

## Healing through the arts



*Harpist Nell Morris*

Artwork and music are two components of the Healing Arts Program at MCGHealth. From crayon pictures drawn by school children to classical music played by skilled musicians, MCGHealth for many years has utilized art performances and exhibitions inside the hospital walls to improve the patient care environment. The therapeutic effects of art can include lowering stress levels, speeding recovery times, reducing the need for pain

medications and increasing social interactions of patients.

"It's a less invasive way to provide a healing touch for our patients," said Sandra Custodi, a program volunteer. "The Healing Arts Program is very well received by our patients. We sold a painting to a family recently after their loved one was discharged. The woman told me that she wanted to buy that particular painting because it had brought her comfort while her father was in our hospital."

Harpist Nell Morris has also had positive feedback. "I had a heart-warming experience yesterday on 5 South in the Bone Marrow Transplant area. A man came out in the hall when I started playing. He walked up and down the short hall with his IV pole. He stopped and

said that he felt like he was hearing angel music. He told me how touched he was. He was very weepy and just kept saying he was so touched by the music. He finally took a chair and sat in the doorway of his room, listening until I finished. As I packed up to go, he came out and thanked me again for the music." A lifelong musician who also plays the piano, Morris took up the harp 16 years ago and performs throughout the Augusta area. She is a certified clinical musician.

The MCGHealth Cancer Center is just one of the many locations around the health system where Morris performs. "There are no claims that music can cure cancer," Morris said. "But research tells us that music can reduce symptoms such as pain, anxiety and nausea from chemotherapy treatments."

"This is not a new concept," Custodi said. "It's well-known that art has a positive effect on a person's well-being. Through this program, we hope to provide a unique and healing touch to those cared for at MCGHealth." ♦

### Want to know what's happening?

If you'd like to check the schedule, go to the Healing Arts Program webpage at [mcghealth.org/patient-and-visitor-guide](http://mcghealth.org/patient-and-visitor-guide). You can also check the electronic bulletin boards or the monthly calendar found in the elevator boxes. Or, you can contact Sandra Custodi at 803-645-4564 or [scustodi@yahoo.com](mailto:scustodi@yahoo.com) for further information. ♦

## Nearly 16,000 meals collected for Golden Harvest



*Shown counting and weighing the donations are (left to right): Tara Brown, Staff Nurse, 4C Pediatric Medicine; Tammy Harris, Senior Staff Nurse, Family Medicine; Debra Marranci, Charge Nurse, OR; Natalie Horseman, Staff Nurse, Pediatric OR;*

*Tara Woodall, Assistant Nurse Manager, 6 South Telemetry; and Carrie Jones, Events and Food Coordinator for the Golden Harvest Food Bank.*

During the recent month-long food drive to benefit the Golden Harvest Food Bank, the generous members of the MCGHealth community donated more than \$3,600 or the equivalent of nearly 14,500 meals, and almost 1,750 pounds of food or the equivalent of about 1,350 meals.

The Family Medicine practice site donated nearly half of the money while 3 North and 3 South donated the most food, 410 pounds.

The donations will “help fill little tummies” across the CSRA. A special thanks to all who donated. ♦

## Peds OR helps 6,000 children live healthier lives



The Pediatric OR recently celebrated providing good health and healing to its 6,000th patient during fiscal year 2010. Gathered to mark the occasion are (back row, from left): Tia Mode, RN, Pediatric Perianesthesia Clinical

Coordinator; Dr. Ivan Florentino, Chief of Pediatric Anesthesia; Dennis Rodriguez, RN, Pediatric Perioperative Clinical Coordinator; Wes Weaver, CRNA; and Helen Bosovik, Student PCT. In the front row (from left) are: Diane Hopper, RN, PACU; Markita Battle, the mother of patient Jeremiah Battle; the patient's aunt, Mikeina Baxter; and Karen Rexroat, RN, Pre-op. ♦

## Marines' Bike Nite nets sea of toys



A group of motorcycle enthusiasts representing the Riverfront Marines Detachment 1132, recently held a “Bike Nite Toy Drive” at the Sno Cap Drive-In in North Augusta to benefit the MCGHealth Children’s Medical Center. As a result of their efforts, representatives of the Riverfront Marines Detachment (from left) Joe Cote, Lee Byrd and Paul Brewer presented nearly \$1,000 worth of toys to the area’s only children’s hospital. On hand to receive the toys were (front, center) Greyland Cannon, 10, of Augusta, a patient at the Children’s Medical Center, along with (back row, from left) Denise Parrish, MCGHealth Media Relations Manager, and Catherine Stewart, MCGHealth Philanthropy Associate. ♦

## Congratulations to service awardees

We are pleased to salute the following 75 employees for devoting a combined 650 years of service to MCGHealth. A luncheon in their honor was held at the Alumni Center.

### Five Years

**Barbara Adkins**, *Pediatric OR*  
**Lori Best**, *Patient Accounts*  
**Kimberly Black**, *Financial Quality*  
**Andrea Burton**, *Neonatal ICU*  
**Maria Carrero**, *Gift Shop Operations*  
**Tina Chrisman**, *4C Pediatric Medicine*  
**Scott Clarke**, *Magnetic Resonance Imaging*  
**Stephen Dishmond**, *Pediatric Respiratory Care*  
**Elizabeth Duncan**, *Desk Operations*  
**Sandra Duncan**, *Medical ICU*  
**Andre Frederick**, *Surgical ICU*  
**Angela Frederick**, *7 South*  
**Rachel French**, *9 North Child Psychiatry*  
**Anna Fulmer**, *Medical ICU*  
**Christy Gardner**, *Neonatal ICU*  
**Melissa Gibbons**, *Radiology CT*  
**Latrell Hays**, *Pediatric Respiratory Care*  
**Patricia Head**, *Specimen Procurement & Receiving*  
**Geoffery Hlaing**, *Shock Trauma*  
**Dennis Hoechst**, *Pharmacy*  
**Natalie Horseman**, *Pediatric OR - Main*  
**Joyce Lawrence**, *Rehabilitation Therapy*  
**April Lewis**, *4C Pediatric Medicine*

**Amanda Lucas**, *Respiratory Care*  
**Fatima Martinez**, *Dietary*  
**Jacquelyn McKinney**, *Emergency Medicine*  
**Myungsun Moore**, *9 North Child Psychiatry*  
**Amanda Newton**, *4C Pediatric Medicine*  
**Nhuan Nguyen**, *Pharmacy*  
**Winston OConnell**, *Emergency Medicine*  
**Benyetta Parris**, *Bed Management*  
**William Parrish**, *Medical ICU*  
**Amanda Poole**, *Neonatal ICU*  
**Lee Powell**, *Talent Acquisition*  
**Rebecca Reed**, *Outpatient Allergy*  
**Carrie Rhodes**, *Surgery Clinic*  
**Sara Rogers**, *CLAS*  
**Jennifer Rudd**, *Corporate Finance/Accounting*  
**Tod Schnetzler**, *Medicine*  
**Dona Skelley**, *6 North Cardiology Pulmonary Care*  
**Christina Thomas**, *6 South Telemetry*  
**Cynthia Thompson**, *5 South Stem Cell Transplant*  
**Tracy Townsend**, *Executive Office*  
**Karen Wade**, *Pediatric ICU*  
**Brie Wells**, *Shock Trauma*  
**Amanda Wright**, *Kidney Transplant*  
**Ann Young**, *5 North Oncology*

### Ten Years

**Amelia Allen**, *Diagnostic Radiology*  
**Melissa Braswell**, *Physical Therapy*  
**Sue Burris**, *Financial Quality*  
**Lisa Campbell-Lown**, *5C Pediatric Surgery*

**Paulette Clemmons**, *Anatomic Pathology*  
**Sharon Eubanks**, *Pediatric OR*  
**Leslie Ford**, *Respiratory Care*  
**Danelle Givens**, *Chemistry*  
**Constance Johnson**, *Immunopathology*  
**Lucile Johnson**, *Environmental Services*  
**Ronnie Lofton**, *Diagnostic Radiology*  
**Bethany McLeroy**, *Emergency Medicine*  
**Jyothi Molakkalu**, *Rehabilitation Therapy*  
**Eraina O'Neal**, *HIMS Clinics*  
**Bernard Roberson**, *Family Services Development*  
**Deirdre Shaw**, *Pediatric Respiratory Care*  
**Mary Sykes**, *9 North Child Psychiatry*  
**Betty Watkins**, *Environmental Services*  
**Betty Williams**, *Patient Accounts*

### Fifteen Years

**Angeles Ancog**, *Film and Chemistry*  
**Sara Caldwell**, *Film and Chemistry*  
**Roy Carter**, *Environmental Services*  
**Timothy Coleman**, *Facilities Operations*  
**Corene Mack**, *Jefferson County Clinic*  
**Joseph Robinson**, *Facilities Operations*  
**Stephanie Sealey**, *Hospital Financial Management*  
**Kimberly Whitfield**, *Emergency Medicine*  
**Rosette Wyche**, *Medicine* ♦

## Congratulations to our 100-year-old kids!

Lindsey Adams	Pat Connell	Beverly Hankinson	Terry Layton	Alice Simione
Rob Adams	Lisa Count	Mary Harmon	Elaine Lea	Hope Simmons
Kim Aiello	Mary Ann Couvillon	Kathy Harris	Jimmy Lea	Felicia Smalls
Sheryl Alba	Deidre Crocker	Belinda Harrison	Sandra Ledbetter	Sabra Smiley
Amelia Allen	Michael Cunico	Kris Harrison	Wanda Lewis	Dana Smith
Susan Allen	Andy Darnell	Debra Hartshorn	Deborah Luckey	Deborah Smith
Amy Anderson	Bionca Davis	Jennifer Hathcox	Joy Mahan	Drenda Smith
Phyllis Andrews	Donald Davis	Meghan Hawkes	Brenda McKinnon	Gary Smith
Patricia Armstrong	Mike Davis	Shasta Heath	Teresa Mills	Heather Smith
Tracy Arther	Roxanne Davis	Linda Henderson	Dana Mitchell	Tracie Sowinski
James Baggett	Tracee Davis	Idella Heyward	Lisa Mitchum	Lureda Stephens
Linda Baggott	Bridget Davis Battle	Marieta Hobbs	Teri Mobley	Maria Stephens
Robert Baggott	Kristina Dargin	Steven Hoggard	Angela Moody	Wendy Stephens
Ive Banks-Ramsey	Jessica Dillard-Wright	June Hokrein	Susan Moretz	Lakeisha Stone
Homer Barnes	William Dolen	Dawn Hollifield	Katie Morris	Sherry Stowers
Nonie Barnes	Vaibhav Donald	Lonnie Hooks	Ronald Moss	Britani Stratton
Deb Barshafsky	Diana Dorman	Gayle Hooper	Sherry Munoz	StJohn Sturton
Bridget Battle	Joyce Dorman	Rene Hopkins	Nicole Murdaugh	Barbara Suttles
Lillian Beard	Mark Downs	Samantha Hughes	Renae Murphy	Gloria Taylor
Mildred Bennett	Nancy Dunkle	Sally Hunt	Jonathan Nesbitt	Janet Taylor
Helen Bentz	Deborah Edwards	Sandra Huntington	Tina Newman	Latoya Taylor
David Black	Vicki Edwards	Melody Hutchins	Anderson Norrell	Frances Toole
Christine Bloom	Michele Emmons	Harriet Hutto	Debbie Norton	Susanne Touchtone
Rebecca Bold	Mario Enriquez	Darla Irwin	Catherine Oglesby	Tracy Townsend
Jamie Bolton	Denise Faires (Youngblood)	Paul Jackson	Sandra Oglesby	Brenda Turner
James Bosley	David Flannery	Sheryl Jackson	Kelly Olson	Lisa Turner
Sarah Braswell	Charlotte Fore	Meshanda Jenkins	Sheila O'Neal	Carol Vaughn
Traycee Brinson	Tammy Foster	Margaret Johnson	Tamra Parrish	Lisa Voldness
Tonya Britt	Davidson Freeman	Mary Johnson	Roxane Patterson	Tom Wagner
Katie Brown	Benjamin Fuller	Renee Johnson	Rena Pearson-Shaver	Nancy Waks
Ada Brownson	Steven Galles	Tamekia Johnson	Brenda Pitt	Charmaine Walker
Inge Buchanan	Pamela Garnett	Ben Jones	Donna Posey	Lynette Walton
Kevin Burnett	Carolyn Gibson	Lisa Jones	Rosa Primus	Jennifer Welch
Ruth Byars	James Gill	Sherrlyn Jones	Tara Pringle	Chris White
Cathleen Caldwell	Barbara Gilmore	Lutricia Jordan	Carol Puz	David White
Michelle Campbell	Altermease Godbold	Lynn Joyner	Willie Rogers	Christina Wiggins
Karen Catchings	Jasmin Graham	Mary Justin Hayes	Terry Rolland	Bettie Williams
Bhatt Charulata	Loretta Greene	Marguerite Kanto	Selina Roney	Megan Williams
Tracy Chavous	Charlie Guo	Sean Kayea	Stephanie Rose	Raque Williams
Irene Childress	Emily Hagler	David Kelly	Tonia Ryll	Brenda Wilson
Tina Chrisman	Michael Hall	Donna Kolb	Leah Sanders	Carolyn Wilson
Cirila Clark	Sherri Hall	Nancy Kotti	Maurice Scott	Timothy Wolfe
Shelley Clark	Chelsie Halford	Torri Lampkin	Joyce Sharpton	Stephanie Zamperini
Theta Coker		Dorothy Langford	Mallory Shirey	Ashley Ziobrowski ♦
Brittany Cole		Mallory Langston		

## Disabled enjoy water sports



*Enjoying the day (from left) are: Susan Wise, OTA; Hanh Vo-Booker, PT; and Andrew and Christopher Booker.*

MCGHealth again teamed with Champions Made from Adversity to host the 4th Annual Adaptive Water Skiing Clinic, a free event for those ages six to 80 with disabilities.

Approximately 25 participants and 150 volunteers enjoyed all sorts of water sports. New to the event was a jump castle for children. The event took place at the Points West Fort Gordon

Outdoor Resort.

Champions Made from Adversity advances the lives of persons with physical disabilities and their families through sport and leisure activities. ♦

## Volunteers complete 2010 program



Nearly 100 Volunteers working in 40 locations recently completed their six-week program at MCGHealth and were recognized during a celebratory luncheon. Nearly 20 of the Volunteers participate in the Student Education Enrichment Program for rising juniors or high school graduates from across the state who have

demonstrated academic excellence.

Walter Quiller, the son of Walter Quiller, who works in Perioperative Services, contributed the most amount of time – a total of 108 hours.

Over the course of the six-week program, the Volunteers gave a total of 2,040 hours or the monetary equivalent of nearly \$40,000. ♦

## Cold front moves into the CSRA

Brrrrrr. Prepare for cold temperatures when Miracle Treat Day comes to the CSRA, August 5. Dairy Queens across the area will donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Blizzards® to the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center to fund the renovation of the pediatric hematology/oncology clinic.

Pick up your Blizzard at the following participating locations:

### **In Augusta:**

2837 Central Ave.  
3149 Washington Rd.  
4099 Belair Rd., Augusta

### **In Louisville:**

205 U.S. Highway 1 Bypass

### **In Millen:**

1234 U.S. Highway 25 North

### **In Swainsboro:**

391 South Main St.

### **In Thomson:**

1850 Washington Rd.

### **In Waynesboro:**

221 South Liberty Street

Last year, participating restaurants raised more than \$9,500 to support the programs and services that benefit children and their families. ♦

## Welcome new team members

**Lea Abell**, *Quality Management*

**Caro Ashe**, *5C Pediatric Surgery*

**Kristy Banks**, *3 South Adult Psych*

**Chundra Beasley**, *Emergency Services*

**Starr Bedy**, *Pharmacy*

**Annette Bridges**, *3 South Adult Psych*

**Steven Budovsky**, *IS Planning and Administration*

**Christy Cecil**, *Pharmacy*

**Thomas Clay**, *Environmental Services*

**Sally Coggins**, *Medical ICU*

**Sharon Cousin**, *Surgical Pathology*

**Hilda Crawford**, *ER Observation Unit*

**Cindi Cross**, *Surgical ICU*

**Tasha Dancy**, *Technical Support*

**Lisa Derby**, *Pharmacy*

**Anthony DuBois**, *Patient Transport Services*

**Angela Duffie**, *Occupational Health*

**Sharonda Dugger**, *Concierge Greeter Services*

**Lisa Edwards**, *Patient Transport Services*

**Cindy Fielding**, *Pediatric OR*

**Iris Fordham**, *Pediatric Surgery*

**Patricia Giles**, *5 West Medicine*

**Tonya Hall**, *6 South*

**Phillip Hayes**, *IS Planning and Administration*

**Shaneisha Hobbs**, *Operating Room*

**Francie Hone**, *Patient Transport Services*

**Rebecca Hood**, *Utilization Management*

**Pamela Howard**, *Emergency Medicine*

**Lakendra Jefferson**, *Coumadin Practice Site*

**Danielle Kahn**, *Medical ICU*

**Katerina Katsanevas**, *Pharmacy*

**Courtney Lake**, *6 South Telemetry*

**Charlene Lioi**, *Medical ICU*

**Michael Manuel**, *Emergency Medicine*

**Alexis McKeller**, *Environmental Services*

**Misty McKinnon**, *Emergency Medicine*

**Tameka Merritt**, *7 South*

**Erin Norris**, *Medical ICU*

**Marcos Ortiz-Colon**, *CLAS*

**Nell Osterman**, *HIMS*

**Summer Owen**, *Neonatal ICU*

**Kimberly Payton**, *Patient Transport Services*

**Lisa Pelletier**, *Pharmacy*

**Sarah Quinn**, *Shock Trauma*

**Jon Rushton**, *Supply Distribution*

**LaToria Russ**, *Shock Trauma*

**Marques Scales**, *Central Sterile Repository*

**Daeshawnda Smith**, *Operating Room*

**Anna Spencer**, *6 North Cardiology*

**Stanley Spurley**, *Psych ED*

**Jessica Stovall**, *6 North*

**Sadie Swanagan**, *L&D*

**Melissa Terrell**, *Patient Accounts*

**Odessa Terry**, *Environmental Services*

**Mary Walker**, *Pharmacy*

**Maegen Ware**, *Human Resources*

**Dorothy Washington**, *Environmental Services*

**Amanda Wheeler**, *6 North Cardio Pulmonary Care*

**Kari Williams**, *Emergency Medicine*

**Linda Williams**, *Emergency Medicine*

**Mary Williams**, *Environmental Services*

**Debra Wood**, *O/P Pediatrics*

**Lindsey Yarbrough**, *Emergency Medicine*

**Joshua Young**, *Pediatric ICU* ♦

### 2010 holiday schedule

**Labor Day**  
Sept. 6, 2010

**Thanksgiving Day**  
Nov. 25, 2010

**Day after Thanksgiving**  
Nov. 26, 2010

**Christmas Eve**  
Dec. 23, 2010

**Christmas Day**  
Dec. 24, 2010 ♦