Be Sure to Thank a Volunteer this National Volunteer Week!

Dinah and Bob Johnson
Dinah Johnson first started volunteering in the Hospital Elder Life Program from 2010-2016, helping older patients prevent delirium while in the hospital. She took some time off to recover from hip surgery and to care for her husband, Bob, when he suffered a heart attack. Bob Johnson spent time at the Turning Point Cardiac Rehabilitation Program during his recovery. One of his nurses suggested he might be able to help other patients once he finished the program. Bob soon was volunteering as a gym assistant, and talked Dinah into doing clerical work in the Turning Point office.

Jessica Jean Fletcher
Jessica Jean Fletcher has been a Reiki volunteer since 2009, visiting MMC’s Scarborough campus about twice a week. She has volunteered nearly 4,000 hours!

Donna Ackerson Green, the director of Clinical Oncology at the Maine Medical Center Cancer Institute said, “Through her kind and caring approach, Jessica has supported countless patients to ease their pain and suffering. Her kind, supportive words soothe them tremendously, and her Reiki treatments help them heal.”

Look for more volunteer profiles on the MMC Facebook page this week!

April Anniversaries

40 Years
Susan Soper, Family Birth Center

35 Years
Vicki Jackson, HR
Susan Mathews, Admitting

30 Years
Elizabeth Bennoch, HR
Michael DeCesere, IS
M McLeod, SCU4
Stephen Plourd, Carpentry

25 Years
Russell Britton, South Portland Pediatrics
Kenneth Cournoyer, Cardiac Surgery
Robert Faucette, Saco Pediatrics
Candie Hazelton, R7
Lisa Joseph, Operating Room
Beatriz Mulkern, Sterile Processing

20 Years
Megan Bartholomew, Operating Room
Emily Benevento, CICU
Andrea Elfring, Coding
William Foley, Copy Center
Karen Marsh, Accounting
Johanna Pulkkinen, Portland Pediatrics

15 Years
Anita Charland, Neurosurgery
Virginia Cook, R6
Carole Duperre, Infection Control

‘Anniversaries’ Continued on Back
Sunil Malhotra, MD, has joined Maine Medical Partners — Cardiothoracic Surgery. He will serve as the Director of Congenital Cardiac Surgery at Maine Medical Center.

Before coming to Maine, Dr. Malhotra served as the Director of Pediatric and Adult Congenital Surgery at Children’s Hospital of New Jersey in Newark. He was also an assistant professor at the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, NYU Langone Medical Center, New York, NY. He is Board certified in Thoracic Surgery and in Congenital Cardiac Surgery.

Dr. Malhotra’s clinical interests are focused on innovative surgical approaches to complex congenital heart defects. His research interests have centered on optimizing neurologic outcomes in children undergoing heart surgery. He has investigated novel biomarkers to trend perioperative neurologic insults to identify potential neuroprotective strategies in pediatric cardiac surgery.