

For more information on how you can support and participate in the Windom Area Health Auxiliary, please call (507) 831-2400.

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# **Serving With Heart**

The Windom Area Health Auxiliary is a nonprofit volunteer organization comprised of nearly 80 members. "Serving with heart," the Auxiliary's mission is to support hospital initiatives through volunteerism, fundraising, and coordinating efforts that ensures a welcoming experience at Windom Area Health.

The Auxiliary was founded in 1921 with just seven women, and met monthly until disbanding in 1951. In 1974, the Auxiliary was reorganized when the "new" hospital was built. Auxiliary members serve as patient guides, help decorate the campus during holidays, manage the lobby gift center, conduct fundraising activities, attend monthly meetings, and coordinate special projects that recognize WAH employees and local first responders. They contribute nearly 2,000 volunteer hours every year!

### What Does the Auxiliary Do?

The Auxiliary's goal is to raise funds to purchase hospital equipment. Typically, the Auxiliary choses one project each year and coordinates activities toward that project. An annual banquet celebrates the year's accomplishments and presents a check to the sponsored department or project. Over \$300,000 has been donated to the hospital through various fundraising efforts:

- Managing the gift center
- Pecan sales
- Valentine's Day and Halloween Bake Sales
- December Craft & Bake Sales
- Quilt raffles
- Fall Festival

## Successful projects have uplifted the patient experience and enabled WAH to provide improved care:

- Knit hats for newborn babies
- Gift packs for new parents
- Vital signs monitors
- Patient bereavement mementos
- Patient transport carts
- · Hospital week staff gifts and meal
- Physical therapy equipment
- · Giving Tree program gift wrapping



Servina as a Volunteer Guide



Presenting funds for a Vital Signs Monitor



Escorting patients on the Shuttle Bug



Hosting bake sales



Participating in monthly meetings

### Join Us!

Meetings are held the second Monday of every month (except December) at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at the hospital. Each month we have guest speakers to learn more about the hospital or a topic associated with healthcare.

Meetings are open to everyone!

### **Becoming a Member**

**New members are always welcome!**Membership in the Auxiliary is open to all persons interested in Windom Area
Health.

- Active members are adults who agree to pay annual dues of \$20 and participate in the activities of the Auxiliary.
- Associate members are adults who agree to pay annual dues of \$20 and are not required to participate in activities of the Auxiliary.

Windom Area Health Auxiliary is a member of Minnesota Association of Healthcare Volunteers.