



Minnesota Association
of Healthcare Volunteers

MAHV-elous Awards for Outstanding Volunteers, 2021

District B

Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) (Cloquet) – February 2021

Don Unulock: has been associated with the Occupational Therapy (OT) department for many years. He was a key member of a Stroke Support Group and was generous in sharing his personal experiences through his rehab journey. He became so committed to the department that he sought out volunteer opportunities, and has been a consistent and dedicated volunteer each week in the OT/Speech ‘family’ since 2010. He helps manage so many of the miscellaneous tasks including copying, filing, and helping therapists with projects. During this COVID-19 pandemic, the need for sanitization that has consumed more of the therapist's time. Now that volunteers are able to return, Don helps offset that load by sanitizing therapy equipment and toys. He values our services and is willing to do anything we need, allowing staff to focus on patient care and documentation. The department feels “fortunate that Don chooses to volunteer with us. He is our friend and an important part of our team.”



Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) (Cloquet) – March 2021

Rosemary Tobin: Since retiring from nursing home administration and chaplaincy, Rosemary has volunteered at the front desk and gift shop. She is also involved in the Lights of Love Commemoration event as well as many other community events. She has been steadfast in her service: She has been in her front desk volunteer position for a long time and shares a wealth of knowledge. She is a ‘go to’ volunteer for helping to train new front desk volunteers. The volunteer coordinator said: “When she gave a tour of the hospital to the new volunteer, I even learned something. Rosemary is amazing!”



Marie Schneider: As a front desk volunteer, Marie went above and beyond one day for a visitor, who was at the hospital to see a dying relative. Marie walked with and comforted the visitor and made sure the visitor got to where she needed to go. Marie made such an impact during this visit, that a family member later called to ask for Marie's address to send her a thank you card. Although, she would probably say she was just being helpful, Marie is an awesome example of volunteers who make a difference, every encounter, every day.

Community Memorial Hospital (CMH)(Cloquet) – April 2021

Barb DeLovely: goes above and beyond AND is steadfast in service. She is the Volunteer Service Organization (VSO) treasurer and sits on the Leadership Board. You can count on Barb to raise her hand to help out with most events and fundraisers. In fact, looking over the calendar of yearly events, projects, committees and fundraisers, there are only count two things she was not involved in. “Barb does not seek the limelight but is always there to help our organization be successful.”



Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) (Cloquet) – May 2021

Larry Penk has been volunteering like crazy lately. The hospital asked for volunteers each week to help as patients arrive for vaccinations: answering patient questions, directing them where to go and even helping them fill out paper work if they are unable too. The staff appreciates that Larry comes in and helps in every way possible, and they notice when he’s not there. When the vaccine schedule for the week is emailed, Larry is certain to sign up for at least one, if not two, time slots. He really enjoys helping the patients and is a calm presence when those coming in may be anxious about their first shot. On top of taking on extra volunteer hours each week, Larry also works the front desk once a week. He is a welcoming face to those coming into the hospital.



Darlene Carter is the manager of the Apple Cart gift shop and has been for many years. Darlene typically puts in 10 hours a week volunteering at the gift shop, ordering items and rearranging the gift shop to make it as eye catching as she can for customers. Once the gift shop was re-opened this summer, Darlene would come in on Saturdays or Sundays when it was closed to work on getting displays up and ready for the week. She is extremely dedicated and hard working. Employees look forward to seeing what new items she puts out each week.

Each volunteer received a commendation from MAHV and an Outstanding Volunteer lapel pin.