

Weekly CONNECTION

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PRESBYTERIAN
Volunteer Services

SHOUT-OUT



This holiday season, a little extra love made its way into patient rooms thanks to the kindness of our volunteer Carmen Valentino and her students from The Academy for Technology and the Classics (ATC). Together, they created more than 50 handmade, heartfelt cards to uplift patients who are spending Christmas in the hospital. Each card was thoughtfully written, lovingly crafted, and filled with genuine care—small gestures carrying big comfort. We are so grateful for their generosity and compassion. Happy holidays!

The Academy for Technology and the Classics (ATC) is a public charter school in Santa Fe, New Mexico, serving students in grades 7-12. ATC offers a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum that blends classical education with technology, emphasizing critical thinking, high academic expectations, and strong AP participation.

Welcome new RMC and non-hospital locations volunteer manager

We are excited to announce that Christine Chavez will be joining us as our new Volunteer Manager, overseeing volunteers at Rust Medical Center as well as all non-hospital location volunteers. Christine's first week with us will begin the first week of January.

We encourage you to stop by and introduce yourself—a friendly hello and welcome will go a long way! Please remember, though, that Christine will be focused on new hire tasks, training, and learning our systems and processes during her first few weeks. For this reason, we ask that your interactions with her remain brief while she gets up to speed.

Once Christine is fully trained, she'll be ready to support you and take on her full responsibilities as your volunteer manager. In the meantime, let's make her first couple of months full of positivity, warmth, and helpfulness, teaching her our names, roles, and how much we value the volunteer team.

Thank you for welcoming Christine and helping her feel part of our volunteer family!

Support the Cancer Patient Assistance Fund One Shopping Trip at a Time!

The Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation is proud to partner with the [Smith's Inspiring Donations Program](#) to make a positive impact in the community one shopping trip at a time. Simply link your Smith's Rewards Card to our organization, and Smith's Inspiring Donations will donate 0.5% of every eligible purchase to the Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation benefitting the Cancer Patient Assistance Fund.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Go to [SmithsFoodandDrug.com/inspire](#)
2. Sign into your digital account or choose "Create an Account" and fill in the information.
3. Link your Rewards Card to our organization by searching for **Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation** or using **Code FJ179**.
4. No Rewards Card? No problem! Cards are available at the customer service desk at any Smith's Food & Drug location.
5. Select our organization and choose "Save."

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1. Download the Smith's Food and Drug App. Download for iOS. ...
2. Create an Account & Sign In. Your free account remembers your info and provides personalized benefits.
3. Add Your Shopper's Card.
4. Select our organization and choose "Save."

You're all set! Every time you shop at Smith's with your Rewards Card, 0.5% of eligible purchases will be donated to the Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation. Thank you!

HELPFUL INFORMATION

What purchases qualify? Just about everything you purchase during your regular shopping trips. The only exclusions are alcohol, tobacco, postage stamps, Smith's Gift Cards and debit cards, lottery and promotional tickets, Western Union, fuel, and sales tax.

There's no cost to participate in this program, and you'll still earn fuel points on eligible purchases every time you shop.

Get started today at [SmithsFoodandDrug.com/inspire](#) and do your holiday shopping while benefitting others!



VOLUNTEER GIFT

A Special Thank You for Our Amazing Volunteers!

We couldn't do what we do without you, and we truly appreciate you being part of our team! To celebrate a wonderful year and your incredible hard work, we have a special gift waiting for you.

Please swing by your manager's office at your convenience to collect your End of the Year gift. If a manager is not available, RMC volunteers are welcome to pick theirs up at the Gift Shop.

To ensure there is a "thank you" waiting for every member of our team, we kindly ask that everyone takes exactly one gift. Thank you for everything!

FABRIC SHARING PARTY

Monday January 5th, 9:30am-12:30pm at 5901 Harper Drive Northeast in the Pecos Conference Room.

Email egarcia66@phs.org for directions or any questions!

CALENDAR

Harper PMG:

Gift Shop is closed 12/26, 1/1, and 1/2

Kaseman Hospital:

Gift Shop is closed 12/26, 12/31, 1/1, and 1/2

Presbyterian Hospital:

Gift Shop is closing at 3:00pm on 12/31 and are closed all day on 12/26, 1/1, and 1/2

Rust Medical Center:

Gift Shop is closed 12/26, 1/1, and 1/2

Santa Fe Medical Center:

Gift Shop and Info Desk are closed on 1/1. Serving is optional for volunteers on 12/26.

VSys FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Will we still use Galaxy?

- No. Your hours, schedule, messages, and account details will all be stored on VSys now.

Why are we switching?

- VSys allows volunteers to do so much more than Galaxy did. Now your manager will not need to spend HOURS logging volunteer times, uploading documents, and checking available opportunities.

Will there be a training?

- Yes. Volunteers that come to VSys training, sign in, and complete their profile by January 31st will be entered in a drawing to receive a \$50 Visa Card

Can I use it on my phone?

- YES! You can sign in, see your hours, and send messages to your manager all in one place now.

Pick up a second shift!

Kaseman Hospital

- Emergency Department
- Behavioral Health
- Outpatient Rehab
- Gift shop on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays

Presbyterian Hospital

- Gift shop Friday and Saturday 12PM-4PM
- Mail Sorting support daily

Santa Fe Medical Center

- Family birthing center
- Rehab/Physical Therapy
- Surgery (urgent need!)

St. Michael's

- Rehab

Sewing Inventory

- Choose **any day and time** to come check on the sewing inventory. Items need to be bagged, counted, organized, and mailed.
- To help with stuffing and sewing pillows, come to the PMG on Harper drive on the first Monday every month from 9:30-12:00 noon.