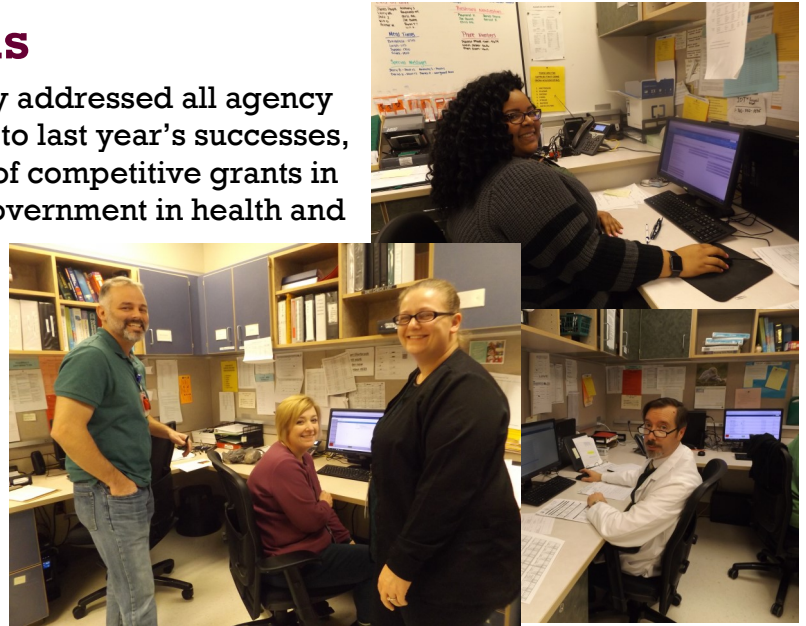


# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF EVANSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

## FSSA Successes & Goals

FSSA Secretary Jennifer Walthall recently addressed all agency employees with a bit of boasting related to last year's successes, particularly the doubling of the number of competitive grants in 2018 and leading the nation for digital government in health and human services. FSSA's 2019 goals and objectives were reviewed as well as requests for feedback regarding the tweaking of the current mission and vision statements to better summarize the agency's purpose and direction. Secretary Walthall spoke about the excitement of the soon-to-open Indiana Neuro Diagnostic Institute in Indianapolis next month with a ribbon cutting on March 15th. The Indiana Neuro Diagnostic Institute will add a mode of treatment to the state operated psychiatric network that will involve rapid assessments, stabilization, and building of diagnostic and treatment plans with the goal of transitioning individuals back in the community. Secretary Walthall touted the enhancement of the psychiatric hospital network with the initiation of the electronic medical record to improve upon the sharing of information and practice of medicine within the hospital network.



Working with the electronic medical record on Go Live Monday, February 4, were Alicia Majors, Kevin Weaver, Macey Uplinger, Alicia Mayes, and Dr. Boris Vatel



The Neuro Diagnostic Institute will open in March 2019.

### DRAFT FSSA Vision Statement:

*All Hoosiers live in fully engaged communities and reach their greatest emotional, mental and physical well-being.*

### DRAFT FSSA Mission Statement:

*To compassionately serve Hoosiers of all ages and connect them with social services, health care and their communities.*



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## ***Hospital Volunteers Make a Difference!***

***By Theresa Arvin, Community Services Director***

The annual Volunteer Service Celebration will take place on Thursday, April 4 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the hospital's River Birch dining room. This reception will recognize the time, talent, and treasures of our hospital volunteers. Over Calendar Year 2018, 188 individual and group volunteers logged in more than 1,036 hours of service at ESH. Certificates of appreciation will be awarded to those in attendance.



The hospital is fortunate to have so many faithful long time servants. One of note is Fr. Ted Tempel, who has been diligently coming to the hospital for over 15 years providing a

Catholic mass for the patients. Chapel services are scheduled on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons by staff member Deacon Dennis Hilderbrand, with the help of lay ministers, area deacons, and Fr. Tempel. Faith based services are an integral part of healing and recovery and have been ongoing at ESH since it's opening in 1890. Fr. Tempel recalls bringing people to ESH as a young priest over 50 years ago, while serving in the Vincennes area.



Left pictured in holiday hats are club members John Wilcox, Ceal Schulz, Maury Wade, and Kathy Wilcox.

The East Side Lions Club has been hosting an annual Christmas party since the 1960's. Lions Bill & Ceal Schulz, Lions Carleen & Maury Wade, and Lion Charlie Blake are full of memories of Christmases past that include silly antics and belting out Christmas carols, clad in holiday attire and festive hats. "The holiday party at ESH is one of our most popular club activities. We enjoy it so much and look forward to visiting with the patients." said Lion Ceal Schulz. Not only do they host the holiday shindig, but club members sponsor several patients in the holiday gift program and respond with donations of needed items throughout the year. More recently, club members have joined the hospital's medical team at the ShrinersFest in June, handing out sunscreen, wet towels, and water. Willie Ruckman, Shrinersfest Medical Team Leader feels "group members compliment our medical team by enabling certified volunteers to focus on the injuries and crises that surface. Lions Club volunteers provide a much needed service to the public attending the summer fest."



East Side Lions Club members above are Angela Carrell, Sue Russ, Don Bakel and Peggy Bakel.

## Heart Healthy Month

To promote heart health in February, a walk challenge over the Valentine's Day week was offered with employees being challenged to move at least 10,000 steps each day. Staff wore red during the week to bring awareness to heart disease, the leading cause of death in both men and women. Knowing your health numbers is the first preventative step one can take for their wellness. 125 employees are scheduled to participate in a biometric screen on March 14. An on-site health coach, Terri Finley, will also be available to promote the Active Health management wellness program.



From left to right are Megan Rech, Andy Hartmann, Kristy Ashley, Kathy Southers, Marsha Howell, Kathleen Dick, Jodi Yarbrough, and Donna Johnson

## Through The Decades

The spring event, "Generations of Community Building" will take place on April 5. Patients will be treated to decades-old games and activities reminiscent of the '50's through the '90's. A talent show will feature the creative abilities of both patients and staff.



Staff members perform "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" at the 2016 Talent Show. Pictured from left to right are Michelle Martin, retiree Debbie Davis, Pam Yancey, Donna Mesker, and Tonya Smith.



With over 50 years of combined service, Lou Thompson and Kathy Griffith celebrate their last working day at ESH.



An afghan made recently in needle craft classes.

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### Hospital Needs

- Earbuds
- Amazon gift cards for downloading music

### Volunteers Needed

Friend to Friend Volunteers - male sponsors to befriend our patients and visit with them once a month.

### New Employees

*Catherine Barnes, Fiscal Management  
Terry Wilson, Physical Plant  
Madalyn Haynes, Secretary*

### Goodbye Employees

*Mackenzie Bennett, Continuum of Care  
Yvonne Hardy, Nursing Service  
Anne Loschky, Nursing Service  
Autumn Johns, Nursing Service  
Retha Weber, Nursing Service*



### Welcome New Volunteers

Jaelyn Kinchelow  
Kathryn Fitzgerald, North Woods  
Lesia Hahn, North Woods  
Sylvia York, North Woods  
Brittany Gass  
Roxinda Lutz, Southern IN Military Moms  
Megan Thomas, USI Stellar Club  
Ally Loop, USI Stellar Club  
Robin Glenn  
Andrea Kissel

