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AUTUMN 2024

GUTHRIE LOURDES AUXILIARY NEWS

Pam Previti named 2024 Auxilian of the Year!

Congratulations and profuse thanks to 2024 Auxilian of the Year Pam Previti! Pam was honored at a festive gathering in Guthrie Lourdes Hospital's St. Vincent de Paul room on Wednesday, October 23.

A member of the Auxiliary since 2007, treasurer since 2013, and current archivist, Pam also serves the Auxiliary and the hospital community in numerous other capacities. She chairs the Auxiliary's "We Care Bag" committee and has assembled and delivered more than 300 bags of comfort items for oncology patients. She assists with "Patient Cheer" and has sewn over 1,000 tiny cloth envelopes to hold seasonal gifts for inpatients. Whenever help is needed at Auxiliary events, Pam is there. In addition to Auxiliary activities, she has logged well over 1,200 hours as a hospital volunteer.

Also recognized at the evening's celebration were Auxiliary Gift Shop Manager Donna Breidenstein and Café de Paul Manager Donna Harchar, who have elevated the appearance, products offered and service at their respective facilities. Both deftly navigated recovery from the May 2024 cyber attack that interrupted vital systems such as cash registers and ordering supplies. The Auxiliary is grateful for their professionalism.

Thank you to chair Barbara Simonds and her committee for orchestrating a lovely evening! ●



Auxiliary Gift Shop Manager Donna Breidenstein and Café de Paul Manager Donna Harchar were honored for their exceptional performance



Auxilian of the Year Pam Previti (front) with Guthrie Lourdes Chief Nursing Officer Karen Roeske, Guthrie Lourdes Chief Operating Officer Sue Bretscher and Guthrie Lourdes President Kathy Connerton



Auxiliary shows appreciation with sweet treats for hospital caregivers

On June 21, the Auxiliary thanked Guthrie Lourdes caregivers for their service by scooping ice cream at the hospital's main campus, offering novelty ice cream to second and third shifts, and sending cookies to off-site offices. Caregiver Appreciation chairs Barbara Simonds and Kate Newberry did a fantastic job organizing the event. Many thanks to Bob Weslar for his help! ●



\$1,000 donation to Camp Hope for Kids

The Auxiliary once again contributed \$1,000 in support of Camp Hope for Kids, a summer day camp organized by Guthrie Lourdes for children and teens grieving the loss of a parent, guardian, grandparent or sibling. In addition to art, music, swimming, hiking and games, campers share personal stories, connect with one another and learn coping strategies. The camp is held at Camp Sertoma in Kirkwood, NY. ●



Visions Federal Credit Union partners with Auxiliary to provide books for kids

Visions Federal Credit Union has generously offered to subsidize the Auxiliary's Pediatric Books program with a \$500 gift. Three times a year, the Auxiliary shops for quality children's books and delivers them to Guthrie Lourdes Hospital's pediatric clinic. Young patients may choose a book to take home.

Denise Consol chaired this project for some time. Now that she has taken on the role of Auxiliary president, she is passing the reins to new Auxiliary board member Annette Varcoe.

Thank you, Denise and Annette! And thanks to Visions for its support of this important initiative! ●



Guthrie Lourdes Auxiliary Board 2024-2025



- 1 Barb Palmer
- 2 Ellen Burns
- 3 Marina Resciniti
- 4 Bonnie Zulick
- 5 Nancy LaRose
- 6 Pam Previti
- 7 Phil Knapp
- 8 Carole Hagopian
- 9 Francine Butler Groat
- 10 Nancy Boushie
- 11 Kate Newberry
- 12 Jaclyn Boushie-Bombard
- 13 Jennifer Gates

Not pictured:
Denise Consol, Laura Freeze,
Barbara Simonds, Beth Taylor,
Annette Varcoe

Executive Board

President: Denise Consol
Vice President: Open
Recording Secretary: Bonnie Zulick
Treasurer: Pam Previti
Immediate Past Co-Presidents: Kate Newberry & Barb Palmer

Members at Large

Jaclyn Boushie-Bombard	Carole Hagopian	Barbara Simonds
Nancy Boushie	Phil Knapp	Beth Taylor
Ellen Burns	Nancy LaRose	Annette Varcoe
Francine Butler Groat	Marina Resciniti	

Ex-Officio Members

Kathy Connerton, Guthrie Lourdes Hospital President & CEO
Robert O'Connell, Guthrie Lourdes Foundation President
Susan Bretscher, Guthrie Lourdes Hospital Chief Mission Integration Officer
Amy Pratt, Guthrie Lourdes Hospital Accounting & Reporting Manager
Laura Freeze, Guthrie Lourdes Hospital Volunteer Services Manager
Jennifer Gates, Guthrie Lourdes Hospital Volunteer Services Supervisor of Office Operations



Five junior volunteers earn Auxiliary scholarships

In May, five deserving Guthrie Lourdes Hospital junior volunteers were awarded Auxiliary scholarships totaling \$7,000. To be considered, students must complete a minimum of 100 volunteer hours within the previous twelve months and also submit an essay about their volunteer experiences, two letters of recommendation and a transcript of their grades.

As they work with hospital staff, junior volunteers provide invaluable assistance, such as delivering medications or reading to patients, and gain insight into what careers in healthcare are like.

Best wishes to the 2024 Auxiliary scholarship recipients as they begin their college career!

Aditya Banerjee | Vestal High School
Sriram Chakravadhanula | Vestal High School
Makenna Jones | Vestal High School
Gavril Singh | Vestal High School
Alyssa Specchio | Chenango Forks High School

Jaclyn Boushie-Bombard chairs the Auxiliary scholarship committee. ●



Auxiliary to celebrate hospital centennial and fulfill \$386,000 pledge at 2025 Ball

Planning is well under way for Guthrie Lourdes Ball 2025, a joyous salute to Guthrie Lourdes Hospital at 100. The gala will be held on February 22 at The Riverdale in Endwell, NY.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will allow the Auxiliary to pay the final installment on its \$386,000 pledge to fund the purchase of high tech equipment for the hospital's orthopedic surgery practice.

Event co-chairs are Auxiliary executive board members Denise Consol, Kate Newberry, Barb Palmer and Bonnie Zulick. ●

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