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JUNE EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Gloria Bonilla, Senior Payroll Clerk
Susie Areas, Payroll Clerk



Chief Financial Officer Chris Henry, EOM Susie Areas, EOM Gloria Bonilla, and Chief Executive Officer Nancy Farber.

In an unusual recognition ceremony, TWO employees were honored as employee of the month for June.

Sr. Payroll Clerk Gloria Bonilla and Payroll Clerk Susie Areas recently defined the word “teamwork” as they worked together to successfully avoid a disaster that would have impacted every member of the Hospital staff.

On Tuesday, May 23, our ADP payroll system was unexpectedly unavailable. This was a Tuesday in payroll week. Normally on that day, all payroll data is entered by our clerks as the first step in ensuring everyone is paid correctly and on time. But, the ADP system was down.

Both Gloria and Susie went on “standby” and while she was cooking dinner for her family, Gloria received a message that the system was back up.

She returned to work and stayed until 9:30 p.m., getting her part completed and ready for Susie, who came in three hours early the next morning (catching the 4:30 a.m. train from Tracy). Susie then completed her part of the task and in the end, there was no delay in the payroll distribution and only a few employees realized there had been an issue.

Chief Financial Officer Chris Henry noted that this is only one example of what these two employees do for our staff members every day. “They quietly make sure that each and every employee’s compensation is calculated accurately and is delivered on time. Their commitment to customer service is beyond compare and we are lucky to have them here at Washington Hospital.”

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Keeping Our Patients—and Staff—Safe

Safe Patient Handling is the use of specialized lift and/or transport equipment for lifting, repositioning, and transporting patients. The goal of Safe Patient Handling is not only to improve the safety and quality of patient care but also to reduce and prevent injuries when performing high-risk patient handling tasks.



With the help of volunteer Barbara Larson, Coordinator of Rehabilitation Clinical Programs, Alisa Curry and Manager of Rehabilitation Services, Christy Casey demonstrate a device to assist patients out of wheelchairs.

Cooking Demonstration

Registered Dietitian, Maggie Guting presents: *Fun Fresh Summer Cooking Demonstration.*

A healthy alternative to barbecue basics, Maggie explores how to grill veggies (and even fruits) to tasty perfection. Friday, June 30, 1 to 3 p.m., Conrad E. Anderson, MD, Auditorium

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, cont.



Gloria Bonilla has been part of the Washington Hospital family since 2004, when she began as a staffing clerk. Less than two years later,

she became a payroll clerk and was promoted to Sr. Payroll Clerk in April 2016. Gloria's respect and admiration for Washington Hospital is apparent. "This is a great organization. My job means that I interact with many employees and I like that. It feels like a big family."

A big family is something Gloria knows well. She is one of eight children—the only girl—all of whom were raised in Fremont. Six of her brothers still live in Fremont as do her parents. One day, Gloria was puzzled when a co-worker who lives near her parents asked if they have a lot of parties. "No, what do you mean?" she asked. Gloria laughed when she realized that the woman was talking about Sunday dinners at her parents' home. "That's just our immediate family enjoying my Mom's cooking!"

Gloria and her husband Roy have two sons, Rudy and Jacob. While Jacob is her movie-going pal, Rudy's interests have recently brought a new member to the Bonilla family. Rudy loves horses and his mare, La Muñeca, recently gave birth to a baby "girl," Flor de Mayó.

This is Gloria's second time as Employee of the Month, an honor bestowed on very few. "I had a feeling that Susie was going to get the award. When they called us into the break room, I stopped to put on lip gloss in case I was in a photo with her," she laughs. "When Chris said my name, it took me a minute to realize what he was saying."

Gloria becomes more serious when talking about Susie Areas. "Susie has only been here a year, but she has contributed so much in that year. She is a great fit to our department and our organization. We both know that at Washington Hospital, we live a Patient First Ethic. Even though we have no direct patient contact, Susie and I put the needs of employees first—and that enables them to focus on our patients."



Susie Areas has been working in payroll for various organizations for more than 30 years. "Payroll is my passion," she says, "It's one of the few areas

in a company where you get to meet and help most staff members." Though she worked for other organizations, when the opportunity arose to be part of WHHS, she happily took it. "At Washington Hospital, the Patient First Ethic means that everyone works together for the good of the patient. Whether you have direct patient contact or work in payroll, you are contributing towards that. I know that every employee depends on getting paid the right amount and on time. We do whatever it takes to make that happen."

Susie commutes from Tracy. Unlike many commuters, she enjoys the ride. Because the Hospital offers a shuttle service from the train station, Susie takes the ACE train every day. "I listen to music; I read, or I get to know people," she says. "And the shuttle drops me off at the front door—you can't beat that."

Another type of ride that Susie enjoys is road trips with her husband, Eugenio. They get on a freeway in California and ride it as far as they can. "We took highway 10 to San Diego and then across country, all the way to Florida."

When not on the road, Susie spends time with her two sons, Robert and Michael and her "heartbeat"—her four grandchildren. They spend time in the park and often Susie indulges her 6-year-old granddaughter with her favorite pastime, shopping!

When asked if she was surprised when they announced her name as Employee of the Month, Susie replied, "I thought they were going to have to call a Code Blue." Susie notes the amazing support she has received this past year from her entire team including Director of Accounting, Dave Tapia. Sharing the award with Gloria added to its meaning. "Gloria and I are a team. We share the same goals and commitment. I am honored and humbled to share this award with her."

Warm Donation

Washington Hospital received another generous donation of knitted caps, sweaters and booties from Wooly Warmth. This donation will benefit babies in our birthing center.

President, Mythri Ambatipudi will soon begin her senior year at Saint Francis High School in Mountain View. She started Wooly Warmth in 2014, when she was a freshman. In addition to donating these beautiful handmade items to Washington Hospital, Wooly Warmth has also donated to the homeless in San Jose, San Diego and Sacramento as well as to World Wide Orphans, Sunday Friends and Sacred Heart Community Service. We thank Mythri and Wooly Warmth for her continued thoughtfulness and generosity.



Mythri Ambatipudi, President, Wooly Warmth and Dolores Zarate, Unit Clerk, Washington Hospital.

Summer Concert Series

Washington Hospital is proud to sponsor the Fremont Summer Concert Series at Lake Elizabeth, Central Park. The series begins Thursday, July 6, and continues each Thursday evening through August 3.

These well-attended concerts are a terrific way to inform community members about the features and programs our Hospital has to offer. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please ask your manager if your department will be participating.



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