VOLUNTEER JOICE/ Newsletter



May 2024

### Mark Your Calendar - Annual Training

**JUNE** is Volunteer Annual Requirement Month! Look for information mailed to your home at the end of the month containing instructions on how to complete your requirements.

**JUNE** is also annual TB Testing month for volunteers in patient care areas.

# **GO** Pantry

For the tenth consecutive year, St. Elizabeth and St. Elizabeth Physicians are joining forces with GO Pantry to help feed local children.

Our goal is to collect 5,000 boxes that are each filled with a preset list of canned and boxed items that can help feed a family for up to one week. You can fill boxes or donate money online toward the cause. Sign-up sheets are now available in each volunteer office. Deadline for boxes is May 10.



# **Goodbye and Welcome**

As many of you may know, Danielle Pratt has been on maternity leave following the placement of a foster child in her home. To care for her new family member,



she has resigned from her role as Volunteer Coordinator. Danielle has been an incredible asset to our St. Elizabeth community and to our Volunteer Services team. We wish her the absolute best as she navigates this step in her family's journey.

Following Danielle's resignation, we began the search for a new Edgewood Volunteer Coordinator and are pleased to welcome **Katie Spector** to our team. Katie's first day was April 24.



Katie comes to us with more than eight years of experience in nonprofit organizations with extensive experience in volunteer coordination, student support services, and event management. Most recently, she was the

Resource Coordinator for Heartfelt Tidbits based in the Cincinnati Public School system.

Outside of work, Katie enjoys reading, traveling, crafting, and spending time with her two dogs, Oscar, and Frankie.

Please join me in welcoming Katie to our team and in wishing Danielle and her family the very best.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Karen Cotcamp

Karen recently celebrated 41 years of service at St. Elizabeth! Karen was working full-time at

the DAV when she started volunteering in Transport and the Gift Shop once a month. Now she is a weekly fixture in the Gift Shop. When asked what she enjoyed about volunteering, Karen says, "I get to interact with a lot of people."



Like most people, Karen didn't know too much about volunteering at St. Elizabeth. When she heard from a friend about volunteering, she stated, "I went down and volunteered...I have been doing it ever since!"

Thank you, Karen, for all you do for St. Elizabeth!

# Seeking Members: Patient & Family Advisory Councils

St. Elizabeth Healthcare is looking for individuals to share their stories and collaborate on initiatives to improve the experience of our patients.

PFAC opportunities are currently available for the Florence Emergency Department and in Cancer Care. For more information, please contact Ginny Coleman, ginny.coleman@stelizabeth.com

#### In Memoriam

Leona Adams, DBN Gift Shop Richard Adams, DBN Information Desk Sandy Cambron, PFAC Barbara Vandermullen, DBN Information Desk Bob Wheeler, FTT Surgery Waiting & Patient Representative

### **Volunteer Scholarship Winners**

Congratulations to this year's volunteer scholarship winners. Scholarships were awarded at the Volunteer Celebration held on April 4. Thank you to the Auxiliaries of Ft. Thomas and Florence and to the Edgewood Gift Shop for providing \$1,000 to each of these graduating seniors:

#### Edgewood

Jacquelyn Brueggemann Khaled Karazon

Mia Kent

**Florence** 

Johannes Smal

<u>Ft. Thomas</u> Chanuthmi Abeysinghe

## Congratulations! Volunteer Class of 2024

Chanuthmi Abeysinghe Allison Atchley Annabelle Bowman Lucas Burg Caitlyn Combs Ella Flesch Paige Haire Eleanor Hickey Noah Hodge Mia Kent Joelle Murphy Anna Neubacher Johannes Smal Gabrielle White Jacob Anderson Ryan Baker Jacquelyn Brueggemann Coey Cheng Julia Devadason Paige Greis Lexi Hamblin Samantha Hirsh Khaled Karazon Allison Laws Katelynn Murphy Retal Saadawi Nora Vaughn Addisyn Wright Emma Zimmer

# WELCOME New Volunteers!

Please give a warm welcome to the volunteers who joined our team in April:

Christopher Dole Alexandra Glore Raymond Than Kaitlyn Gillespie Jordan Mechlin Deborah Themudo