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50 Years of Hope and Healing

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Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital is celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year with celebrations and displays from the Madonna archives organized by volunteers Sister Phyllis Hunhoff and Jim Smyth. New photos have been placed in the Front Lobby.



The Benedictine sisters from Yankton South Dakota began Madonna as a nursing home offering “homelike living in peace and comfort.” With the scrape of a plow and the overturning of several feet of sod, an old-fashioned plow drawn by a team of horses was used in the afternoon groundbreaking ceremonies Saturday, June 28, 1960. Congressman Denny stated that the groundbreaking ceremonies signals “the coming of a new age of caring for the people of Lincoln and Lancaster County.”

Taking a hand at the plow were pioneers of many kinds including Mother M. Julia Hunhoff, Prioress of Sacred Heart Convent which had owned and operated Madonna since 1958; Ralph Morris, 97, Madonna’s oldest resident who was raised with such a plow; Sister Phyllis Hunhoff, First District Representative Robert Denny; Lincoln Mayor Sam Schwartzkopf; John Pavich, President of the Madonna Lay Advisory

*Anniversary
of Hope and Healing*
Madonna's 50th

1958-2008

Founder's Day Event
Friday, April 18

2 p.m. Ecumenical Service
4 p.m. Celebratory Mass

Madonna Volunteer Website

Madonna now has a completely renovated website at www.madonna.org. The new site is quite large, reflecting the many facets of care at Madonna.

After logging on to the site, check out the Giving and Volunteering section. After the shared information page, click onto the volunteering section to read about several Madonna volunteers and information about current volunteer programs.

By clicking onto volunteer opportunities, several buttons appear including “message center” and “enter hours”. These sections will soon be connected with our volunteer software program and will enable volunteers to enter hours directly into the system providing a seamless integration between the internet and the Reporter. Potential volunteers will be able to apply online after reading about current opportunities.

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**Volunteers
A WORK OF
HEART**



**National Volunteer
Week**

April 27-May 3

Save the Date!!

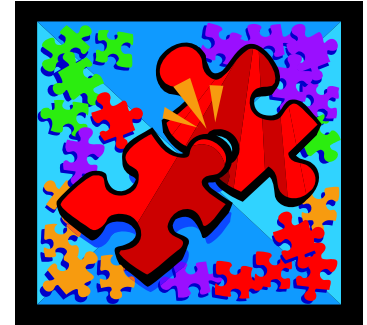
Tuesday, April 29th

**Watch your mail for
an invitation to
brunch
or an evening meal.**

Welcome to our newest volunteers

Brad Balough
 Bana Barbar
 Pat Bryant & Molly
 Kay Buchanan
 Jan Carney & Clancy
 Jeff Eynetich
 Ben Gibbs
 Mike Green
 Heather-Jo Herron
 Jim Hewitt
 Jeremy Hill
 Kristen Hoffman
 Jessica Hoskins
 Rachel Houston
 Aaron Hueftie
 Doug Keyser
 Avery Klein & Pearl
 Sara Klein & Pearl
 Elaine Minner
 Amber Pamkonin
 Diane Peterson
 Pete Peterson
 Jacob Pleskac
 Carson Pratt
 Carol Olson & Pumpkin
 Kathie Repp
 John Roseberry & Page
 Nate Stahr
 Jennifer Thedinga
 Jaime Thomas
 BeckeVoight
 Jake Waggoner

Movement Sciences Center
 Volunteer Office Staff
 Maltese Angel Dog Team
 Child Care Center
 Westie Angel Dog Team
 Physical Therapy Assistant
 Cafeteria Assistant-VOICE
 Front Desk Receptionist
 Cafeteria Assistant-VOICE
 Cafeteria Assistant-VOICE
 Cafeteria Assistant-VOICE
 Physical Therapy
 Physical Therapy
 Social Work
 Movement Sciences Center
 Movement Sciences Center
 Poodle Angel Dog Team
 Poodle Angel Dog Team
 Beauty Salon Assistant
 Nutrition Therapy
 Mail Delivery
 Distribution Assistant
 Cafeteria Assistant
 Purchasing
 Cat Visiting Team
 Peer Support Program
 Penrose Corgi Angel Dog Team
 Movement Sciences Center
 Physical Therapy
 Front Desk Receptionist
 Peer Support Program
 Purchasing



Each of us has strengths and skills to share and when we link our individual strengths together, we're invincible.

Each person is an essential piece
 ...can't imagine us without YOU.

Volunteer Website

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In order to troubleshoot the program before we expand to all volunteers, several individuals are needed to try out different aspects of the program to assure that every part of the program is easy to use.



To participate:

- stop in the volunteer office.
- Call the office at 486-8626 or
- E-mail Jo Ann at jdrueke@madonna.org

B-I-N-G-O

“The lady who ran the bingo at night was delightful!”

Those are the words on the Acute rehab patient satisfaction survey. The unit has a 75 percent excellent rating by former patients and **Ellen Daily's** great work volunteering in the recreation department contributed to this high rating!

Kathy Schmidt
*Clinical Supervisor for
 Inpatient Occupational Therapy*

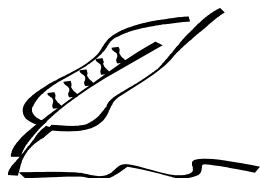
April Birthday

Dorothy Applebee	April 3
Teresa Winter	April 7
Seth Winter	April 8
Anna Hansen	April 12
Ryan Roemmich	April 12
Alice Ziemba	April 12
Dennis Drudik	April 18
Katie Schueths	April 19
Judy Burke	April 20
Kimberly Mann	April 25
Ruth Ann Schulte	April 26
Jan Buchholz	April 28
John Hanlon	April 29
Katy Culhane	April 30



Belated Birthday

Arlene Pesek	March 1
Betsy Miller	March 7
Jean Powers	March 8
John Roseberry	March 8
Len Sloup	March 10
Pam Edwards	March 11
Jacob Pleskac	March 13
Chi Min Seow	March 14
Sara Klein	March 15
Nate Stahr	March 15
Betsy Pearson	March 17
Bethany Barbar	March 18
Jada Exstrom	March 23
Tyler Brakhahn	March 25
Mike Green	March 27
Aaron Hueftle	March 27



From the Volunteer Office

By now you have surely noticed or heard about the closing of the Gift Shop as the space is needed for offices during the remodeling of Madonna. The areas close to the gift shop and the cafeteria are seeing lots of changes. Most of the gift shop volunteers have indicated they would like to remain as volunteers at Madonna.

At just the right time, new volunteer opportunities are being created or expanded. The Peer Support Program continues to develop and now includes volunteers from Kansas and Iowa. These individuals are former patients who are willing to visit with potential patients while they are considering the right place for rehabilitation.

The hospital recreation department is developing volunteer opportunities to provide patients with activities for relaxation and enjoyment. We are planning on establishing methods to take activities to patient rooms. Current recreational activities such as the bingo night, have proven most successful. (Ellen is hoping to find more individuals to help with bingo!)

Over Easter weekend an employee was visiting with a friend who recently had a relative move into a nursing home where a volunteer was assigned to help the new resident get acquainted. I will be working with staff from Long Term Care (LTC) to develop a similar program. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please let me know.

Each spring I look forward to celebrating volunteer week and this year's party date is quickly approaching. Be sure to save a portion of Tuesday, April 29th to come celebrate and enjoy time with other Madonna volunteers and staff.

Volunteer Opportunities

Call 486-8626 for more information.

Do you have a green thumb?

Bring the joy of flowers and growing to the courtyards at Madonna. Have your own assigned courtyard space and garden with the support of the maintenance staff. Patients and residents would love to see the work of your green thumb.

Woof, woof!!!

The Angel Dog program offers you and your four-pawed best friend a wonderful way to spend time together. Patients, residents, their families and the staff love to visit. Support the work of therapists in various fields such as physical therapy and recreational therapy. Training begins in April as well as later this year.

Summer Teen Program

Students who are between the ages of 14 and 18 are invited to call the office and ask for summer application materials. Each teen is required to spend 20 or more hours volunteering between June 9th and August 8th. Interviews will be held beginning in May for acceptance into the program. Volunteer opportunities depend upon requests of the staff but have ranged from activities with patients to clerical work in various departments throughout Madonna and as well as at the Arbors.