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New Direction

Kristine Sutton accepts permanent CNO position

When Kristine Sutton took on the role as interim chief nursing officer in November of 2018, her vision for Memorial was simple, but optimistic: move the hospital forward in a new positive direction. Nearly half a year later, it's clear her vision is being realized, but her mission isn't over yet. One big step forward, was her recent acceptance of the role as permanent CNO.



"Accepting the job as the permanent CNO wasn't a difficult choice. I have really loved the many challenges of the job," said Kristine. "I laid out some goals when I became the interim, and it's been such an honor to watch this team that I love and respect work so hard together to pull the hospital through to the other side of this rough time. Everyone - from nursing to EMS to therapy services and all of the ancillary departments - has been so diligent in putting our patients first, remaining committed to the mission of the hospital, while still doing everything in their power to control costs, flex staffing and help the hospital not just survive, but someday soon, thrive again. "

During her tenure as CNO, Kristine says she's witnessed passion, hard work, empathy, humor and stellar skills. "The relationships I've formed these past months made the decision to make a long-term commitment to Memorial such an easy one," Kristine said. "Memorial is definitely my home."

Blood drive proves to be "A+" experience!

We hit our goal, but just barely, at the Memorial quarterly blood drive this month. As was the case during the last couple of donor drives, we had a large number of employees who tried to give, but were turned away for low iron levels. With that in mind, mark your calendars for the next blood drive on August 14 and start eating your iron rich foods early.



Hospital district board recognizes job well done by Tony Mendez

Calling 911 can be a terrifying experience. Often this is when people are at their worst and most vulnerable. Nacogdoches County EMS understands this and tries very hard to help their patients navigate this scary foreign path. This is especially true if you happen to get Tony Mendez dispatched to your call.

According to the presentation made to the Nacogdoches County Hospital District board during a recent meeting, Tony has been a paramedic with our EMS for over 22 years and exemplifies the qualities we promote at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital. He puts his patients first and cares for all people with compassion, dignity and respect. He has proven himself to be a leader among his peers and is someone others go to as a resource. He has mentored numerous EMS personnel throughout his years and sets a fine example of how care should be delivered, and how to be a team player both in EMS and within the hospital and community. Tony is an excellent paramedic, a teacher to many and a friend to all.



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Trio “WOWs” family with compassion, transportation

The WOW moment for May occurred when a pediatric surgical patient’s ride home decided not to wait, leaving the family stranded at the hospital. Without transportation home, the patient’s mother was understandably upset, not knowing how she and her two children were going to get home once they were discharged. It was then that three of our surgical team members, Betty Williams, Tashondra Tatum and Tina Christopher sprang into action.

“I just saw a mother who needed help,” said Tina, who reassured the mother that they would take care of her family. The three staffers helped the mom calm herself and focus on her child who was slow in coming out of anesthesia. They provided support, encouragement and refreshments to the family waiting in the surgery center lobby.

Betty volunteered to drive the family home when she got off duty. Tashondra also volunteered to take the family home, as she would be available before Betty’s shift ended. Tina, Betty, and Tashondra made sure the mother, patient, and sibling were all taken care of during their time of need, and ultimately the family arrived home safe and sound because of the actions of three special ladies.

Tina, Betty, and Tashondra know what it means to put the patient first and provide healthcare to our community in a caring way. We are proud to see our team exhibit such kindness and compassion to total strangers, treating them like they were their own.



Team members support United Way Day of Caring

A good sized team from Memorial participated in the Nacogdoches United Way Day of Caring last week. The crew helped the Nacogdoches Treatment Center, cleaning the tables and chairs used in the adult day care dining and game area. All agreed that it was a great cause and an even better bonding experience!



Patient’s wife posts positive words to Facebook

A patient’s wife recently took to Facebook to comment on the positive experience the couple had at Memorial. She said “my husband was recently seen in the ER at Memorial Hospital in Nacogdoches. We have never been treated so respectfully and with such kindness and caring manners from all of the staff there. I am 69 and he is 80, usually they want to throw us elderly out of the way. We have lived in Houston, Austin and Lufkin and never have received this kind of great care.” Great work, team!

Employee cooking class slated for July 16

Take the stress out of dinner with these delicious, healthy marinade ideas you can pop in the freezer. Our employee Freezer-Friendly Marinades cooking class is Tuesday, July 16 at noon in the Healthy Memorial Wellness Center. RSVP for this class with community relations at ext. 4124 or at bartonk@nacmem.org.



Let’s celebrate payday, Food Truck Friday!

Remember to head out to Blount Park every payday to grab yourself some delicious lunch!

Today pop out from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. to enjoy **Say Cheese** or **2 Hoog-Jojo’s Meat on a Stick**.

