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Blair Holmes, NP

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Vascular Interventional Clinic

Image-Guided Diagnosis & Treatment

Anderson Regional Health System has opened the Anderson Vascular Interventional Clinic staffed by Interventional Radiologist Dr. Patrick Robbins and Nurse Practitioner Blair Holmes.

Anderson Vascular Interventional Clinic offers a wide range of image-guided procedures hailed as the “surgery of the new millennium.” This specialty of radiology precisely targets diseases in nearly every organ system using the least invasive techniques available to decrease risk, pain and recovery time as compared to traditional surgery. Dr. Robbins offers interventional procedures that include:

Cancer

- Bone Cancer — Image-Guided Biopsy/Ablation
- Kidney (Renal) Cancer — Biopsy/Ablation
- Liver Cancer — Directed Therapy/Ablation
- Lung Cancer — Fluid Management

Vascular

- Arteriovenous Malformations (AVM)
- Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)
- PICC Line/Port Insertion

Venous Disease

- Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)
- IVC Filter Placement/Removal
- Varicocele Embolization
- Venous Stenting

Women's Health

- Fibroids — Uterine Artery Embolization
- Osteoporosis — Compression Fractures

A physician referral is required and can be made by calling 601.553.6400.



Award-Winning Heart Care

For an impressive fifth year in a row, Anderson Regional Medical Center has received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain - MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2023. Anderson is one of only 262 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor once again in 2023.

The award recognizes Anderson's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and signifies that Anderson has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to standard levels of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

To receive the Chest Pain - MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award, Anderson has demonstrated sustained achievement in the Chest Pain - MI Registry for two consecutive years (2021 and 2022), and performed at the highest level for specific performance measures. Full participation in the registry engages hospitals in a robust quality improvement process using data to drive improvements in adherence to guideline recommendations and overall quality of care provided to heart attack patients.

"In my nearly 33 years of practice in Meridian, Anderson Regional Medical Center has been an

unwavering advocate for quality cardiovascular care in east Mississippi and west Alabama," said Dr. Wesley Bennett, an interventional cardiologist at Cardiovascular Institute of the South, a medical care partner with Anderson. "This impressive fifth consecutive Platinum Award, given by the American College of Cardiology, is a testament to their continued strong commitment to the cardiovascular health of our community. In addition, the teamwork between local EMS, ER staff, cardiologists, cath lab staff and nursing staff allows us to quickly and efficiently assess patients who require immediate treatment. It also helps to ensure patients are not sent home too early or admitted unnecessarily."

"It is an honor to award Anderson with the Platinum Performance Award for their valuable national leadership and dedication to meeting comprehensive performance measures in patient care," said Michael C. Kontos, MD, FACC, chair of the NCDR Chest Pain - MI Registry Steering Subcommittee, and cardiologist at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center. "The receipt of this award indicates that Anderson remains committed to providing top quality, guideline-driven care for heart attack patients. Their success ensures patients are receiving the highest quality cardiovascular care."

DAISY AWARDS



Aeronney Berry, RN

Congratulations to Aeronney Berry, a Registered Nurse on 2 East, who was recently presented with the February DAISY Award. The family of one of Aeronney's patients wrote her nomination, which read, "My 87-year-old mother stayed in the hospital for a week and on multiple days Aeronney was her nurse. We've been in and out of hospitals over the years with my mother, and nurse Aeronney is second to none! She is absolutely amazing. Aeronney always explained in detail what they were doing to and for my mother. She explained every medicine they were giving her and what it was for. She always went the extra mile to not only make sure my mother had everything she needed but also made sure the family visiting was taken care of. Aeronney always has a smile on her face and just her presence in the room has a calming effect. Aeronney is an asset to Anderson and in my family's opinion, very deserving of the DAISY Award. Thank you, Aeronney, for your care, professionalism and service."



Angela Woodall RN

Congratulations to Angela Woodall, a Registered Nurse in the Float Pool, who was recently presented with the March DAISY Award. The family of one of Angela's patients wrote her nomination, which read: "Nurse Angela took care of my mother for two days. Angela was very professional and caring. She took the initiative to make sure all my mother's medicine was ordered and brought to the unit as quickly as possible. She made sure that my mother was comfortable in bed, and she also was concerned about my well-being while staying in the room with my mom. Angela took time to explain each of mother's medicines to me. She also continued to keep a close check on mother."



Lori Cosgrove, RN

Congratulations to Lori Cosgrove, a Registered Nurse in the GI Lab, who was recently presented with the April DAISY Award. One of Lori's patients wrote her nomination, which read: "Let me first say that all the staff and nurses I had contact with at Anderson, from Admissions to the GI Unit and even the lady that wheeled me downstairs to my vehicle after surgery, were polite, professional and made me feel comfortable in their care. With that said, one person, nurse Lori, stood out. Lori met me with a pleasant smile, went out of her way to let me know approximately how long it would be before I would be taken to surgery, and always asked if I had any further questions or needed anything. She was the first nurse to make me feel totally comfortable with her confidence and assurance that I would be taken care of and that I was in good hands during my stay at Anderson. Lori exemplified the professional, friendly personality and confidence in herself and care for her patient that all patients appreciate during a hospital stay."

DAISY Awards of the Year Presented

Anderson Regional Health System recently held its DAISY Award Ceremony to celebrate and announce the recipients of the Nurse of the Year, the Nurse Leader of the Year and the Team of the Year Awards. Natalie Beddingfield, the Nurse Leader of the Year Award recipient, said she is grateful to be honored in this way.

“As a Nurse Leader, it’s probably one of the best awards you could get. Everything I do is for the staff, the hospital as a whole, and most importantly the patients, but the staff, they are amazing. They never fail. When we ask them to do something they jump right to it. Positive attitudes, we love our patients, and we want that to show. Being Nurse Leader of the Year, it’s overwhelming. It’s humbling. I am very thankful and appreciative of it,” said Beddingfield.

Aeronney Berry, the recipient of the Nurse of the Year Award, is only in her first year working as a nurse.

“Well, being a new grad nurse, you come in and you feel like you’re not good enough as far as all the other veterans. Winning this award kind of boosts my confidence, what the patient said and what the patient’s family members said about me, it made me feel like I’m making a difference,” said Berry.

Julious Heidelberg, accepted the Team of the Year Award on behalf of his department, Clinical Resource Office, where he is the manager.

“It makes me feel good. It makes our department feel appreciated for our hard work and all that we do for the system as a whole,” said Heidelberg.

**Congratulations to all DAISY honorees and award recipients —
you make the difference in our patients’ lives!**

DAISY TEAM OF THE YEAR

In a reception during National Nurses' Week, the Central Resource Office (CRO) was named DAISY Nursing Team of the Year. The purpose of the CRO is to provide support and serve as a resource to the nursing staff at Anderson - North and Anderson - South with a goal of maximizing patient flow throughout the system. The CRO team has successfully implemented processes that will have an ongoing positive effect on patient, visitor and facility

outcomes, such as enhanced management of incentive and urgency pay for all clinical staff, full implementation of the Emergency Response Nurse (ERN) role, full implementation of the Patient Flow Specialists (PFS), implementation of the API staffing model with auditing of the six-week staffing schedule, implementation of the bed management process, development of the patient discharged lounge program which is currently being piloted, and implementation of external transport scheduling.



DAISY Awards of the Year Presented

DAISY - NURSE LEADER OF THE YEAR

Natalie Beddingfield, RN, Nurse Manager of Same Day Surgery and Pre-Admit Testing, was named DAISY Nurse Leader of the Year. This award was created to shine a light on those who do not typically have direct patient care as part of their work, as well as those who create an environment where compassionate, skillful care thrives. Natalie is a highly creative leader who approaches every situation and problem with eagerness and a can-do attitude. She is efficient, organized and open-minded to new challenges. Natalie's contagious enthusiasm is a gift to her units and our organization. The vacancy rate for both of her departments is zero percent and she has not spent any dollars this year on agency nurses. Under Natalie's leadership, her staff has received 77 DAISY Award nominations, two of which were DAISY Award Honorees. Natalie is very engaged and participates in various committees throughout our organization, including the Bed Planning Committee, Nurses Week Planning Committee, Pre-Admit Testing Relocation and Planning Committee, Professional Nurse Practice Council, Quality and Patient Safety Committee, Real-time IV Reporting Committee, Standardized Pre-Registration Process Committee. She is also a recent LEAN graduate. Under Natalie's leadership, Same Day Surgery has seen a 3.3% increase in the department's patient satisfaction "overall rating" score and a 4.6% increase in "would recommend the facility." The quality metrics for Natalie's units exceed the organizational goals.



DAISY - NURSE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Aeronney Berry, RN, who was named DAISY Nurse of the Year for Anderson Regional Health System. The family of one of Aeronney's patients wrote her nomination, which read, "My 87-

year-old mother stayed in the hospital for a week and on multiple days Aeronney was her nurse. We've been in and out of hospitals over the years with my mother, and nurse Aeronney is second to none! She is absolutely amazing. Aeronney always explained in detail what they were doing to and for my mother. She explained every medicine they were giving her and what it was for. She always went the extra mile to not only make sure my mother had everything she needed but also made sure the family visiting was taken care of. Aeronney always has a smile on her face and just her presence in the room has a calming

effect. Aeronney is an asset to Anderson and in my family's opinion, very deserving of the DAISY Award. Thank you, Aeronney, for your care, professionalism and service."



B E E A W A R D S



Tonya Davis

Congratulations to Tonya Davis, Medical Technologist, POC/POI Coordinator in the Laboratory, who was recently presented with the March BEE Award. The person who nominated Tonya said, "Tonya is easy to work with. She manages the Bedside Lab monitoring for I-Stat and Glucometer management. This is very important for our staff to have the skills and our patients to have this monitoring because of the quick turnaround for results. This allows our doctors and nurses to make decisions on patient care more quickly. She is dedicated to seeing that everyone is trained and works closely with the managers to make sure all staff stay current so they can provide the care our patients need. She is a friendly, kindhearted member of our facility team and a valuable member of the Laboratory team. Tonya deserves to be recognized for her dedication to her job and the patients we serve. Thank you, Tonya for all you do!"



Dana Boyken

Congratulations to Dana Boyken, Human Resources Business Partner, who was recently presented with the April BEE Award. The person who nominated Dana said, "With a task placed before me that only gave me a short amount of time to accomplish, I reached out to Dana for assistance. Not only did she assist but she did so with encouragement, enthusiasm and responsiveness. Every time I called, she answered the phone with the most pleasant voice and calmed me by reassuring me that we would work together and meet the deadline. She responded to every email and phone call promptly and pleasantly and together we met the deadline! It was a pleasure to work alongside her and is a blessing to have people like her as part of the Anderson team. I appreciate her going above and beyond to assist me without any hesitation or procrastination. She truly exhibits the values we should all strive for: Respect, Trust, Dignity and Responsiveness."



Jordan "Jordy" Luke

Congratulations to Jordan "Jordy" Luke, Interventional Radiology Supervisor, who was recently presented with the May BEE Award. The staff in Same Day Surgery (SDS) and Pre-Admission Testing (PAT) nominated Jordy and said, "Jordy consistently exceeds expectations in his role in Interventional Radiology and always goes the extra mile to ensure that we have the support and resources we need to provide the best possible care to the patients. He is a problem solver who is always willing to help, whether assisting us navigate a challenging patient situation, coming to SDS to lend a helping hand, collaborating on new ways to improve patient care or supporting a unified team approach between our three departments. His dedication to patient care is truly inspiring and it is evident that he takes his role very seriously. What sets Jordy apart from others is his ability to truly connect with us in SDS and understand our department's unique needs and challenges. He takes the time to listen to feedback and incorporate it into our departments, always striving to improve the support and resources available. Jordy is an advocate for patients and the nurses here in SDS/PAT, always supporting changes and improvements that benefit both the nursing and radiology staff and the patients. His dedication to patient care, commitment to continuous improvement and exceptional teamwork skills more than prove how deserving he is of this excellence award. He is truly an inspiration to us all, and we are honored to work alongside him! From ALL of us in SDS & PAT, we humbly thank you for all you do!"



BEE OF THE YEAR AWARDED

Sam McKee, Security Guard, was recently named BEE of the Year. The BEE Award, which stands for Being Extraordinary Everyday, celebrates and honors the exceptional skills and daily compassion given by our non-nursing staff, including those in direct patient care as well as those working behind the scenes in support roles. Recipients of the BEE Award consistently go above and beyond their daily duties to make an impact on patients, visitors and coworkers. Sam's nomination read, "When a patient arrives to the ED, Sam is quick to assist them out of their vehicles and into wheelchairs if necessary. He also assists patients to the triage area, which is a huge help to the nursing staff. A specific example of Sam's helpfulness occurred when a mother brought her son, who was lethargic and confused, to the ED. Sam sprang into action and personally carried the patient in his arms to the ED triage area. The patient's mother



was unable to carry the patient because she had another child in her arms. Due to the patient's lethargy and confusion, we feared sitting the child in a chair might cause him to slide out and injure himself. While Sam was holding the child, he became nauseated and vomited on Sam's arms and leg. Sam stayed with the patient and mother during triage, assisting the nurse in any way possible. He was so kind to the patient and his mother. Sam continued to hold the patient and console him while I cleaned up the triage area and the patient. Sam repeatedly consoled the mother and helped with her other child. He remained with the patient until additional staff came to triage and took the patient to an ER room. In my five years of nursing experience, I have never experienced an ancillary staff member act so compassionately and go this far to assist a patient. I believe Sam is the prime example of the BEE Award."

Tulip Receives Rising Star Award



Congratulations to Dr. Hans Tulip, General Surgeon and Medical Director of our Trauma Department, who received the Rising Star Award at Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation's annual symposium. Dr. Tulip plays an integral role in advancing the high-level of care provided at Anderson, which is certified by the State of Mississippi as a Level III Trauma Center to provide urgent care to patients with life-threatening injuries such as motor vehicle accidents, spinal cord injuries, third-degree burns and gunshot wounds. Also attending the annual symposium from the Emergency Department were, from left: Chasity Cockerham, RN; Dr. Tulip; Katrina Avery, RN; and Hannah Monk, RN.

Cancer Survivors Ring “Bell of Hope” at Dedication Ceremony

Story Courtesy WTOK-TV, Meridian



The sound of hope and a sense of accomplishment filled the Bell of Hope Reflection Garden during a recent evening as many people celebrated surviving cancer at the Anderson Regional Cancer Center.

Jeana Bennett’s survivorship started on January 6 of 2022 when doctors diagnosed her with lymphoma.

“It was below the knee — three-fourths of my femur — and it was so large it broke my leg. I was in a wheelchair for 3½ months while my bone was healing and I was going through the treatments. As I did that I started thinking this cancer is bigger than I am and there has to be a reason that I’m going through it. We started looking for something that we could give back to the community and that everybody could benefit from.

“No one was really ringing the bell. We weren’t celebrating what we needed to celebrate as survivors. Survivorship starts on the day of your diagnosis not at the end of treatment because on the day of your diagnosis, you are a survivor,” said Bennett.

Bennett first rang the bell in 2022 after coming up with the idea to create the Bell of Hope Reflection Garden with a team of doctors and other survivors.

“I was so overcome with joy and it still gets me. I rang the bell on June 7 last year and there were 125 people here plus 18 physicians. More than 20 people rang the bell and that’s what this is about — sharing the love and finding the joy through the hardest of adversity,” said Bennett.

Ringling the bell is an emotional, triumphant celebration and as survivors walked up one by one a sense

of hope was felt through the crowd. Ronna Nichols’s cancer journey started in 2018 at the age of 51 with breast cancer.

“Just since my diagnosis I’ve lost friends that were in the journey before me, that now their journey is over and to have the Bell of Hope now was so awesome. Although we just put it up last year, I did get to ring it and I rang it five times for each year of survival. It just means a lot because its freedom, its passion, its anger. It’s everything that comes along with something else taking control of your body that you can’t do anything about but try to survive,” said Nichols.

“Whatever, however it looks we can hope for a great outcome. Whether that’s a complete cure or buying some time, giving them a chance to be with their loved ones. It’s different for everyone but it’s hope that they can accomplish whatever we’re trying to get out of their situation. If you give someone a why, they’ll find a way,” said Anderson Regional Cancer Committee Chairman, Matt Cassell.

Anderson Regional Cancer Center said the bell is for any survivor to ring anytime, no matter where they received treatment.

Anderson said the Bell of Hope Reflection Garden was made possible through gifts from more than 40 donors who helped create a lasting tribute to cancer patients. The garden features an iron bell, a hand-carved wooden cross, flowers, and beautiful benches.

CPR Class Held for Area Teachers

The American Heart Association hosted a Train-the-Trainer CPR class for area teachers recently at Anderson Regional Medical Center. The association's mission is to teach more people CPR to help save more lives in the event of a cardiac arrest.

Teachers in the class were able to learn and receive CPR kits to take back to their schools so they can teach students.

"CPR, as we have seen recently, is key in chance of survival if someone suffers a cardiac arrest. Seventy percent of cardiac arrests happen at home and the odds of performing on a loved one are high. Our goal is to train students and teachers how to perform the chest compressions, call 911, and really to know what to do in case of an emergency," said Jennifer Hopping, Executive Director with the American Heart Association.

Lisa Brewster, a school nurse at Southeast Elementary, said this class was very informational. "The more knowledge that is gained and being able to teach others to decrease the fear and providing CPR, if someone goes into cardiac arrest is very important. It will be able to help save more lives," said Brewster.



These CPR kits will be even more useful because learning CPR is now a graduation requirement in Mississippi.

Pictured above, from left: W.T. Smith, Jennifer Hopping (American Heart Association) Kristen Fultz and Kylie Whitehead (Union Public School District) practice CPR techniques.

Welcoming Diabetic Nurse Practitioners

We are pleased to announce the addition of Diabetic Nurse Practitioners Mary Ann Ward, CFNP, BC-ADM, and Trent Hughes, FNP-C, to the Anderson team. Ward and Hughes will see hospital patients who need diabetes treatment plans.

Ward received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and her Master's Degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is Board Certified in Advanced Diabetes Management. Ward is married to James, a fire fighter with the City of Meridian. The couple has a 12-year-old son and are members of the First Baptist Church in Collinsville. Ward enjoys exercising and spending time with her family and friends in her spare time.

Hughes received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from The University of Alabama at Birmingham



and his Master's Degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He is Board Certified in Advanced Diabetes Management and is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Hughes' and his wife Jessica have four children — Beckett, Everly, Bowen and Birdie. Prior to nursing, he earned a Bachelor

of Science in Geosciences/Broadcast Meteorology from Mississippi State University. He worked as a local meteorologist for several years. In his free time, Hughes enjoys spending time with his family, weather forecasting, reading history, snow skiing and is an avid fan of Mississippi State bulldog athletics.

Heels for Hearts

Anderson Regional Health System teamed up with the Cardiovascular Institute of the South to hold a Heels for Hearts: Women's Cardiac Wellness Social in May.

Heart disease is the number one killer of women each year. Yet, many women do not understand their risk or realize how heart disease looks and feels different in women. The event included a Q&A session with a panel of physicians and wellness experts as well as a heart-healthy dinner, interactive games and door prizes. From left, Tynisha Jackson, Reva Coate, Dr. Jennifer Rodriguez, Bonnie Earley and Rhonda Carney.



Community Health Fair

The WorkHealth team recently participated in a community health fair sponsored by Mississippi Public Health Institute and the Mississippi Department of Health.

Pictured, from left, are: Katie McDaniel, RN; Christy Napp, RN; and Peyton Thompson, RN.



Careers Highlighted

Anderson team members Melissa Suttles, Nurse Recruiter; Billie Kidd, Nurse Excellence Manager; and several of Anderson nurse managers visited East Central Community College and Meridian Community College recently to talk to nursing students about the benefits of a career with Anderson.

The students were able to ask questions about the Nurse Residency Program and fill out applications on-site. Working the event were, from left, Cassie Thomas, Natalie Beddingfield, Hannah Cain, ECCC Nursing Instructor Brandi Keith, Julious Heidelberg, Melissa Suttles, Billie Kidd, Tina Posey and Margie Kate Miller.



Wound Care Awareness Spotlighted

Anderson Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center held a health information event called "Seniors on the Move" at the Boys and Girls Club. Anderson staff members educated more than 125 seniors on wound care awareness.

From left, Sheena Brown, Clinical Patient Navigator; Libbie Trawick, Program Director; and Janice Ramsey, Clinical Nurse Manager.





OR 9 Dedicated to Dr. Geer

Dr. David Geer, renowned heart surgeon, was recently celebrated for his 34 years of service with the dedication of Operation Room 9 in his honor. Pictured, from left: Charlotte Massey, RN; Dr. David Geer; Brenda Landrum, RN; and Evelyn King, RN.



McClelland Graduates with Honors

Leneatha McClelland, CPhT, who works in the Inpatient Pharmacy at Anderson South, recently graduated with honors from The University of Phoenix with an Associates of Arts in Business Fundamentals. McClelland is currently seeking a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management with a concentration in Human Resource Management. Congratulations, Len!



Yates Receives Doctorate

Congratulations to Anderson team member Sylvia Yates who recently received her Doctor of Ministry in Ministerial Leadership from Liberty University School of Divinity in Lynchburg, VA. Sylvia currently works in the Laboratory in the Point of Care Section. Sylvia's educational accomplishments include a BS in Cytology, ASCP Certification in Histology, a Masters in Theological Studies and a Master of Divinity in Ministry Leadership.



Solis EMBA at Tulane

Congratulations to Anderson team member Antonio Solis who recently completed Tulane University Freeman School of Business Executive Master Business Administration (EMBA) program with a Major in Global Strategy and a minor in finance.

Kidd Promoted

Anderson held a reception to honor Billie Kidd, BSN, RN, who was recently promoted to Manager of Nursing Excellence. Billie has been a nurse at Anderson for five years. She has experience in women's health, occupational health, dialysis, mental health and geriatrics. In her new role as the Manager of Nursing Excellence, Billie oversees the RN Residency Program, the Student Nurse Internship Program and the Student Nurse Extern Program. Billie has an Associate Degree in Office Systems



Technology, an Associate Degree in Nursing and a Bachelor Degree in Nursing. She is currently pursuing a master's in nursing with a focus on Nursing Leadership and Administration. When she's not working or studying, Billie enjoys educating and interacting with the community, spending time with her family and traveling. She and her husband, John, have two daughters, Erica and Erin, who are both honor students.

Lean Class Graduates

The most recent class of Lean graduates included, from left: (first row)

Krystal Palmer, Amanda McDonald, Natalie Beddingfield and Sabrina Boman.

Second row: Amanda Breazeale, Tim Cade, Amanda Litchfield, Brooke McMahan, Amanda McAdory, Charles Cunningham and John Anderson, Jr.



Ward Named Denial Supervisor

Congratulations to Nikki Ward, who has assumed the role and duties of the Denial Supervisor for Anderson Regional Health System. In August, Nikki will celebrate five years with Anderson Regional Health System. She was recently awarded her certification as a Certified Outpatient Coder and has an Associate Degree in Applied Science.



D O N A T I O N S



ROKU Smart TVs Donated

Thank you to the Anderson Volunteer Auxiliary for their recent donation of eight LED Roku Smart TVs and mounts for the Infusion Center. We appreciate your generosity and all you do to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve. Pictured, from left, are: Wil Ortlepp, Jean Willis, Jenny Hertel, Laura Jordan and Pete Willis.



EMEPA Donates to CPBF

Thank you to EMEPA for a generous donation to the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund. EMEPA raised \$15,000 through their recent “Shoot for a Cure” event to assist area cancer patients. Shown presenting the check to Patient Navigator Ginny Ruffin is Margaret Brewer, EMEPA Executive Assistant and Randy Carroll, EMEPA CEO. The Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund was created to help local cancer patients with special needs not paid by insurance such as transportation assistance, prosthesis, medicine assistance, lymphedema supplies and durable medical equipment.



Wheelchair For Same Day Surgery

Same Day Surgery received a wheelchair from the Anderson Volunteer Auxiliary. This was presented as a request from SDS to the Volunteers and they voted to purchase it for them. Volunteers hold several fundraising events throughout the year to help with special requests.



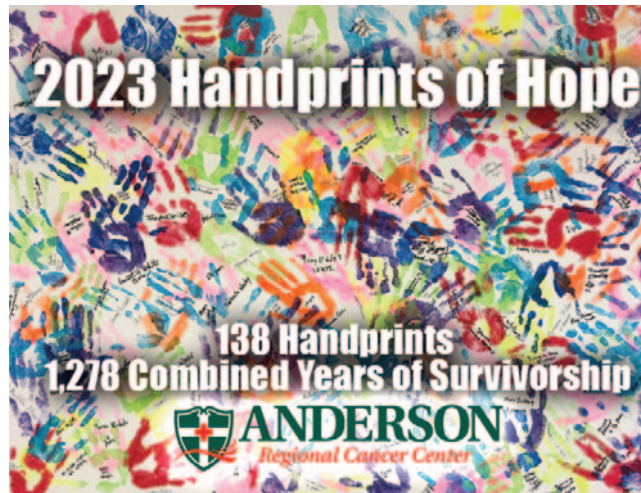
NICU Receives “Blanket Blessings”

Many thanks to Miss Mississippi State University, Anna-Katherine Thompson, for visiting Anderson Regional Birth Center and donating blankets to our NICU babies. Anna-Katherine’s “Blanket Blessings” mission is to bring awareness, hope and prayers to NICU babies across the state. Pictured from left are: Katrina Trosper, Ashley Campbell, Mary Odom, Miss MSU Anna-Katherine Thompson, Heather Lewis, Jenna Moore and Laura Carmichael, Director of Philanthropy.



Citizens National Bank Donates to CPBF

Many thanks to Citizens National Bank for their recent donation of \$3,000 to the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund. From left: Melissa Calcote; Laura Carmichael; Brandi Myers; Ginny Ruffin; Neil Henry; Melissa McGlawn, Wyneda McLaurin, Robert Guasco and Vikki Hunt.



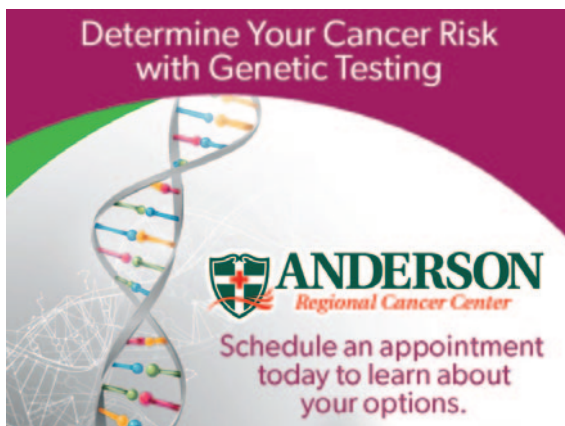
Celebrating Survivors

Anderson Regional Cancer Center thanks all cancer survivors who participated in our 10th annual Handprints of Hope event, where each survivor puts a handprint on the canvas and lists the years of survivorship. This year, 138 survivors contributed to the canvas, representing 1,278 combined years of survivorship.

Professional Nurse Practice Council Reestablished

Anderson Regional Health System re-introduced its Professional Nurse Practice Council (PNPC) in May of this year. The purpose of PNPC is to provide a mechanism for the discipline of nursing to establish, uphold and communicate its values and standards within Anderson. The professional nursing staff uses its professional nursing shared governance structure to promote interprofessional collaboration with other members of the health care team to achieve continuity of comprehensive patient care.

Members of the group are shown in the top photo. In the bottom photo, officers are, from left: Dr. Wes Garrison, CNO; Amy Benefield, RN, Co-Chairman; Tori Holsen, RN, Co-Chairman; Dr. Cassandra Gibbs, Communication Officer; and Jennifer Couch, RN, Secretary.



A family history of cancer or certain genetic conditions may put you at a higher risk for developing cancer. Genetic testing can provide valuable information about your health so you can make proactive decisions. At Anderson Regional Cancer Center, we offer genetic testing for ovarian, pancreatic, breast, prostate and colorectal cancer. Learn more by visiting www.andersonregional.org or call 601.485.5081 to make an appointment for your health risk assessment.

Recognizing Team Work

Members of the Anderson Regional Health System's Nurses Week Planning Committee stopped by Chick-fil-A to recognize and thank their team members who made Nurses Week so special. From left: Cassie Thomas, Nurse Manager; Sheila Nettles, Director of Service Excellence; Linda Stephens, Catering; Shawana Avery, Director of Service; Natalie Beddingfield, Nurse Manager; and Shneka Hailes.



Fire Extinguisher Drill Conducted

Anderson team members participated in fire extinguisher training conducted by the Meridian Fire Department June 26-29. Anderson team member Angela Gates (left) tests her skills as Rachel Foy, Fire Prevention Specialist of the Meridian Fire Department, looks on.



Emergency Drill

A crisis response exercise was held June 22nd at Anderson Regional Medical Center in cooperation with the Mississippi State Department of Health, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department and Meridian Police Department. Pictured are team members that played an important role in the mock drill.



Nurse Residency Program Training

Nurse Residency Program participants Jenna Abel (left) and Kalyn Stennis (right) receive training from Dennis McDill, Director of Cardiovascular Services, on the proper procedure for placing a trans-radial band and how to monitor patients for a hematoma. The Nurse Residency program prepares recent graduates to transition to a full-time nursing role.



VOLUNTEERS

Anderson celebrated our awesome volunteers during National Volunteer Week. We salute your outstanding contributions and thank you for being an integral part of Anderson Regional Health System.

Members of the Volunteer Auxiliary include (from left, per row):

1st Row – Mary McLendon, Sarah Crenshaw (President), Dorothy Stovall and Ruth Sanders

2nd Row – Rick Fazel (Vice President) and Mary Simpson

3rd Row – Paula Brubaker, Wil Ortlepp (Volunteer of the Year) and Barbara Ivy

4th Row – Jean Willis (Secretary)

5th Row – Pete Willis, Fred Dozier and Laura Jordan (Treasurer)

6th Row – Denny Bryant



Jewelry Sale Raises \$1,200

The Anderson Volunteer Auxiliary sponsored a jewelry sale and raised approximately \$1,200 for volunteer projects that benefit Anderson. Two of the volunteers taking part were, from left, Jean Willis and Pete Willis. Save the date for the Fall jewelry sale set for August 3 and 4. This sale will focus on football teams —college and NFL products.

Professional Development Fair

More than 100 members of Anderson staff attended the Professional Development Fair — held during National Hospital Week — to gather information from colleges about career advancement.



SERVICE EXCELLENCE

The first quarter Service Excellence honors — for departments that had the highest overall rating — were:



Anderson - Enterprise Family Medical Center



Swing Bed Unit



Labor & Delivery



Anderson Regional Cancer Center



UPCOMING
BLOOD
DRIVES

July 26, 2023
August 23, 2023
September 26, 2023

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National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

