

# Weekly CONNECTION

August 29, 2025

 **PRESBYTERIAN**  
Volunteer Services

## SPOTLIGHT:

### PHS Volunteer Services Annual Test



Thank you for your dedication to Presbyterian Healthcare Services. We appreciate all that you do for PHS patients, providers, members, and staff.

As you may recall, we implemented a new distribution for the annual test - volunteers received reminders on the anniversary month of their last compliance test. This means several of you have already received the email with the link to complete the test online (via Qualtrics.com). Thank you to those of you who have completed this annual compliance requirement. We will continue to send out these monthly reminders until the new volunteer database is up and running.

**COMING SOON:** The new volunteer database platform, VSys, will allow you to complete the annual test on your dashboard page! YAY!

We value your contributions throughout the year to support our patients, their families, and our staff and we are grateful for your continued support. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to any of us. We are happy to answer your questions or provide the support needed to complete this test.

## COMING UP:

### CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU

To all volunteers who followed through on the commitment to serve at least 4 hours with us every week in August!

We will gather all the names and enter you into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to **The Range Café**.



The second annual Personal Security Workshop is October 17th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cooper Center. Attendees are employees and volunteers. The agenda includes great speakers and hands-on demonstrations:

- o A renowned mixed-martial arts trainer will demonstrate defensive tactics for the clinical setting.
- o The Albuquerque Police Department will offer insights about crime in New Mexico and techniques for staying safe.
- o The Solutions Group will provide lunch for attendees.
- o There will be drawings for prizes.
- o Space is limited to 250 attendees.

Contact your volunteer manager to sign up by October 10th

## SAVE THE DATE:

October 15th will be our next Town Hall Meeting  
1:30-2:30pm

## Join in:

August 15, 2025

### Turning a long-held dream into reality



The Presbyterian Nursing Career Pathways Program is one of the programs that Volunteer Services donated to over the last 3 years. This program empowers our employees to pursue their nursing degrees while continuing to serve in their current roles, making an even greater impact on our community.

Jasmine Brown, a research specialist in Appeals and Grievances, always wanted to be a nurse—but for years, work had to come first. "I had to choose between work or school, and it always had to be work," she says. That changed last August when she learned about [\*\*Presbyterian Nursing Career Pathways\*\*](#), powered by Brookline College. The program makes it possible for employees to prepare for nursing careers while continuing to work full-time at Presbyterian.

Jasmine enrolled in the accelerated LPN program in October and is set to graduate November 14. "I'm so grateful to Presbyterian for this program," she says. "It allows me to support my family while advancing my career."

Her determination has deep roots. In May 2021, while pregnant with her son, Jasmine needed an emergency C-section and developed many complications following birth. She spent two weeks in the hospital while her newborn stayed in the NICU.

"Something triggered in my brain when I was in the hospital, seeing how much the nurses cared for me," she recalls. "I have no family here and felt very sick and vulnerable. The nurses were so supportive, telling me to focus on my recovery while my son was being well cared for. I knew I wanted to be that way for someone else."

When her supervisor told her about the program, Jasmine jumped at the opportunity and received strong support from her leadership team. After graduation, Jasmine plans to begin work with the Med-Surg Unit at Presbyterian Hospital. She then plans to pursue her RN degree—bringing her full circle to Labor & Delivery, where her calling began.

## **HELP WANTED:**

### **Kaseman Hospital**

- Gift Shop
- Emergency Department
- Behavioral Health
- Advanced Care Planning

### **Presbyterian Hospital**

- Info Desk: Looking for a volunteer on the weekends
- **Patient Access/Registration: Urgently needs volunteers any day from 8am-12pm**
- Gift Shop Tuesday, Friday, and/or Saturday afternoons

### **Rust Medical Center**

- Gift Shop
- Food Services
- Physician's Office Building

### **Santa Fe Medical Center**

- Family birthing center
- Rehab/Physical Therapy
- Surgery
- Radiology



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