



Dr. Matt Coker gives the thumbs up sign as he receives one of the first Moderna vaccinations at Anderson Regional Medical Center in December. This initial allotment was given to frontline workers who are exposed to COVID-19 positive or possibly COVID-19 positive patients. "I was excited," said Dr. Keith Everett, Anderson's Chief Medical Officer, "and I think it was a very good day. We're finally able to start vaccinating our frontline employees, nurses and doctors to offer them protection to keep them from getting sick from this virus."



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Embolism Response Team Saves Patient's Life



From left: Dr. Kim McDonald, Emergency Medicine Physician; Sandy Temple; and Dr. Scott Joransen, Interventional Cardiologist.

When Sandy Temple arrived at Anderson Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room on Monday, September 28, 2020, she feared the worst. With shortness of breath and tremendous pain in her chest, she knew something was very wrong.

"Dr. Kim McDonald noticed that one of the enzymes in my bloodwork was elevated so he ordered an X-ray of my chest. That's when he saw the blood clot and realized I was in a life-threatening situation. I am so thankful that he provided thorough examination and got me the help I needed so urgently," Temple said.

Temple was experiencing a pulmonary embolism (PE), which is a very serious condition in which a blood clot becomes lodged in one of the arteries in the lungs. This is the third leading cause of cardiovascular-related deaths in the United States.

In response to that statistic, Anderson has developed and put into place a **Pulmonary Embolism Response Team**, referred to as PERT. This team of physicians and clinical staff spent several months studying the best protocols to assess, diagnose and treat patients who suffer from this silent killer. The research resulted in the implementation of a pathway focused on increasing positive outcomes that begins with deploying the

PERT when a patient displaying PE symptoms arrives at the hospital.

Dr. Scott Joransen, interventional cardiologist with Cardiovascular Institute of the South, said, "The PERT responded to Mrs. Temple's urgent condition and rushed her to the cath lab, where I was able to remove the blood clot from the artery with the Indigo® System CAT 8 with Lightning™, a minimally invasive catheter system that uses 'intelligent' suction to remove clots. This procedure, combined with the timely diagnosis of the PE and the highly skilled care from the physicians and staff involved, saved her life. Within hours, Mrs. Temple was feeling better, and she was discharged home the next day."

"It is a miracle that I lived through this event. God orchestrated the right people to be at the right place in my time of need, and I am forever grateful," Temple said.

Because timely treatment is vital when it comes to a pulmonary embolism, Anderson's Pulmonary Embolism Response Team has written a more in-depth protocol for diagnosing a PE. The assessment is used most often in the emergency room where PE patients likely come when feeling ill, and it is also being distributed to local first responders who may identify PE patients prior to arriving at the emergency room.



Pictured from left to right: John G. Anderson, President and CEO of Anderson Regional Health System; Becky Farley, Executive Director of The Riley Foundation; Marty Davidson, Board Chairman for The Riley Foundation; and Jessica James, Director of Respiratory Therapy at Anderson Regional Health System.

Riley Foundation Grant Funds New Ventilators

Anderson Regional Health System received a \$120,000 grant from The Riley Foundation to purchase four new ventilators for the hospital's intensive and critical care units.

"We reached out to Anderson to see how we could help during the pandemic, and there was a need for additional ventilators," said Becky Farley, Executive Director with The Riley Foundation.

John G. Anderson, President and CEO of Anderson, said, "The pandemic has affected everyone, and with so much change and tragedy, health systems across the nation are facing new challenges daily. With resources stretched like never before, this grant made a huge impact in our fight against COVID-19. We are extremely grateful to The Riley Foundation for the funds that have enabled us to purchase ventilators and continue providing life-saving care to patients."

A ventilator is a life support treatment that helps patients breathe when lung function is significantly reduced. The machine is connected to the patient through a tube placed into the mouth or nose and inserted into the windpipe, a process known as intubation. The ventilator then

blows air, plus oxygen if required, into the patient's lungs.

Dr. Hatem Mourad, a hospitalist working in the COVID Unit at Anderson said, "Some patients who have COVID-19 develop pneumonia and severe inflammation that greatly decreases lung function. A ventilator can make the difference between life and certain death in these patients. Even if the lung is failing, a ventilator can give the patient more time to overcome the infection and support the patient until his or her lungs are able to regain function."

Marty Davidson, Board Chairman for The Riley Foundation, said, "The Riley Foundation wants to support our medical facilities in Meridian in their major fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Hopefully, the grant we have given to Anderson Regional Health System for ventilators will help save lives and enable patients to recover faster from COVID-19."

"This grant was a bright spot during an unprecedented time. The support we have received from The Riley Foundation and many others in our community who are standing together with us is greatly appreciated," added Anderson.

Brown Receives Outstanding Grad Nod

By Lisa Sollie, MSU-Meridian

Steven Brown of Meridian has been named Outstanding Graduate student for the Division of Business for fall 2020. He is one of five Mississippi State University students who was recognized at Meridian's fall commencement ceremonies December 1 at the MSU Riley Center.

A Professional MBA major, Brown is vice president of finance and chief financial officer for Anderson Regional Health Systems. After earning his undergraduate degree in accounting in 1992, he went to work for a bank in Hattiesburg, followed by a brief foray into public accounting with a small CPA firm out of Gulfport — all the while studying for the CPA exam.

Brown soon realized audit and tax work were not his “favorite things to do” so when an accounting job came open at the former Riley Memorial Hospital in Meridian, he jumped at the chance to move back home and venture into the healthcare field. He stayed with the local hospital until it was purchased by Health Management Associates, and with CPA credentials in hand, began working at Rush Health Systems in 1998. A decade later he learned of a controller position at Anderson Regional Health System, applied, and after six years in that position he was named vice president of finance in 2014 and then two years later earned the title of chief financial officer.

“When I finished my undergraduate degree, I wanted to go to work and didn't really have a desire at that time to continue my education. Looking back, I probably wished I had so I could have been done, but at the moment that wasn't really where my mind was,” admits Brown. “As I kept working and getting further and further away from school, I got to the point that I thought well, can I really go back, is it really worth it?”

Knowing there were others out there in the corporate world with more education and certification that he had, but uneasy after being out of school for 30 years, Brown

heard about MSU-Meridian's Professional MBA program.

“I really had concerns about taking the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) after I'd been out of school for such a long time,” he said, “but when I learned that MSU-Meridian's program would consider waiving the GMAT in lieu of work experience, I realized it wasn't going to get any easier to do this, so I applied and started the program in the summer of 2018.”

Out in the workforce for many years, Brown still found his coursework and classes valuable and found the information either related to the work he was already doing, or he was able to take new concepts he was learning and apply them in his day-to-day job.

“One thing I discovered when I started at MSU-Meridian that I believe sets their MBA program apart, is the fact that many of the professors and instructors have had, or still have, a career outside of academia,” said Brown. “This enabled them to bring their various work experiences into the classroom to help students

understand how the theories they were discussing could actually be applied in a real-world setting. And since I've spent the majority of my work career in healthcare with some banking and public accounting experience, it was interesting to hear about the industries the professors worked in, and although each one was unique and different — how the same basic principles and theories were still applicable.”

Although he admits it was definitely challenging trying to balance family, work and school, especially his last few semesters when COVID-19 came into play, Brown would do it all over again.

“It's just that important,” he said, “especially in the competitive work environment we see ourselves in. I also think it's a good thing people should do to better themselves. It demonstrates to a potential employer that you have the persistence and desire to see something through — that you not only can start something but also finish it.”



GRADUATES

Three Receive MBAs from MSU

Congratulations to Anderson team members (from left) Lynette Cockrell (Accounting) Steven Brown (Administration) and Casey May (Human Resources) who received their Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) from MSU — Meridian. Working full time, raising a family and going to school is challenging but these three excelled. We are so proud of you!



Gibbs Receives Doctorate

Congratulations to Cassandra Gibbs, DNP, RN, OCN, for receiving her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Executive Nursing Administration from the University of South Alabama. Cassandra is the Nurse Manager for our COVID-19 Unit, Oncology Unit and Infusion Center. Cassandra wears many hats at Anderson and balancing work, family and school was a tremendous undertaking.



Johnson Receives Masters

Congratulations to Charsity Johnson on receiving her Masters of Science degree from the University of West Alabama. Charsity works as a Financial Counselor in the Admissions department and has been with Anderson for five years.





Karrh Elected MAMSS President

Congratulations to Kristin Karrh, who was recently elected President of the Mississippi Association of Medical Staff Services (MAMSS). MAMSS is a state-wide organization established in 1983 to provide the opportunities for continuing education, to promote the improvement of professional knowledge and skills by uniting people who are engaged in medical staff services, activities in healthcare, or healthcare-related organizations through our State Association, and to support the mission of the National Association of Medical Staff Services.



Luke Obtains Certification

Congratulations to Jordy Luke, R.T., (R)(VI), who recently obtained his Vascular-Interventional Radiology certification. This is a very hard certification to pass and complete. Jordy has been working at Anderson for 14 years, with 8 of those in Interventional Radiology.



Williams Obtains CT Certification

Congratulations to Zane Williams, R.T., (R) (CT), who recently passed his CT Certification with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Zane has been with Anderson for seven years, working in CT for six.



New Group Graduates from Lean

Lean concepts place people above processes, seeking to create workplaces where everyone can achieve their maximum potential. The Lean principles of how people should behave toward each other aren't simply good business practices: they are good life practices. Members of the most recent Lean graduating class are: (seated, from left): Marilyn Jackson, Kathy Coffman, Amy Davis and Tina Harper. (Standing, from left): John Moore (instructor), Kasie Espey, Antonio Solis, Julius Heidelberg, Brandon Faulkner and Chad Harbour; with Anderson President & CEO John Anderson. (Not pictured: Libbi Trawick)

DAISY AWARDS



Jill Moore, RN

Congratulations to ICU nurse Jill Moore who is our October DAISY Award recipient. This award recognizes extraordinary nurses who go above and beyond for their patients. In the nomination form, one of her patients said: "Jill Moore, RN is a terrific ICU nurse. She is detail oriented and takes special pride in keeping family members in the communication loop. Jill will stay dressed out in her personal protective equipment (PPE) for hours just so family members can skype/FaceTime with their loved one who is being treated for COVID. She stays up to date on all the latest evidence based practices to ensure the best patient care. When the benefits of placing COVID positive ventilated patients in the prone position were first discovered, she was first to learn how to successfully and safely make this happen. Jill exceeds the expectation of a nurse every day. She never misses a beat and keeps a positive attitude."



Monica Drummond, RN

Monica Drummond, Registered Nurse at the Tom C. Maynor Rehabilitation Center, was recognized as our DAISY Award recipient for the month of November. One of Monica's patients wrote her nomination which read: "Monica is a very special person, a great nurse that shows compassion with her patients. She always entered my room with a smile that lit up the room. She was always willing to listen and give me the attention I needed. I have had so many health issues, one thing after another. Sometimes, I wanted to just give up but it's nurses like Monica, that stop and take time to hold your hand, encourage you and give you motivation to keep going. She is very professional, compassionate and caring. Monica is the epitome of what a nurse and caregiver should be. When I was really emotional and having a hard time, she was a blessing from God right there to get me through a tough time. I know nurses are really busy, and it means a lot that Monica took the time to make me feel better, not one day but every day she took care of me. She was my personal angel God sent just for me. She took time to sit, talk and listen to my concerns, frequently offering reassurance that everything was going to be okay. I pray for her and her team of coworkers that they will continue to be guardian angels for other patients. I feel she deserves the DAISY award and so much more. I want to thank the entire Rehab staff for the excellent care I received."



Cassie Thomas, RN

Cassie Thomas, Registered Nurse on 3 East, was recognized as our Daisy Award recipient for the month of December. One of Cassie's patients wrote her nomination which read: "Cassie is a compassionate, caring and kind person. She did her job very well and went above and beyond the call of duty. She would make special stops to check on me and knew what I needed without me telling her. Cassie was always joyful no matter how hectic her day was. We had a lot of fun and laughs during my stay. I will surely miss her and never forget her. I have never been treated as kindly as she treated me at any other hospital that I have been in. Cassie is truly a God-send. She is one of the most valuable nurses that any hospital could ever ask for. Cassie is a blessing to Anderson and all of the patients she takes care of. She needs to be recognized for all of the things she does that don't fall under her responsibility. She deserves this award 100 percent. Cassie made my hospital stay more like a vacation with a very good friend. So y'all do this and award her for being the person, nurse and friend that she is, because I surely do thank Cassie and praise her for all she did for me. Do yourself a favor and give her this award because she DESERVES IT. God bless and thank you sincerely."

Anderson Receives 2020 Leap Award

The Anderson finance team recently received the 2020 LEAP Award from Strata Decision Technology, the software platform used in our budgeting process. The LEAP Award recognizes those who lead, excel, achieve, and progress in the area of healthcare finance and operations.

In congratulating Anderson on receiving this award, a Strata representative said, "Given we are all living through the worst financial crisis in the history of healthcare, the work of this team in support of your organization has never been more important."



From left: Lynette Cockrell, Debbie Adams, Steven W. Brown and Don Avera



Flu Shots

Flu shots have become even more important during the Covid pandemic, so Anderson is pleased that employees stepped up to receive the vaccinations. Above, Jessie McCoy receives her yearly flu shot.



Blood Drive

Anderson hosted a Community Blood Drive with Mississippi Blood Services in December. More than 75 were registered for the event and 69 units were drawn. With each unit of drawn blood being able to help up to three people, Anderson will be able to help get blood and blood products to more than 200 patients. Pictured here are donors Janet Berg (left) and Lisa Downing.

Celebrating Length Of Service Awards

**We salute these employees for their continued service
to Anderson Regional Health System.
Combined, their years represent 2,355 years of service.**

The pandemic put a hold on many of our traditional activities, including our annual Service Awards Reception, which recognizes the dedication of staff members. Usually held in conjunction with Hospital Week, it is a time we come together collectively to recognize employees who have achieved a five-year increment of service in the prior year (2019).

Although we had to cancel this year's regularly

scheduled event, we still acknowledged and celebrated these employees during our inaugural Gratitude Week during Thanksgiving week.

Some staff members celebrated 40 years of working with Anderson, and Martha Shaulis has given 45 years of service. We thank all of these employees for their loyalty to Anderson — together, they have a cumulative total of 2,355 years of service.

Calah N. Avera	5 years service
Felisha A. Ball.....	5 years service
Mae J. Boyd	5 years service
Teresa J. Bridgmon	5 years service
Rea N. Brown.....	5 years service
Kathy A. Coffman.....	5 years service
James H. Coleman	5 years service
Kathy A. Combs.....	5 years service
Brandie S. Culpepper	5 years service
Patricia S. Culpepper.....	5 years service
Aretha A. DeLoach	5 years service
Africa S. Dubose	5 years service
Courtney S. Dubose.....	5 years service
Michelle M. Dunn.....	5 years service
Chelissa R. Gaines	5 years service
Leslie A. Goines.....	5 years service
Melissa C. Graham	5 years service
Tracey L. Greene	5 years service
Ava Marie Harrison	5 years service
Angela M. Howse	5 years service
Franklin L. Howse	5 years service
Jacqueline D. Hurn	5 years service
Jeffrey L. Ickom.....	5 years service
Darin A. Jacobson	5 years service
Melissa A. Jarvis.....	5 years service
Amanda Shay Jones	5 years service
Jeremiah M. Jones	5 years service
John W. Kinard	5 years service
Ciera S. Kirkland	5 years service
Rebecca E. Lee	5 years service
Samantha M. Logan	5 years service
Meredith P. Massey	5 years service

Casey E. May	5 years service
Katherine D. McCary	5 years service
Kevin S. McLelland	5 years service
Kyle L. McRee.....	5 years service
Essie M. Overstreet	5 years service
Richard S. Parnell	5 years service
Chelsy L. Posey	5 years service
Deborah L. Rigdon	5 years service
Lindsey P. Robertson	5 years service
Wayne. Shelton	5 years service
Marquita L. Smith	5 years service
Taneish M. Smith	5 years service
Yancey T. Smith	5 years service
Pamela M. Speagle	5 years service
Amanda L. Spears.....	5 years service
Kitty L. Stewart.....	5 years service
James F. Thomas	5 years service
Katrina R. Tingle.....	5 years service
Tiffany M. Walker	5 years service
Leslie S. Watkins.....	5 years service
Ashley B. White	5 years service
Gearltina J. White	5 years service
Pamela Kaye Wilson.....	5 years service
Whitney Y. Zachry	5 years service
Diana L. Alberts	10 years service
Wanda Barousse.....	10 years service
April M. Bateman.....	10 years service
Delice R. Becton	10 years service
Jessica L. Blackledge	10 years service
Kristy D. Boswell	10 years service
Linda Brooks	10 years service
Crystal S. Burford	10 years service

Celebrating Length Of Service Awards

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 John Gregory Newell30 years service
 Jeannie D. Ridout30 years service
 Shelia H. Robinson.....30 years service
 Dawn M. Teffeteller.....30 years service
 Gregory L. Thompson30 years service
 Robin D. Butler35 years service
 Terri K. Patterson.....35 years service
 Wanda B. Cooper.....40 years service
 Terri L. Fairchild40 years service
 Debra F. Hall.....40 years service
 Melanie Mitchell.....40 years service
 Linda L. Moore.....40 years service
 George. Parks Jr.....40 years service
 Vickie L. Skinner40 years service
 Martha R. Shaulis45 years service

RETIREMENT



Ron Harris

Congratulations to Ron Harris on his retirement from Anderson Regional Health System. Ron's career at Anderson spanned 30 years where he worked in the Surgery department as the Surgery Business/Materials Manager. Additionally, Ron was the Director of Central Supply for several years before focusing his efforts solely on surgery. His friends and coworkers describe Ron as caring, patient and extremely knowledgeable in all things related to surgery. He goes above and beyond for his coworkers and will be greatly missed at Anderson for his dedicated service. With Ron, right, is John G. Anderson, President and CEO.



Susan Owen

Congratulations to Susan Owen, RN, CCM, who retired from Anderson after 27 years of dedicated service. In her role as a case manager, Susan helped patients navigate the healthcare system and made sure their needs were met. With Susan is President and CEO John G. Anderson.

Bennett Named Program Director/Nurse Manager

Calvin Bennett, BSN, has accepted the position as Program Director and Nurse Manager at Anderson Horizons Geri-Psych Center.

Bennett received his BSN from Mississippi University for Women in 2021 after obtaining his AAS from Meridian Community College in 2016.

He comes to the position after serving as Program Director/Nurse Manager with Signet Health, where he oversaw daily operations, including scheduling, supervision and financial management of the program.

Bennett's professional affiliations include the Mississippi Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association. He is a member of New Hope United Methodist Church and works with the Meridian Freedom Project.



RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EVENTS



Health Care Facilities and Engineering week

Anderson celebrated National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week by recognizing our talented team that works diligently and professionally to fulfill maintenance requests — always with a positive attitude. This team ensures our facility systems are working efficiently and safely and they come to the rescue anytime there's an urgent need. We are grateful to all the members of our facilities and engineering crew and appreciate what they do 24/7 for Anderson Regional Health System.



Health Information Professionals Week

We gave a nod to our Medical Records and Coding team during Health Information Professionals week. This dedicated group works to ensure patients receive quality healthcare, their information stays private and accessible, and their billing is accurate.



Health Care Supply Chain Week

Sponsored by the Association for Health Care Resource & Materials Management, National Health Care Supply Chain Week provides an opportunity to recognize the integral role supply chain professionals play in delivering high-quality patient care throughout the health care field.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EVENTS



Healthcare Food Services Week

Anderson expressed thankfulness and gratitude for our Food and Nutrition Departments when they celebrated National Healthcare Food Service Week. The staff works hard to make sure we have healthy, tasty and well-balanced food options for patients, staff and visitors.

These dedicated teams collected new socks throughout the month of October to be distributed to the homeless population in our community.



Respiratory Care Week

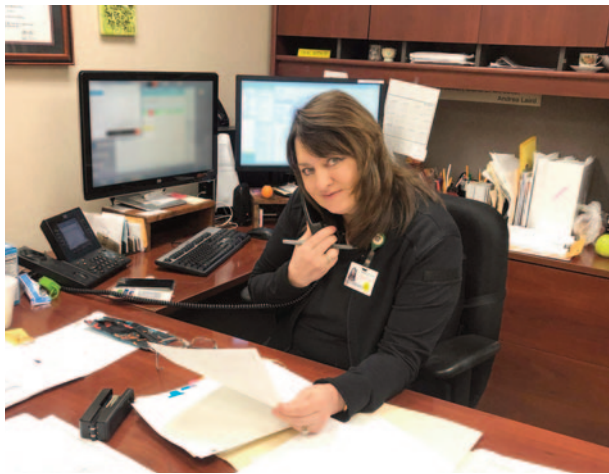
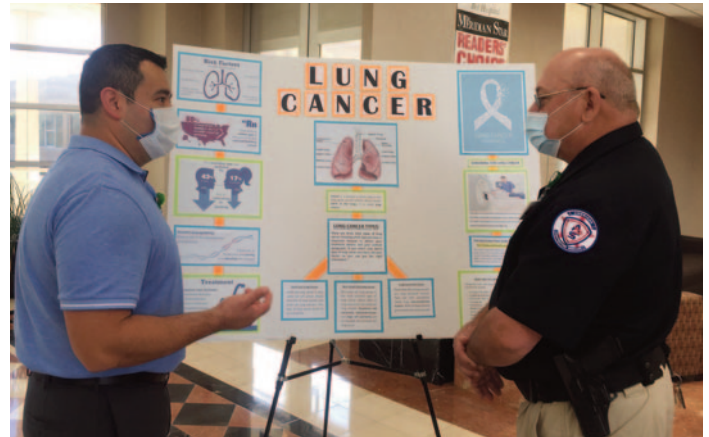
Anderson celebrated National Respiratory Care Week and our outstanding Respiratory Therapy staff recently. This team provides respiratory treatment to all patient care areas of the hospital, including pediatrics and the NICU. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they have been providing critically ill patients with the necessary breathing support to fight the virus, including the management of ventilators and regulation of oxygen.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EVENTS

Lung Cancer Awareness

November was Lung Cancer Awareness Month and Anderson Regional Cancer Center helped to spread the word. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. Anyone can get lung cancer, not just people who smoke or used to smoke. Ways to reduce risk include: not smoking, avoiding secondhand smoke, having your home tested for radon, and avoiding carcinogens in the workplace such as industrial chemicals, dusts, metals and combustion products (e.g. asbestos or diesel engine exhaust).

Antonio Solis(left), Clinic Manager at Anderson Regional Cancer Center, discusses lung cancer screening options with Dewayne Sosebee.



Infection Prevention Week

During International Infection Prevention Week, Anderson celebrated the vital work of Andrea Laird, RN, MSN, CIC, who is our Infection Preventionist Practitioner. Andrea has played an integral role in Anderson Regional Health System's response to COVID-19 by keeping our entire organization updated on the latest facts about the virus, implementing enhanced infection prevention measures, coordinating testing, training staff, and staying in constant communication with patients, families and caregivers. Andrea's experience, knowledge and dedication have been invaluable.



Sterile Processing Week

Anderson thanked the Sterile Processing team during their national week for their dedication and essential contribution to patient safety and quality service. They are “instrumental” to our day to day operations and we appreciate all they do.



Healthcare Quality Week

During Healthcare Quality Week we saluted our dedicated team of professionals that are committed to improving patient outcomes. We appreciate our quality team at Anderson and thank you for working hard to provide a safe environment for our patients and staff.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EVENTS

Case Management Week

A hardworking group who serve as advocates for our patients and their families was celebrated during National Case Management Week. They help patients navigate the health care system which can sometimes be overwhelming in the midst of an illness or injury. Case managers play a key role during the pandemic by keeping the lines of communication open between patients and families, utilizing mobile devices for phone calls and FaceTime while our visitor policy is limited.



Loaded With Cookie Cakes — Betty Cryer, Jason Cain and Denton Farr.



Wanda Cooper helped to deliver cookie cakes to staff

Gratitude Week

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Anderson celebrated its inaugural “Gratitude Week.” This was the perfect time to reflect on our many blessings individually and as an organization. Members of the Executive Team delivered cookie cakes system wide. Also delivering cookie cakes (but not pictured) were Steven Brown and Dr. Keith Everett.

PRAISE FOR ANDERSON

11/10/20 - 10/11/20

Nurse Kristi,

We deeply appreciate your care for our family member, Stacey, during her time in CCU.

We're grateful for nurses like you and the compassion you showed for our love one.

In normal circumstances, I'm sure you have a stressful job but throwing in Covid makes things even more stressful; here is a small token of our appreciation.



we're
And I'm so grateful
that my ^{our} life
has been touched by both. Nurses like you

Stacey Rutledge's
family

Again thank you
for your kindness,
Julie Manley

Just a note of appreciation for all of you for the care you are giving my Husband Glen Tate. You all are kind, caring, special people. I, as a Vietnam Army medic, I know how sometimes it's hard to separate your feelings from patients. But the concern I felt from the nursing staff overwhelmed me. I pray for the best outcome for my best friend, and love of my life. Either way, you all will also be in my prayers and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. May God be with you all as you continue your life in medicine.

Sincerely
Mrs. Ruth Tate

Anderson Urology Clinic

Anderson
Urology Clinic

Just want to say a special "thank you" to you all for the special care you gave me the last six weeks. You made something that could have been so unpleasant to me so good. You are the Best!!
Love ya
John Budak

SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The following departments/centers had the highest increase in their YTD 2020 overall score (January-September).
Not pictured: Tom C. Maynor Rehabilitation Center.



Post-Partum



Outpatient Rehabilitation



Anderson Regional Cancer Center

2020 Employee Fair

Our community really showed support to our Anderson healthcare heroes as employees were treated with “fair food” from Little Griddle and Ma and Pa’s Kettle Korn. Thank you also to the anonymous donor that allowed our staff to take a quick break and enjoy some delicious food.



Virtual Pink Party

"I love my Anderson team of doctors. We are so blessed to have these doctors and awesome facilities like the cancer center and breast center in our area. I am so thankful for Anderson Regional and to be able to say I am a breast cancer survivor." This quote, submitted with a picture for our Virtual Pink Party, was one of many that really touched our hearts. From one-year survivors to an entire family of warriors, each one of you is so special. What an honor it is to share these photos; thank you to everyone who is bringing awareness to the fight against breast cancer and celebrating the triumph of winning.



H A L L O W E E N 2 0 2 0



The staff at Anderson Family Medical Center-Airpark celebrated Halloween with festive shirts and masks. Dr. Valerie Evans dressed up as Cinderella and handed out candy; at right, Dr. Thomas Plavic was a kangaroo baby; he is seen with Kristi Walters, ICU nurse.



GENEROUS DONATIONS



Northcrest Donation

Thank you to Northcrest Baptist Church Children's and Student Ministries for donating 70 baskets filled with goodies, inspirational messages of thanks and colorful drawings for our clinical staff members. They appreciated this thoughtful gesture so much!



Hurricane Delta Relief

The year 2020 had other challenges and we thank everyone who donated hurricane relief supplies for us to send to Louisiana after Hurricane Delta. Together, we collected many useful items that were in great need.



From Hardee's

Many thanks to Hardee's for spotlighting our healthcare heroes by providing breakfast for our staff. Ron Mason, Area Manager of Hardee's, is shown with our CCU nurses and COVID unit nurses.



BBQ Donation

Rev. George Amerson and Rev. Willie D. Burton with the Community Male Choir treated our front line staff to some delicious BBQ during December. Thank you for honoring our healthcare heroes.

HOLIDAY GENEROSITY



Care Lodge Donations

Anderson employees stepped up during the Christmas season to collect items for adopted Care Lodge families. Many thanks to these departments that collected wish lists items: 3 East, 5 East, Accounting/Marketing, Cath Lab/Cardiology/Cardiopulmonary Rehab, ER, GI Lab, ICU/CCU, Labor and Delivery/OB/Nursery, Medical Arts Surgical Group, Medical Staff Office, Nursing Administration, Respiratory, Same Day Surgery, and Sleep Lab/Neuro.

And many thanks to those who helped load all of the items for delivery! They included: Dewayne Sosebee, Roger Strange, Roger Welborn, Sheila Nettles, Tina Sullivan, William Lucy, Helen Gilmore, Jenny Hertel and Kenny Young.

HOLIDAY GENEROSITY

2020 Christmas Tribute Raises \$10,105 for CPBF



Our Christmas Tribute to raise funds for the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund looked very different in 2020, but that didn't dim the giving spirit. We raised \$10,105 from generous donors — many of whom called into our live radio show hosted by The Radio People and 97OKK.

Area cancer patients need assistance all throughout the year and the funds we receive for the CPBF help many of them.



Family Honors Memory of Tina McMillan

Team Tina brought snacks for our patients and \$480 for the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund in memory of their family member Marsha “Tina” McMillan.



St. Patrick's Donation

At St. Patrick's Catholic School, students are permitted to wear blue jeans once a month during “Jeans for Green” to generate a \$1 donation for a local charity. The October “Jeans for Green” Day raised \$180 for the Anderson Regional Cancer Center Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund.

This fund goes directly to support cancer patients with any financial struggles they may encounter. Thank you, St. Patrick's.



Float Wins Mayor's Choice Trophy

Merry Christmas from Santa Claus and our "Heroes on Parade!" Congratulations to our City of Meridian Christmas parade float team, led by the Quality Department, whose hard work was recognized by the Mayor's Choice trophy.



Spreading Holiday Cheer

Our Hospital Medicine team, who continues to play a major role in caring for COVID patients, spread holiday cheer around Anderson with their adorable, matching Christmas t-shirts. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to our patients and community.



Christmas T-Shirts

Pam Parker, Chelsy Posey and Marlee Rhodes spread Christmas cheer on one of our casual Friday's in December by wearing their Anderson Christmas T-shirts.



Merry Christmas Babies

It's a very Merry Christmas for babies born at Anderson in December! These sweet newborns stayed cozy in their first Christmas stocking provided by Anderson Regional Birth Center nurses.



Christmas Spirit

The Health Information Management team decorated their cubicles in an adorable "HIPPA Christmas Train" and served hot apple cider and cookies.



Stealing Christmas

The Grinch made the rounds at Anderson spreading Christmas cheer and brightening the day of staff! Thank you to Kristi Walters, RN who had this fun idea and spent her day off at the hospital.



Protected Tree

Christmas spirit abounds even in the midst of COVID. Our Critical Care Unit staff members, Reagan Pogue, RN (left) and Rebekah Scitzs, PCT (right) made sure their little tree was festive and well protected.