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HOPEHEALTH HOSTED VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

FLORENCE, S.C. (May 15, 2023) – In 2022, volunteers at HopeHealth gave 1,080 hours of their time by working as guest helpers, assisting with community relations and outreach projects, and more. To celebrate this achievement and their continued commitment to service, HopeHealth hosted a volunteer appreciation luncheon on April 18.

The luncheon featured a statement of gratitude from Sallie Bachman, chief of staff, and a lesson on the history of HopeHealth’s volunteerism from Deena Hilton, chief administrative officer. Additionally, Stephanie Isgett, director of guest experience, spoke about the positive impact volunteers have at HopeHealth.

Isgett shared, “Volunteers at the Medical Plaza offer a great benefit by greeting our guests, helping guests find their way, signing in, and assisting with special projects. The volunteers are highly valued by employees and guests alike, and when they are not around, people notice! We are very thankful for the work HopeHealth volunteers do to help on a daily basis to improve the guest experience.”

The luncheon culminated in the presentation of volunteer awards by Cindy Averitt, manager of volunteer programs. Volunteer Sylvia Jackson received a pin for one year of volunteer service as well as the Hope award. Averitt shared that Jackson embodies the mission of HopeHealth and has been a pioneer with a variety of HopeHealth service efforts, including a staff volunteer partnership with My Brother’s Keeper.

Volunteer Janice Bynem received an award for the most volunteer hours completed, reaching 524 hours!

The HopeHealth Volunteers appreciation luncheon was hosted in conjunction with efforts to celebrate National Volunteer Week from April 17-22. On the future of the volunteer program, Averitt shared, “HopeHealth is looking forward to expanding our volunteer program, integrating volunteers into all of our locations to assist staff and enhance our guests’ experience.”

For more information about volunteering with HopeHealth or to schedule a volunteer interview, visit the website at hope-health.org/community/volunteer or contact Cindy Averitt at caveritt@hope-health.org or 843-432-2942.

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