



AUXILIARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

Basket Raffle

Bethesda North Creekside Cafe
November 11th - 25th

Thanksgiving Meals for
Operation Give Back
November 11th - 25th

AUX Holiday Social
Dec. 5, 4 - 7 PM
deSha's

AUX Christmas Luncheon
Dec. 10, 11:30 AM
Ferrari's Little Italy

Fall 2024 Luncheon & Program "Gourds Galore"

We hope you were at the fall luncheon. It was fun, friendly and the food was delish!

Andy Swallow, President & CEO Bethesda Foundation, provided an update about the Foundation's goals and accomplishments since our last meeting in the spring.

Janel Hawkins, the invited speaker, was outstanding. Her presentation included a demonstration of a LUCAS Device. This lifesaving machine was purchased by an Auxiliary grant in 2023 for Bethesda Butler and this year, the Auxiliary awarded funds for one in the Bethesda North ED. Everyone was fascinated as Janel explained the why, how and who, before she demonstrated on a mannequin.

The highlight was the announcement of the Betty J. Turner Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipient for this year. The eleven nominees were recognized and received flowers. This year's recipient is Tracey

Stephenson. Tracey serves as a volunteer in Maternity Services. She assembles packets for all the different units within Maternity. Tracey's nomination made it clear she always ensures the departments have what is needed for the patients they serve.



Jane Ford & Marie Drew visit with Laura Kumler



Pam chats with new Auxiliary members Deborah Stevens & Yuliya Johanningmeier



Emily Tosh, Anne Seibert, and Dale Tripodi enjoy supporting the Auxiliary



Our guest speaker, Janel Hawkins, demonstrated the LUCAS Device with help from Brian Bell



Nominees for the Betty J. Turner Outstanding Volunteer Award - with Awardee Recipient Tracey Stephenson in the center



Fall is a time of change – the weather cools and the leaves fall providing us with a picture of this transformation. The Auxiliary has traditionally paused our activities during the summer months. Now that autumn is upon us, we hope your thoughts turn to the fun annual activities the Auxiliary sponsors. From raffles that raise monies, to the gathering of food items for local families – Autumn is a busy time for Auxilians, and the winter season will be here with all the delight of the holidays.

November 11-25: Basket Raffle

This annual Auxiliary tradition raises monies that are given back to the hospital in the form of grants. It also is a longstanding custom that Bethesda departments are the suppliers of the unique baskets. The Auxiliary awards a prize to the department whose basket raises the most money.

We are in need of Auxilian volunteers to sell tickets in the basket room during weekday lunch and dinner in Creekside Cafe. Contact Jana Widmeyer at 513-865-1618 if you would like to volunteer for a shift or two.

November 11-22: Thanksgiving Collection for Operation Give Back

Are you looking for a way to give back in this time of thankful reflection? Look no further than your Bethesda Auxiliary. For these two weeks we will be collecting food items to create full Thanksgiving meals for local families in need.

Contact Jana Widmeyer if you would like to help with this project.

Or Scan for More Information



Thursday, December 5: Holiday Social at DeSha’s

Join us at DeSha’s for snacks and sparkling conversation from 4 - 7 PM. The Auxiliary will provide the appetizers. It is a cash bar.

We are bringing back a past tradition, each guest brings a pack of sports socks (often called tube socks or athletic socks). Socks can be white or black – multi packs are appreciated. These will be donated to Mary Magdalene House, where those without means to launder or shower are provided with both.

For more information on the Auxiliary, to volunteer to help with any of our programs, or to be involved in any of the Auxiliary sponsored events, contact Jana Widmeyer at jana_widmeyer@trihealth.com, 513-865-1618, or scan the QR code.



Saturday, December 7: Photos with Santa Claus

Do you have holiday spirit to spare and want to spread Christmas joy? Join other Auxilians for our annual holiday tradition – Photos with Santa Claus from 1 - 3 PM. The Thomas Center on the Bethesda North Campus is transformed into the North Pole. Santa Claus stops by to pose for photographs with the children of our Team Member.

Volunteers are needed to make this fun family event a success. Besides the photo with Santa Claus, our Auxiliary elves help with directing families to the various stations. Stops include – letter to Santa, creating a craft, therapy dogs to visit, and a sweet treat for the children.

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Tuesday, December 10 Christmas Luncheon

Join fellow Auxilians at this year's Christmas Luncheon on December 10 at Ferrari's Little Italy in Madeira. We will gather at 11:30 AM. RSVPs are required, and the cost is \$30/person payable at the restaurant. RSVP to auxiliary@trihealth.com

Friday, December 20, 11 A.M. to Noon: Christmas Caroling

It's time to warm up those vocal pipes.

All Auxilians are invited to sing along as we carol across the Bethesda North Campus.

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Membership Dues

The Auxiliary provides a lot of activities, support, and funding for Bethesda Hospitals. Membership Dues are only \$25.

