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Hospital Volunteers Celebrated during National Recognition Week

Knox County Hospital District celebrates National Volunteer Week April 18-24.

KNOX CITY, Texas (April 9, 2021) – In Knox County, the local health system is lauded for being one of the region’s largest employers. In addition to the numerous team members working at Knox County Hospital District, the local healthcare provider appreciates the dedicated volunteers who serve our patients and family members.

“The hospital’s volunteer group is one of our most vital resources,” says Glenda Huff, president of the Knox County Hospital District Pink Ladies Auxiliary. “From fundraising to lending a hand wherever we are needed, our volunteers are an invaluable resource for everyone in the community.”

National Volunteer Week, observed April 18 through the 24th this year, recognizes the hard work and selflessness of volunteers and community members who give their time and talents to help their neighbors.

Knox County Hospital District Auxiliary members assist in various capacities throughout the hospital, including assisting with guest services and helping with miscellaneous duties. Revenues generated through the volunteer group benefit essential hospital programs and help fund equipment upgrades.

The group, founded in 1980, operates the Pink Ladies Thrift Shop in downtown Knox City (110 S. Central Ave.). The thrift shop accepts local donations and has a variety of items available for purchase by the public. Shoppers can discover a seemingly endless number of treasures, including clothing, furniture, jewelry, home décor, seasonal items, and much more. Hours of operation are currently: Monday 10am-4:30pm, Wednesday 1pm-4:30pm, Friday 7am-4:30pm.

Another valuable group of volunteers that are a vital and a special asset to all the residents in Munday Nursing Center are all the caring folks who take time to call Bingo, lead Bible studies, singing, Sunday church services, birthday parties and all the other areas citizens are willing to fulfill. “These loving faces were missed dearly during our time of quarantine, we are so grateful to have all our volunteers back “home” with us in MNC”, says Kelsey Simmons, Administrator of Munday Nursing Center.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 by a presidential proclamation signed by Richard Nixon. Each U.S. president, along with many governors, mayors, and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation celebrating National Volunteer Week.

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According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal government agency, Americans volunteered nearly 8 billion hours to help their communities each year.

Beyond helping people in the community, volunteering has provided several benefits for those who participate. These include increasing a person's confidence, reducing loneliness, improving mental health, and promoting happiness and a sense of wellbeing.

Over the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has created many difficulties with how the volunteer group can assist the hospital. With visitor restrictions and fundraising initiatives on hold, many of their traditional activities have been on pause.

Despite the challenges, those who could lend a hand continued to support the hospital and its facilities as appropriate. Slowing ramping up activities, the focus is now on making volunteering a dynamic initiative with all the appropriate health and safety measures top-of-mind.

“Like many organizations, our volunteers are navigating all the possibilities to support the group's mission while keeping everyone's health and safety in mind,” explains Stephen Kuehler, CEO of Knox County Hospital District. “As we move through vaccinations and slowly begin to move cautiously through our new future, our valuable volunteer group will begin to take on the impressive roles they have long been providing for our community over the years.”

Knox County Hospital District usually honors their valuable volunteers in October, hosting a special banquet in their honor; however, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic this event was not able to take place in the fall of 2020. “KCHD is looking forward to celebrating our amazing volunteers hopefully this fall,” says Kuehler.

To learn more about the Pink Ladies Auxiliary Program and how you can volunteer your time at Knox County Hospital District, please call Glenda Huff at 940-658-3404. Anyone interested in a volunteer role in Munday Nursing Center please call Kelsey Simmons at 940-422-4541. You can also learn more at www.knoxhospital.org.

About Knox County Hospital District

Founded in 1926, Knox County Hospital District provides healthcare for residents of Knox County and surrounding areas. The district offers a wealth of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, advanced radiology services, a clinical laboratory, home health, physical therapy, long-term care, patient education, and more. For additional information, please call 940-657-3535 or visit www.knoxhospital.org.

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