

THE AUXILIAN



We did it!

71 years of serving Driscoll Children's Hospital and many many contributions; every day, every hour, every effort make the difference, make the impossible possible...

Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you!

Never stop doing what you are doing for DCH.



DCH Volunteers present at the TAHV Conference 2023



HANDS THAT SERVE ★ HEARTS THAT CARE

Q2 2023



**Karen
Bartek
President**

Hello Auxilians!

As we head from spring into summer the weather warms, the days grow longer and you volunteers are busier than ever.

Lizette, Kathy and I went to Brownsville on April 11th to celebrate with the RGV volunteers at their annual luncheon. We all had a fun time eating, enjoying fellowship and playing games.

We celebrated Volunteers Appreciation week on April 18th with a luncheon at Bellino's Restaurant. We had over fifty in attendance.

The Auxiliary had a reception and press conference on April 26th announcing a gift to Driscoll Children's Hospital in celebration of a recent milestone anniversary of seventy years caring for the children and their families in South Texas. We gave a million dollar donation to be used for the build out of the Pavilion in support of the Heart Center at Driscoll's main campus, a new outdoor play area at the main campus and create an endowment in support of child life and therapeutic arts center at the new Driscoll Children's Hospital in the Rio Grande Valley.

The donation will also help to create an endowment for Driscoll Children's Hospital Neonatal Care Center at Christus Spohn South in Corpus Christi. This is to be used to provide babies with beanies and blankets.

From May 22nd to the 24th ten volunteers along with Lizette Saenz, Director of Volunteer Services and Laurie Synowiecki, RGV volunteer coordinator attended the State Conference in

San Marcos, Texas. We heard some good speakers. I especially enjoyed the Elder Attorney, John Ross. He shared some good information on what to do with our estate planning, and mistakes that are made. He also had a good question and answer session. Kathryn Clark Childers was our speaker at our installation luncheon. She was a clown at Driscoll Children's Hospital for many years and she was also one of the first five women to be hired as a Secret Service Agent in 1970. She had a lot of good stories to tell.

The Scholarship Committee met for their annual luncheon on June 1st to review the scholarship applications. I am so thankful we are able to help these students further their education.

Seven volunteers and Susan Barnett, manager of the Cottage Shop attended the Kid's Chemo fish off in Port A on June 13th.

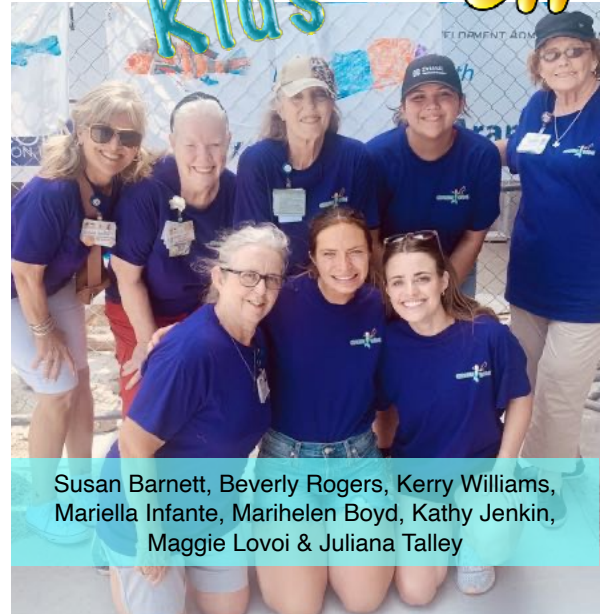
Project Artwork Committee hosted the Judges Luncheon on June 14th. The job for the judges wasn't easy because they had to choose only 10 cards. You will have to wait to see their wonderful selection!

Enjoy your summer, stay safe and thank you for all that you do.

Karen Bartek,
President



Chemo Kids Fish Off



Susan Barnett, Beverly Rogers, Kerry Williams, Mariella Infante, Marihelen Boyd, Kathy Jenkin, Maggie Lovoi & Juliana Talley

The Art Hangers



Patient Jose with Kerry Williams and Marihelen Boyd



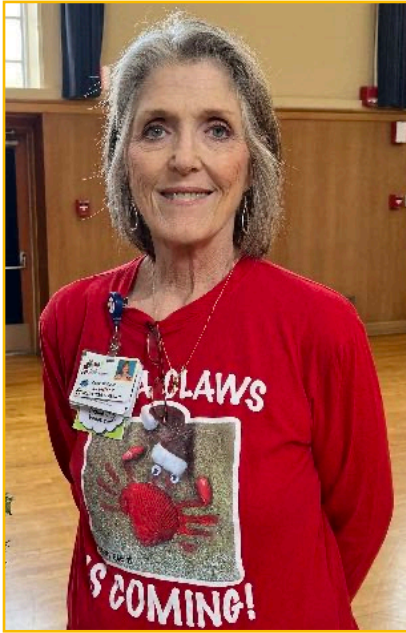
Kerry Williams and Juliana Talley



Volunteer Service Star Award

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Kerry Williams is certainly doing for others every chance she gets. She has been volunteering at Driscoll Children's Hospital for about 8 years. This amazing lady has many hats she wears.

She has volunteered in the Cookie Shop, the Carousel Gift Shop, the Cottage Shop, Ortho, Schoolroom, Cuddle Club, and helped with the pets. She is

currently on the Auxiliary Board. She is also on the Holiday Card committee. Her goal is to get cross trained in all areas so she can help wherever she is needed.

A few of her comments are worth repeating:

"My heart is full in the classroom. I have met some amazing children, fighting huge battles. They have forever changed my heart."

"I love the hustle and bustle of the shopping areas. It sure has fulfilled my need to work in retail."

"I am always surprised and find something to love about all the areas."

Kerry manages to fill her time away from the hospital with cooking, baking, crafting, quilting, and grandchildren. She starts her day with quiet time with God, then hits the floor running. Did I mention she also volunteers at her grandson's school?

What a fine example we have as a person wanting to do for others! We can all look to Kerry Williams as an inspiration. Thank you, Kerry, for all you do for Driscoll Children's Hospital Auxiliary. Your time, talent, and service are appreciated at Driscoll!

Janet Daehne
Auxiliary Membership Chair

Project Artwork Judges' Luncheon



Historic Gift from the Auxiliary to DCH.



What is the common thing that you can see in these pictures?

Yes! Smiles!!!

Our event had plenty of Positive Vibes, and of course all of our dear volunteer's Smiles!



TAHV Conference 2023



It was an honor to represent DCH at the TAHV Conference.

Our Sunny t-shirt was a HIT! Thank you Kathy Kramer for the wonderful surprise!



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION!



Basket Makers Team!



Cottage Shop volunteer Diane Lanahan sorting clothes and found a Hat!



Volunteer Jerri Moreno and our newest Volunteer Rey Fabela.



Cute Gift Shop model Susan Johnson.

Yummy
It's 6:15 p.m.
Baking cookies for orders!



Custom Basket by Gracie, Sue and Frances built 3 custom baskets!! This is the latest version over \$80.00!



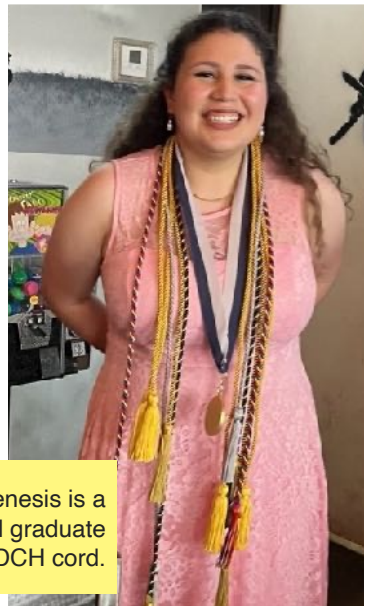
DCH shirts are now for sale in the Cottage Shop.



Paws for Patients visits from Howie.

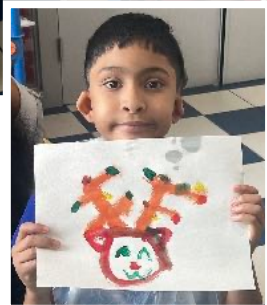


President Karen always ready to help!



Volunteer Genesis is a 2023 high school graduate wearing her DCH cord.

RGV Medical Plazas



Christmas in May!!
Project Artwork Day was a success thanks to our newest volunteers Karen Ramirez and Abbi Synowiecki. Patients and siblings enjoyed creating artwork!



RGV Medical Plazas are selling cards now!

Here is our first customer at Brownsville Medical Plaza!

McAllen Medical Plaza is also selling our t-shirts!

DONATIONS

Rower donation at the Cottage Shop



Laurie Synowiecki & Mrs. Bonnie

Mrs. Hall is part of the RGV Quilters Guild who donated beautiful quilts for Driscoll patients.

They have donated almost 60 quilts this year already!!!

At the Gift Shop



Happy customers from the Health Plan!

At the Cottage Shop



Some of the super cute Patriotic decorations made by Sharon Coffey

Beautiful succulents created by Kerry Williams.

She did all of succulents in 40 minutes! With all of them we will make \$87.00 dollars!



CELEBRATING US!

J U L Y 2 0 2 3

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ellen Carruthers	6
Tierney Silvas	8
Adriana Villarreal	17
Bethany Storm	18
Vanessa Yam	19
Greta Elledge	20
Brianna Valdez	21
Christine Stanley	21
Tyler Schroeder	22
Kymberley Oshman	23
Beth Owens	25
Jennifer Turner	28

YEARS OF SERVICE

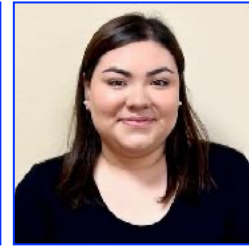
Rebecca Bowers	11
Jennifer Turner	10
Isabella Chimbunde	
Marysa McAllister	2
Julianna Salinas	
Mariella Infante	
Robin Stovall	1
Belinda Torres	

Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS



Najlah Sahadi
McAllen Medical Plaza



Ashley Cota
McAllen Medical Plaza



Gabriela Ventura
McAllen Medical Plaza



Maggie Lovoi
Main Welcome Center



Niha Ahmed
Main Welcome Center



Darla Pence
Gift Shop

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS



Gabriela Guerra
Main Welcome Center



Jasmin Gopaul
Main Welcome Center



McKenna Lutz
Art Cart



Hannah Quiroz
Cookie Shop



Kimberly Seo
Gift Shop



Bethany Storm
Ortho Art Cart



Suzette Torres
Ortho Art Cart



Sarah Espinosa
McAllen Medical Plaza



Sophia Olivarez
McAllen Medical Plaza



Brianna Valdez
McAllen Medical Plaza



Georgia Villanueva
McAllen Medical Plaza



Samantha Solis
Brownsville Medical Plaza



Tanya McGhee
Child Life



Rey Fabela
Cottage Shop & Gift Shop

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