awesome nurse who taught me so many things that I still use today in my nursing career." In her spare time, Amanda enjoys traveling, shopping, fishing, watching her kids play sports and spending time with her family. She and her husband, Josh, have been married for 16 years and they have three children, Hunter, Breanna and Haley. Amanda and her family are members of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

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Peggy Eakes is a Radiation Therapist who has worked at Anderson Regional Cancer Center for 20 years. Her coworkers said, "Peggy continuously sets the bar high when it comes to showing compassion and empathy towards patients." • Her actions have no bounds, regardless if it is for a patient or a fellow employee. • She continuously reminds me how the power of showing both empathy and compassion can help our patients face their fears and push through adversity during their cancer treatment. Peggy has always demonstrated a superb work

ethic and is an outstanding professional role model to all of us. • Recently, she truly made a difference for a patient who was experiencing some difficulty in completing her radiation treatment. Peggy provided compassion and words of encouragement through the whole process, saying things like 'you've got this, you're doing great' and 'one-third done,' etc. She provided cooling rags for the patient to keep her comfortable until the procedure was over. The team of therapists were waiting outside the vault to greet the patient with cheers of support after the treatment, to which the patient replied, 'I'm not the one you should be clapping for; Peggy is the real MVP!' In her spare time, Peggy enjoys cooking, scrapbooking, crafting, fundraising for the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund, and spending time with her son, Benjamin, and her fur babies. She is a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church, a volunteer at the MSU Riley Center, and a caregiver for her mother.

Values

We recognize: Respect, Trust, Dignity and Responsiveness.



Terri Lightsey is the Health and Wellness Coordinator in our Human Resources department and has been with Anderson for 17 years. Her coworkers said, "Terri has risen above and beyond the call of duty since the pandemic began. She has handled every task given to her with great stride." • She has been in some stressful situations, but she never seems stressed out. • Terri treats everyone with respect and dignity, as well as being very empathic to employee concerns and sometimes upsetting situations. • Terri is a light in this time of darkness. She is always encouraging and very helpful. • Terri truly is a jewel, and she deserves to be recognized for her efforts." In her spare time, Terri enjoys reading, spending time with her family, traveling and playing board games. She and her husband, Alan, have been married 14 years, and she has two children, Hunter and Alaina. Terri attends Suqualena United Methodist Church where she serves on the Finance Committee as the treasurer.