



December 2023

Volunteer Christmas Week December 11-15

During this holiday season, we are thankful for your dedicated service to our patients, visitors and staff throughout the year.

As a token of appreciation, all *currently active* volunteers may stop in the Volunteer Office during Christmas Open House and pick up a box of Esther Price chocolates from St. Elizabeth CEO, Garren Colvin, along with some goodies from us! These may be picked up at the location of your choice.

<u>Dearborn / Edgewood / Florence</u> Ft. Thomas/ Hospice



Volunteer Services Welcomes Sonya Sizemore

Please welcome Sonya Sizemore to the role of Volunteer & Guest Information Services Manager.

Sonya comes to us from

St. Elizabeth Physicians where she currently serves as the Provider Recruitment Support Specialist. She also is the On Call Manager for Family Bridges Homecare in Cincinnati. Sonya has several years of experience in both healthcare and education and has a passion for working with and giving back to our community. She is a mom of three amazing adult children named, Rachel, Grace & Luke. In her spare time, she enjoys going to sporting events, traveling, crafting, and spending time with family and friends.

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!

For the last seven years, I have had the pleasure of singing Christmas carols around the community as part of my choir, YPCC. I've had the opportunity to sing at more events than I can count; from tree-lightings to the streetcar to remembrance services at nursing homes.

One of my favorite songs is "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Every time we get to the lyric, "through the years we all will be together, if the fates allow," I'm reminded of how lucky I am to have the people near and dear to me.

We all know that holidays in healthcare can be difficult. Those we care for are often separated from the people they love. Your presence at St. Elizabeth is such a blessing to all facing difficult times during the holidays – patients, their families, and our associates. A smiling face, a welcome ear, and an earnest desire to help are the greatest gifts you can give to those that walk our halls.

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and send my sincere wishes for a Happy New Year.

In observance of the Christmas Holiday season, the Volunteer Offices will be CLOSED:

Monday, December 25

Monday, January 1

REMINDER!

The last day to enter your 2023 hours is December 31! If you have hours to submit, please call your Volunteer Office.

2024 High School Volunteer Program

Registration for <u>NEW</u> high school volunteers opens at <u>3pm on Tuesday</u>, <u>January 2</u> For more information, go online to:

stelizabeth.com/high-school-volunteer

Current volunteers should complete the end of session survey.

Giving Back This Holiday Season

- Diapers and Wipes Drive: Our Diapers and Wipes campaign runs now through Jan. 6 in partnership with Cove Federal Credit Union. Your donation supports Northern Kentucky moms who are actively participating in St. Elizabeth's "Baby Steps Program."
- St. Elizabeth Florence Holiday Toy
 Drive: New, unwrapped toys can be dropped
 off at the St. Elizabeth Florence helipad on
 Saturday, Dec. 2 or any hospital patient or
 associate entrance now through Sunday,
 Dec. 3.
- Freestore Foodbank Teams Up with St. Elizabeth for Holiday Meal Distribution: With the increasing demand for food in the community and supporting those in need, the Freestore and St. Elizabeth Healthcare will hold a drive-through Holiday Meal Distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at St. Elizabeth Covington.
- Salvation Army Angel Tree at Dolwick:
 St. Elizabeth is partnering again with the Salvation Army at our Dolwick campus, as we gather Christmas gifts for children across the country.

If you are interested in participating in any of these holiday giving back events, please reach out to your Volunteer Office for details.

DECEMBER FLU Shot Clinic Dates

It's your last chance to get your flu shot and/or COVID Booster at one of our campus clinics!

Documentation of vaccination must be provided to the Volunteer Services office no later than December 6. Failure to complete this requirement will result in the suspension of your service until after flu season.

December 4

Ft. Thomas – Conf. Rm A – 7-9am

December 5

Florence –3rd Fl Conf. Room – 7-9am

December 6

Edgewood - Conf. Rm G - 11am-1pm

Employee Health Office

Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (arrive by 3:30 p.m. for injections) No Appointment Needed 375 Thomas More Pkwy, Suite 205 Crestview Hills, KY 41017

Christmas Luncheon

Presented by the Florence, Ft. Thomas and Dearborn Auxiliaries

Tuesday, December 5 – 12 Noon The Gardens of Park Hills 1622 Dixie Highway, Park Hills, KY

Cost: \$30 per person
Entertainment: The Brotherhood Singers

Please RSVP by calling Lisa Ackley at 859-212-5227 or email lisa.ackley@stelizabeth.com

Seats still available!

Welcome New Volunteers!

Please give a warm welcome to the volunteers who joined our team in **November**:

Mary Lou Kordenbrock Gregory Meier Christine Newman Tamra Womble