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New Direction



Looking for \$5 stocking stuffers? Try Masquerade!

Looking for stocking stuffers or Secret Santa gifts? Shop the \$5 Masquerade Jewelry and Accessory sale online and click to benefit Memorial too. Go to www.masqueradefundraising.com, click Shop Online and when you're ready to check out, select Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital to benefit from your purchases.

Masquerade is the nationwide fundraising organization that usually partners with us each spring and fall, offering a variety of items from jewelry, fashion, home and car accessories and even toys for just \$5. They also have a large selection of cute cloth face masks for adults and children. With every purchase, Masquerade gives a percentage of the proceeds to Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital when you select us at checkout.

Chaplain surprised with thanks

Staffers engineered a surprise opportunity to pour out their thanks to Chaplain Richard Harris last week, putting together an impromptu reception to acknowledge his tireless efforts.

Chaplain Harris has one of the hardest jobs at Nacogdoches Memorial, attending patients and families when bad news is delivered, helping in organ donation conversations, facilitating the filing of advanced directives and mentoring the spiritual well-being of staff members. Chaplain Harris has given of his free time to conduct weekly Bible studies for stressed employees and even recently began doing a daily prayer for safety huddle.

He is always on call to help those in need. One employee said "The chaplain has never not answered when I've called him, no matter what the hour. He's always there for us."

Employees receive free holiday ham, possible bonus turkey

For the Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season, Memorial Hospital gifted each full-time, part-time and PRN employee with a coupon for a Brookshire Brothers Sugardale spiral sliced half ham. The half ham is around 10-12 pounds. As an added bonus, you should know that Brookshire Brothers is currently running an in-store special for a free Food Club or Buckley Farms frozen turkey with the purchase of the Sugardale half ham, while supplies last. This sale typically runs until Nov. 30, so if you time it right, you could end up with both a free ham and a free turkey for your holiday table. Our coupon for the free ham, however, is good until Dec. 31.

Managers and directors began distributing the holiday gift coupons a couple of weeks ago, so make sure you received yours.



Interested in a career at NMH?

Apply @ <https://www.nacmem.org/careers/all/>
Stop by Human Resources or call 936.568.8543

Ann Taylor-Scott, director of nursing, retires after 45 years

Hospital employees came out en masse and bearing gifts last week to honor Ann Scott, our director of nursing, as she retired after 45 years of dedicated service to Memorial Hospital. Ann recalled her salary as being \$2.09 an hour when she started, a sum she says was a fortune to her in those days. Ann has been a treasure to Memorial, but is looking forward to time with family and especially her grandchildren. She is missed already.





The Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop will be open Monday through Friday, starting next week and is fully stocked for your Christmas shopping convenience.

Gift Shop Hours
Weekdays
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



**Ho-Ho-Ho
Holiday Food Truck Friday**

Dec. 11

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Blount Park

Senor Pete's

Shali's Indian Kitchen

Big Fella's BBQ

Newk's Eatery is offering Memorial employees 20% off purchases during the month of December.

Employee must present a hospital badge in person with their payment to receive the discount and it's good only on dine in, walk-in to-go orders, and call-in/pick-up orders. The discount will not be accepted for online or delivery orders.

Holiday plans take shape with decorating, parade, toy drive

Holiday lobby decorating

Wednesday, Dec. 2

10 a.m.

Volunteers from every department needed. Report to lobby when available to help.

Department Door Decorating Contest deadline

Thursday, Dec. 10

5 p.m.

All departments can decorate, but must register to compete. Decoration completed by 5 p.m. on Dec. 10. One of two lucky winners will win a department lunch for first place or a department cookie break for second. The theme is participant's choice, but contestants can begin decorating on Monday, Nov. 30 and carry on through Dec. 10. Winners will be announced at the hospital-wide Christmas Parade on Dec. 17.

Christmas toy & gift charity drive deadline

Thursday, Dec. 10

Noon

A collection box is waiting in the main lobby for gifts and toys for children ages 0 to 12. Items will be donated to Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) Shared Blessings event on Thursday, Dec. 10, so get your donations in before then.

Hospital-wide Christmas Parade

Thursday, Dec. 17

2 p.m.

All departments can participate in the parade which will travel the first floor only. Individuals, groups, and departments may enter a competition "float," decorating anything on wheels: carts, IV stands, wheelchairs, office chairs, equipment, etc. The theme is participant's choice, but departments must register in advance, with one of two lucky winners winning a department lunch for first place or a department cookie break for second. Winners will be announced at the end of the Christmas Parade.