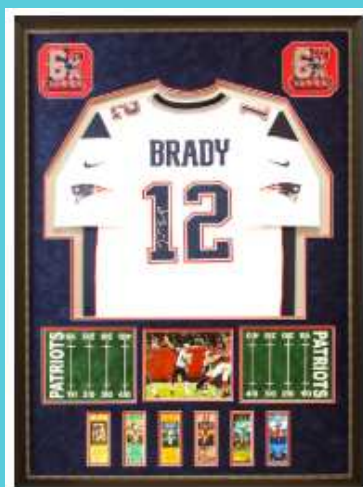


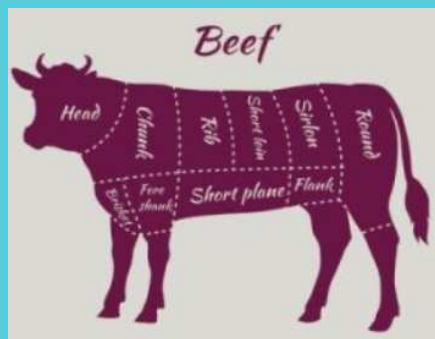
## Some Auction Items



Limited Edition Autographed Custom Framed Tom Brady Jersey & Super Bowl Replica Tickets - Museum Quality



4 day - three night Colorado Getaway - near Beaver Creek Ski Resort



Quarter Beef to be delivered to Minden Meat Market for later processing

## Virtual Celebration -Spirit of Courage 2020-

by Jill Killion, Director, Foundation and Volunteer Services

As we prepare for our annual Spirit of Courage fundraiser, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your past support of this important event. Over the past 18 years, you have helped establish Spirit of Courage as one of the largest fundraising events in Council Bluffs! We are excited to share that we are moving forward with this year's Spirit of Courage event despite the complications raised by COVID-19. Like so many other aspects of our lives, Spirit of Courage will look a little different this year.

The gala will be delivered in a virtual format through social media on Thursday, August 13. In addition to featuring an online auction, the virtual gala will honor all sixty of our past SOC Award recipients while showcasing the exceptional cancer services delivered at Jennie.

Since 2003, Spirit of Courage events have raised a total of \$1,877,000 for the Spirit of Courage Cancer Center Charitable Patient Care Fund. This fund provides much-needed assistance to uninsured and under insured cancer patients who need help covering expenses such as medications, treatments, and deductibles as well as everyday living expenses like groceries, rent and gas. Without this type of support, these vulnerable members of our community would simply forgo treatments and/or medication. In our current period of widespread unemployment and economic instability, financial assistance has become more important than ever.

Be sure to log onto our auction web site at [www.qtego.net/qlink/mjehgala](http://www.qtego.net/qlink/mjehgala) to see the great auction items we are receiving. New items are being added to the site daily. You can bid on items from the convenience of your own home. If you don't have access to the internet but would still like to get in on the bidding, just give us a call at the office and we will be happy to help you out. Some of the items include: a Quarter side of beef and processing; fully stocked wine fridge; Eric Crouch autographed and framed jersey; and Service Master cleaning services - once a month for a year! Our employees are very competitive and donate the best baskets. Be sure to check back frequently to see the new items. Bidding started July 31st and closes on August 13th.

For more information on the ways in which Spirit of Courage is pivoting during the pandemic, please visit our event webpage at <https://www.jehfoundation.org>.



## Upcoming Events:

July 31 - August 13

### **Spirit of Courage Virtual Auction**

Log on between these dates to place your bid. Return often to monitor your bid status and ensure victory!

[www.qtego.net/qlink/mjehgala#](http://www.qtego.net/qlink/mjehgala#)

Winning bids will be notified via text

August 13

Spirit of Courage Virtual Event

Log onto the JE Foundation web page to view important videos

Reminder

**Division Heads - No August Meeting**

August 27

### **Chaplains - Teleconference**

9am - 10am

Please RSVP for call in number

September 7

### **Labor Day**

Office Closed

# On The Way Back: Ready, Set, Go-

by Peggy Christ, Auxiliary President

Since March our volunteer program services at Jennie have been at a standstill. When summer arrived and the curve flattened it became time to prepare for the volunteers to return to a "new normal" as it has been called.

Our staff in the Volunteer Office has worked tirelessly to make sure the "new normal" is as safe as possible. I'd like to share with you the steps the staff has taken to insure our safe return. First the staff surveyed various health care institutions across Iowa inquiring of their plans for reintroducing volunteers. They recorded the proposed activities and shared this info with the board in a paper entitled "Volunteer Redeployment Across the State."

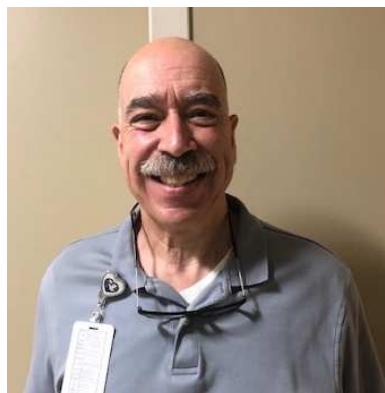
Next they visited with staff in our volunteer areas to look at changes or modifications to our tasks to make activity safer. Procedures were rewritten as needed and placed in the orientation to return to our work areas. They also looked at new areas where volunteers could use their skills such as making masks and surgical caps and other virtual activities.

Our calling tree was utilized to call volunteers to ask about their concerns in returning to their volunteer tasks and requested suggestions to make volunteering safer. We thank the volunteers for their input. Volunteers returned to the hospital the third week of June in the gift shop, pharmacy annex, and the volunteer office. While the following week, volunteers returned to the patient services areas of outpatient surgery and the west lobby.

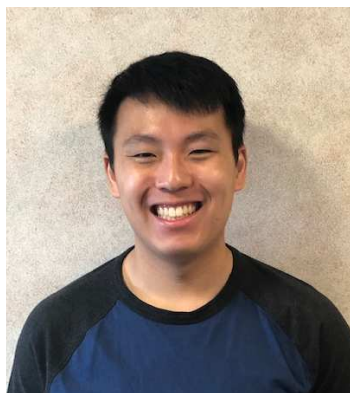
I appreciate the note sent out by staff to volunteers and wish to share it with you again. "On a daily bases, we are reminded how important you are and how much your Jennie family misses seeing you! As excited as we are for your return - your safety is our TOP priority. We also recognize that the decision and timeline for your return is yours alone." I was very impressed by those words. The staff also stressed "it takes a very special person to be a volunteer - someone who is willing to give a precious resource - TIME."

Thank you for giving your time at Jennie. After listing all the preparations conducted by our staff I feel we are in safe hands as we return to our volunteer duties. Hope I see you at Jennie soon.

## New Volunteers



Erick Alverio  
OPS and West Lobby



Adam Dreismeier  
OPS



Mary Killpack  
Pharmacy Annex



## Look Whose Back!

We are not sure who was happier to see volunteers back in the hospital in June...was it our hospital staff, the volunteer office staff, or was it the volunteers themselves? Either way, we are all VERY HAPPY! You can't really see behind their masks, but each one of them is smiling. The hospital staff has been elated to finally have volunteers on a regular basis in a few of our service areas. When COVID numbers finally go down, we'll be able to have more of you return to the hospital. You've been missed!



Rick Greer - Pharmacy Annex



Janet Cooper - Gift Shop



Connie Booton - Gift Shop



Carroll and Karen Olsen - W. Lobby



Sandy Whittington - W. Lobby

## Donna Hubbell Retiring after 48 years at Jennie Edmundson



After just shy of 48 years at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital, Donna Hubbell, the hospital's Vice President of Patient Safety and Quality, retired on July 24th. Some of you may remember Donna when she started her employment at Jennie as a Certified Nurse Aide. Others may have worked with her on the floors when she was an LPN, later an RN or in her administrative role. But however you remember her, you won't be able to forget her great smile, infectious laugh, dedication and her kindness to people. Donna began her employment at Jennie Edmundson as a nursing assistant on August 18, 1972. When asked about her

legacy at Jennie as her final day on the job approaches, July 24th, Donna shared, "I hope that my legacy is that I left behind a good foundation for providing safe, high quality care."

Because of COVID-19, an in-person retirement reception is unfortunately not possible. Instead we invite you to our "Card Shower" for Donna. If you would like to send her a card congratulating her on her retirement, please mail your card to: Jennie Edmundson Foundation, 933 E. Pierce, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. We will make sure that she receives your card.



933 East Pierce Street, Box 2C  
Council Bluffs, IA 51502

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