

# HEARTBEAT



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We are excited to be able to welcome you back as a valued member of your hospital organization! You all have been dearly missed during this past year and plans for your safe return are being put in place.

A re-onboarding packet has been mailed to those volunteers who indicated they would be interested in returning. Once required documents have been returned, a re-orientation will be scheduled. If you did not respond but would like to return, please contact Tracy Hand at 715-356-8517 or [tracy.hand@ascension.org](mailto:tracy.hand@ascension.org) and the packet will be mailed to you. Please note that only fully COVID vaccinated volunteers can return at this time. Our target date for return is Tuesday, July 6th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tracy Hand.



## Hospital Transition



As announced earlier this year, Ascension and Aspirus Health signed an agreement to transfer ownership of Howard Young Medical Center, as well as other north and central Wisconsin hospitals and clinics to Aspirus pending certain requirements and approvals. With those requirements met and necessary approvals obtained, the transfer will become effective August 1, 2021.

Transition ceremonies are being planned on each of the hospital campuses. All hospital volunteers are welcome to join as Ascension and Aspirus leaders share comments, celebrating our history and in welcoming our future as part of the Aspirus organization.

### Transition Ceremony

Tuesday, July 27

Howard Young Medical Center

12:30 - 1:30 pm

*Outdoor event at the main hospital (Monticello) entrance.*

THANK YOU!



Fabulous Prayer Shawl Artists,

THANK YOU!! I cannot tell you how important your prayers and beautiful shawls are. I cannot tell you how important YOU are.

Your work arrives lovingly packaged, and your first blessing at the hospital is often the Chaplain - as we get to open the bags to reveal such lovingly made works of art. It is like opening a Christmas gift, or a birthday gift, only more beautiful. From there, they are shared with associates, patients, and family members. It is in these moments I wish you could see through my eyes. The gratitude conveyed, the comfort that is provided. Prayer shawls are a statement of support, conveying that we are all in this together, that someone you've never met was thinking of you even before your need arose - as God knows us before we were created. They are an extension of prayer, hospitality, connection, and God's love. They are a hug when loved ones cannot be in the hospital, a reminder we are not alone.

Last week someone came to the hospital requesting a prayer shawl! He had previously experienced the healing power of prayer and connection and was requesting a shawl for a beloved friend going through a difficult diagnosis and healing process.

Thank You is so small a phrase for the impact YOU have had on so many. Please know how cherished your beautiful prayer shawls are, how cherished YOU are.

Sincerely,

HYMC Spiritual Care

## Leadership Team

Soon we will be able to volunteer in person at Howard Young Medical Center!

The Volunteer Leadership Team held a virtual meeting on June 9, 2021. We have been away from in-person meetings and volunteer opportunities for so long that many of our committees need your time and talent. We are also looking for a volunteer to take over as Vice-President of the Leadership Team.

Please consider the many opportunities for volunteering.

***We need you!***

For more information, contact Volunteer Liaison, Tracy Hand, Howard Young Medical Center at 715-356-8517.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Mary Lou Shepski, President of the Leadership Team

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