



Superintendent's Message

September is Recovery Month, and I know that our staff has a series of events planned for the patients. I got to thinking that it would also be remiss of me not to reflect on our own recovery in some ways. Rather it be recovering from a stressful event, we have obviously all have had that, to recover from some physical activity, or to recover from all the seemingly bad news we read and hear about in the news just about every day. Each and every day is a blessing, and not only do I need to remind myself of that every day but I would also suggest that we can also reflect on how fortunate we are in so many ways. So as we look to recover, we can reflect on the good things we have and work toward ways to rejuvenate ourselves for whatever we will need to recover from next.

Just as a reminder, Governor Pence had announced earlier this month that he had designated September as Health and Wellness month, so hopefully you have signed up for some of the many options through the **Invest in Your Health**.

I hope everyone has a great fall.

Jeff

Congratulations to Tim Webb - Employee of the Month for July



Tim works on 422B day shift. He has worked here for three and a half year. He vended the vending machines for six and a half years and had Building Trades in school here from 1983 to 1985.

Tim has three daughters ages 30, 24, and 15 years of age and two grandbabies—one boy and one girl three and 15 months. He likes to fish, boat, camp and anything outdoors.

Tim says he loves working at RSH and feels gratified if he makes a difference or a smile at the end of the day. He feels good helping anyone. He thinks his fellow staff, from top to bottom on 422B, deserve this employee of the month as much as he does. Without them we couldn't get things done. It is a special group that make it work and run so

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New Faces at RSH

Please welcome our new employees at RSH when you see them on grounds.

Welcome to RSH!



David Ames, BHRA



Jessica Mull, BHRA



Christine Cox, BHRA



Michelle Chamness, BHRA



Laura Polwart, BHRA



Brittnie Suttles, BHRA



Kyle Alvey, BHRA



Javonda Little, BHRA



Leah Lloyd, BHRA



Lacy Dudley, Dietician

Congratulations to Karen Whalen - Employee of the Month for August



Karen has been with Richmond State Hospital for 13 years. She started first in Dietary and then was fortunate to get hired in Housekeeping. In Housekeeping she learned about how the department was a team, and she has a great leader in Chuck Baldwin. She says she work with a great bunch of people.

Karen has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren, and she hopes for many more.

She says what she likes most about working at RSH is even when going through cancer, her co-workers and other RSH staff were behind her through this process.

Thank you Housekeeping and other RSH staff for being a part of my life.

These murals were painted by a former client back in RTC, 421B area. If you haven't seen them, you should take a walk back there and take a look. She is very talented!



Training Schedule

Recertification in Bridge Building

Dates: September 19,
October 3, 18, 31
Time: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Staff Development

Recertification in Professional CPR

Dates: September 19,
October 3, 18, 31
Time: 12:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Location: Staff Development

Evening shift recert in Bridge Bldg.

Date: September 19, Oct. 24
Time: 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Staff Development

Evening shift recert in Professional CPR

Date: September 20 & 27, Oct. 11
Time: 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Staff Development

*Annual recerts are scheduled during your birth month.

Please **welcome** our new employee, **Renee Marshall**, who recently completed her training in Staff Development. Renee is an RN on 422B night shift.

Welcome back to **Lauria Hale**. Lauria is returning as an attendant on 421A night shift.

Staff Development will be closed on Monday, October 14th to observe Columbus Day. The office will be opened on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:30 a.m.

Other new employees to welcome:

- Kellee Watts – HR Secretary**
- Teresa Black – BHRA 421B/even**
- Marsha Brooks – BHRA 421A/night**
- Marquis Cofield – BHRA 417A/even**
- Paul Gibbs – BHRA 421B/even**
- Taylor Johnson – BHRA 421A/night**
- Jason Kuhn – BHRA 420A/night**
- Brandon Perkins – BHRA 421B/eve**
- Kalli Varble – BHRA 417A/night**
- Chris York – BHRA 417C/even**



Steve Sacre won a drawing held by State Personnel for registering for a Castlight application.

Congratulations Steve!



Do you know this building and its location?

It's Lawson House, building 206, located on Indiana Avenue next to the NAMI House.