

January 2, 2019

RCH CELEBRATES NEW YEAR'S BABY 2019



RCH Auxiliary Members Diane McReynolds and Kathy Ramsay pose with the Shubert family.

Bright, bouncy and beautiful Vincent Randall Shubert was the first baby born at Rooks County Health Center (RCH) in 2019! The proud parents are Sarah and Dustin Shubert of rural Ellis County. This adorable little boy entered the world at Rooks County Health Center on January 2nd at 8:19 p.m. weighing 7 pounds 6 1/2 oz. Dr. Lynn Fisher was the attending physician.

The Rooks County Health Center Auxiliary once again sponsored the annual New Year's Baby Shower and presented the family with a gift basket containing baby wipes, diapers, toys, clothes, lotions, blankets and handmade crocheted cap and quilt.

Although residents of Ellis County, both Sarah and Dustin remarked that RCH was their first choice for delivery, as the entire family doctors here.

When asked to describe the quality of care they received at RCH, Sarah and Dustin's immediate response was that it was superlative, saying "The nurses were amazing, Dr. Fisher is amazing and the very personal care was spectacular." The compliments to the RCH staff extended to the quality of meals they received and the welcome they say they always receive at the admissions desk.

Congratulations to the entire Shubert family!

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks for the kindness and generosity of the Rooks County Health Center Auxiliary for the shower gifts.

RCH Continues Community Giving Over the Holidays

The annual Christmas gift basket raffle held by Rooks County Health Center (RCH) in December raised nearly \$3,000 which went toward helping some Rooks County children who might otherwise have been unable to enjoy presents at Christmas.

This marks the 8th year of the Christmas gift basket event. Each RCH department donates their time and money for whatever they would like to put in their baskets, and then RCH employees pitch in generously to buy raffle tickets in hopes of winning a basket, and to ensure a merry Christmas for some kids in the county. There are approx. 15-20 baskets every year. The raffle drawing is held annually as part of RCH's employee Christmas party.

Karen Harris, Director of Diagnostic Imaging at RCH coordinates the event and was pleased with the success this year, saying "This year we raised \$2,800. The baskets ranged from a kitchen aid mixer to a patio heater and even cash. There is always a great variety. All hospital departments and the Post Rock Family Medicine clinic take part. This year we were able to help over 15 kids that live in Palco, Plainville and Stockton have a great Christmas".

Over \$17,000 has been raised over the last 8 years with 100 % of the proceeds going to buy Christmas gifts for children in Rooks County.

Asked to describe the effect of delivering the presents to the families, Harris commented "The presents are usually delivered to the parents who tell their kids that they are from Santa, but sometimes we have to get a little creative in our story if we deliver to the home and the kids are there. One time we delivered to a single mom who was juggling a job while taking classes at Fort Hays. The kids were there and were giddy with excitement, couldn't believe that all the gifts were for them. We explained that Santa had dropped the presents off at the hospital and asked us to deliver them. It was heartwarming to see the children's excitement".

The Christmas basket raffle is just one of the community service projects that RCH employees are involved in. During October, RCH raised a record \$1,700 for community food banks during the 4th annual Pumpkin Decorating contest held the week prior to Halloween.

Both Stockton and Plainville food pantries received \$850 in what turned out to be a very timely contribution. When the Stockton food pantry received the RCH donation it was out of food amid concerns on how they were going to meet the demand for food assistance during the holidays.

AJ Thomas, the CEO of RCH expressed his gratitude for the many community projects that hospital employees undertake, saying "I'm proud to work in such a caring environment. We all encourage each other to go the extra mile, not just in the healthcare that we deliver here at the hospital, but also when we take that caring and commitment out into the community, to show our appreciation and gratitude for the support that we get from our friends and neighbors".



Human Resource News

JOB OPENINGS:

Flex-shift Environmental Services

CHANGE IN EMPLOYEES:

Joshua Boxberger is a Lab Tech

RCH Employee Anniversaries

Andee Mitchell	4 years
Adam Comeau	5 years
Pam Harmon	8 years
Annette Paulson	8 years
Heather Balthazor	10 years
Steve Law	11 years

Congratulations! Thank you for your years of service!

Total funds raised during the RCH Auxiliary Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony are \$2,295! These funds will be used to provide scholarships to Rooks County Residents and RCH Employees that are pursuing a career in health care. Thank you so much to everyone who supported this great fundraiser!

Thank you to the following people who provided fire watch services for us during construction of our new emergency exit on the north side of the hospital: Jeanie Rolfe, Bill Harmon, Peyton Ostmeyer, Jodie Ostmeyer, Zach Hinger, Jake & Haley Karlin. Fortunately, the last watch ended last night.

QUARTERLY REGULATORY MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 29th

All Meetings will be held in the HIM Conference Room

8:30 Quarterly Quality:

**This Quarter:
Dietary, Surgery, Sterile Processing, Wound Care,
PACU, Outpatient Services, Radiology, Nursing, OB,
Rehab Departments: PT/OT/ST, Laboratory,
Pharmacy, Admissions, Cardiac Rehab, Anesthesia,
Survey reports: Delinquent Charts**

9:45 Quarterly Infection Prevention

10:15 Quarterly Utilization Review

10:30 Quarterly Privacy Oversight

10:50 Quarterly Corporate Compliance

11:00 Quarterly Risk Management

After the Quality Meeting, all meetings will run consecutively and meeting times will be approximate. The start of all meetings will be announced overhead so those people can arrive at the appropriate time.

 Lunch Menu 

Friday, Jan 4

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baked Potato, Vegetable, and Peanut Butter Sheet Cake

Saturday, Jan 5

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, and Cookies

Sunday, Jan. 6

Apricot Glazed Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy or Sweet Potato Soufflé , Vegetable, and Pie

Monday, Jan. 7

Oriental Chicken over Rice and Fresh Fruit Cup.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Smothered Sancho, Spanish Rice, and Rice Krispy Treat.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, and Fresh Fruit cup.

Thursday, Jan. 10

Baked Potato Bar W/ Cheesy Broccoli & Chili, and Fresh Fruit Cup.

Friday, Jan 11

Tater Tot Casserole, Garlic toast, and Texas Sheet Cake.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Homemade Vegetable Soup, Deli Sandwich, and Fresh Grapes

Sunday, Jan. 13

Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Stick, Green Beans, and Pie

Monday, Jan. 14

Grilled Ham & Cheese or Grilled Turkey & Cheese, Onion Rings, and Fresh Fruit Cup.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Hamburger Soup, Bread Stick, and Fresh Fruit Cup.



JANUARY

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		1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4  PAY DAY	5
6 Karen Harris	7	8 Stephanie Bjornstad	9 Lisa VonFeldt Jaime Benoit	10 8–4:30 New Employee Orientation	11 Kelsey Wyatt	12
13 Nicole Pierson LaDonna Shetterly	14 Turn Time Sheets In Pat Ferland	15 Skylar Rudman Rebecca Bigge	16 1pm Med Staff & Grand Rounds Angela Hahn	17 Patty Plante	18 PAY DAY	19
20	21 10am Foundation Mtg	22 6pm RCH Board Mtg Alexa Sabatka	23	24 8am & 2pm Quarterly Staff Mtgs Amanda Rubottom	25	26 Laurie Augustine
27 Bill Harmon	28 Turn Time Sheets In Scott Carpenter	29 8:30-1pm Quarterly Regulatory Mtgs	30	31 10am RCH Auxiliary Mtg		