

# Letter: Volunteers special to Barton Health

To the community,

This week is National Volunteer Week (April 23-29). Barton Health would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible team of volunteers for all they do to support our patients and help our physicians, nurses, and staff.

Our volunteers enhance the patient experience at Barton Health. Our biggest group of volunteers, the Barton Auxiliary, greet and guide our patients and their families at the hospital. They assist with special events, host the Comfort Cart, and help with activities behind-the-scenes. Since 1960, the Barton Auxiliary has raised more than \$7.6 million for health and wellness services in our community.

The Auxiliary members and other volunteers are also an integral part of Skilled Nursing. They assist on field trips and bring their pets, music, and other talents to energize our Skilled Nursing residents.

In addition, volunteers play a role in making positive changes for the health system. Community members offer their input as Patient and Family Advisors. Others serve on steering committees and boards for Barton Health and the Barton Foundation. Volunteers also support the Barton Foundation's efforts to raise funds for health and wellness. They participate in fundraising events and many are donors themselves.

We are thankful for the time and energy our volunteers put into making our events and our health system run smoothly. Their efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.

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