National Volunteer Week – April 15-21, 2018 Written by Latricia Johnston, CPRO Hocking Valley Community Hospital

Hocking Valley Community Hospital prides itself with an outstanding volunteerism team and honors their selfless contributions to our organization and community. National Volunteer Week is April 15-21, a time set aside to recognize the countless ways volunteers make a significant impact in the life of an organization.

On average, our in-service volunteers contribute 3320 hours to your local hospital. And, while we know we could not possibly put a dollar amount on the value they provide to our patients and staff, according to the Economic Impact of Volunteers Calculator, they provide over \$78,000.00 of value to HVCH annually. As one of the largest charities in the county, it would not be possible for us to accomplish the many tasks they complete on a weekly basis without their volunteerism.

Many thanks to the following in-service volunteers at HVCH:

Betty Jo Downs – Specialty Clinic

Linda Hilbert - Materials Management

Ruth Ann Spatar – Materials Management

Judy Woolery – Medical Records

Alice Blatchley - Materials Management

Donna Gordon - Switchboard Operator

Etta Ruth Sullivan – Community Relations

Rev. Emory Clark - Chaplain Services

Karen Cottrill - Specialty Clinic

Roger Hedges – Registration/Admitting

Brenda Mankin - Patient Services

John Chappelear – Registration/Admitting

Charles Eaton – Registration/Admitting

Rev. Elizabeth Wagner – Chaplain Services

HVCH Board of Trustees and Foundation Board are also staffed with volunteers. Special thanks to the following for their numerous hours spent providing council to our hospital and Foundation:

Ruth Ann Spatar – HVCH Board Chairperson

Maria Galanti – HVCH Board Vice Chairperson

Bobbi Bishop – HVCH Board Secretary

Michael Walsh - HVCH Board

Rick Webb - HVCH Board

Amy Black - HVCH Board

Brice Frasure - HVCH Board

Brad Little - HVCH Foundation Chairperson

Pete Dennis – HVCH Foundation Vice Chairperson

Susan Aldridge – HVCH Foundation Treasurer Pam Cote – HVCH Foundation Board Judie Henniger – HVCH Foundation Board Laurel Danes-Webb – HVCH Foundation Board Donna Howard – HVCH Foundation Board Matthew Mahaffey – HVCH Foundation board Kyle Walker – HVCH Foundation Board

Additionally, the many TWIG and Auxiliary members who work tirelessly organizing events and fundraising opportunities to help sustain our hospital could not go without praise. There are so many ways that volunteers are helping us to help you and your loved ones. To community members who volunteer time and materials crafting blankets, socks and hats for patients – we thank you. To the churches who remember our staff working every weekend and every holiday – we are grateful for the many meals and snacks that you so graciously prepare and bring in to serve our teams. To our neighbors who remember HVCH during the loss of a loved one by organizing drives and monetary memorials in their memory – we are blessed to have been here to serve you in your time of need. Where does the list end? Each of you deserve so much more than a week of recognition. At HVCH we are blessed beyond measure for your altruistic acts of volunteerism and kindness. To all, we encourage each of you to seek out an opportunity to engage yourself within the community this year through volunteerism.