

# Volunteer Voice



Fall 2019



## Upcoming Events

### Jewelry Sale

November 13 - 15  
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Bluebonnet Atrium  
(closes at 3pm on the Friday)

### Holiday Luncheon

November 15  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Renaissance Hotel

## Thank you!

Each and every day, our BRG volunteer team makes a huge difference in the lives of our patients and our community. Thanks to you, the amount of service time donated by volunteers for 2018-2019 is 31,834.44 hours at a savings of \$809,538.62 for the hospital!

Areas where we need volunteers: Center for Health, Gift Tree, Hospitality Volunteer at West Information Desk, Surgery Waiting and Entrance 2 Information Desk. Remember- refer a friend and receive a free gift! Contact Beverly Pourciau at (225) 381-6576 or at [volunteers@brgeneral.org](mailto:volunteers@brgeneral.org)

## Sharing Thanks and Well Wishes



Happy Fall to everyone! Our volunteers are continuing to help create an exceptional experience for our BRG community. Linen and jewelry sales, pumpkin patch support and new opportunities at the Center for Health are just a few of the ways our volunteers are contributing to enhance patient care experiences provided by our hospital system. Recently, our Auxiliary Board approved funding for projects that will provide equipment and support for the Pennington Cancer Center and Public Safety department at Mid-City and Bluebonnet. We are featuring Gloria Taillon-Thibodeaux ( a new Board appointee) in this issue of the Voice. We are also sharing a recipe of one of our volunteers. If anyone would like to share an experience

or something yummy in the newsletter, I'd love to hear from you. Looking forward to seeing you at our Holiday Luncheon on November 15th at the Renaissance Hotel from 11:30 – 1:00 pm.

Laura Parr  
*Auxiliary Board President*

## Congratulations Stella Goodbye!

One of our great BRG volunteers, Stella Goodbye, was honored at the hospital's 2nd Annual High Reliability Team Awards! The event recognized and awarded BRG's High Reliability Teams (HRTs), as well as showcased improvement initiatives from across the organization (clinical and non-clinical). Stella was recognized at the event for catching not one, but two instances where a patient did not have the correct arm band and/or paperwork for surgery while she was volunteering in the Surgery Waiting area. There have been many improvements already put into place by Admissions to ensure this won't happen again. Thank you Stella!



*(Pictured left to right: Stella Goodbye and Maria Rodriguez, Volunteer Services Coordinator.)*

## Volunteer Spotlight: Gloria Taillon-Thibodeaux

**1. How long have you been a volunteer?** I began volunteering in November 2016 and have accumulated over 835 hours of service at BRG.

**2. What brought you to become a volunteer at BRG?** I was, and still am, interested in being a cuddler. I chose 4:00 in the morning thinking no one else would want to be there at that time.

**3. What is your favorite part of volunteering?** Being active with the people I encounter. I love being busy and love to be a shoulder to lean on, who will listen and not be judgmental.

**4. What are some of your greatest achievements in life?** My three healthy and successful children. I am extremely proud of their endeavors and accomplishments. Also I'm in love with my beautiful granddaughter!



I also pioneered computer-aided realtime translation (CART) in Louisiana. This has been a humbling experience. Providing accommodations for students with disabilities was an awakening of the real world. Every day I am overwhelmed by their challenges and their determinations and their achievements!

**5. What are your interests, gifts or passions?** I love children. I am gravitated to them. I have an ability to calm them when the stage is not in their favor.

**6. What are your top 3 items on your bucket list?** I am tremendously fortunate that at my age if I have a "wish" it comes true within a very short period of time. My husband Joe and I take one nice trip each year. We love to explore other lifestyles. He and I are blessed with good health.

## Volunteers are proud to support the following Public Safety Projects to enhance security at both campuses...

- FAST PASS visitor management system
- New hexadecimal employee badge system
  - Upgrade dispatch office at Mid City
- Upgrade digital video recorder and additional cameras on the roof at Bluebonnet



### October

Allison Cannon  
Louise Haynes  
Angelle Smith  
Cynthia Sabathier  
Ju-Woo Nho  
Camille Trahan  
Anna Mayeaux  
Thomas Harrell  
Natalie Roumain  
Lydia Petz  
Earline Durlacher  
Barsha Shrestha  
Jeremiah Bellard  
Connie Schultz  
Helen Russell  
Janet Gremillion  
Carolyn Gross  
Sue Breau  
Vina Ngo  
Alex Reyes  
Emma Roehm  
Tamlyn Williams  
Sherrial Yarbrough  
Maria Rodriguez  
Katlyn Russell

### November

Theresa Rizzutto  
Alaysia Collins  
Akelah Butler

### Ivan Nguyen

Sarah Baker  
Beverly Varnado  
Tyra Marshall  
Clara Sue Driftmier  
Sydney Cockburn  
Chloe Hijazi  
Kenneth Perret  
Meena Manimaran  
Jewell Lotten  
Helen Spears  
Arlisse Rodney  
Cassandra Jones  
Lois C. Roller

### December

Walter Walker  
Mary Lou Kennedy  
Paola Olivares-Nazar  
Kevin Jones  
Taylor Prudhomme  
Cartier Asberry  
Jason Devillier  
Cameron Lala  
Corinne 'Pug' Gussman  
Krista Lowery  
Cynthia Lastrapes  
Victoria Nacol  
Hazel Norwood  
Symil LeDoux

## Volunteer Bites: Quick Biscuits

- 2 cups Bisquick mix
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup Sprite or 7 Up
- 4 tbsb butter

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Combine Bisquick and sour cream, stirring until dough is formed. Stir in Sprite until blended. Pinch off dough and shape into 9 balls, slightly flattening the tops. Melt butter and pour 2 tablespoons into a 9x9" pan. Place biscuits in pan with sides touching. Bake 10 - 15 minutes or until tops are slightly brown. Brush remaining butter on top of the biscuits and continue to cook until the desired browning. Enjoy!  
-*Bev Varnado*