EMMC Auxiliary presented four Husson University nursing students with scholarships at the November 2016 Annual Meeting. Pictured: Cassandra Campbell (far left), Jenna Ransom (left), Jan Currier, EMMC Auxiliary president (center), Amy Hilton (right), Beth Florey (far right).

## **EMMC Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients**

Cassandra (Cassie) Campbell has been on the Dean's or Honors List most of her semesters at Husson. The faculty notes in clinical evaluations she is a serious student with attention to detail and always puts her patients first. Cassie was chosen by the faculty to participate in the Eastern Maine Medical Center Nursing Student Externship/CMA Summer Program. She is a student tutor in the simulation and skills lab and one of the nursing students selected to go on a medical mission as part of Husson's contingency in Partners in Rural Health in the Dominican Republic.

**Beth Florey** has really embraced the heart and passion of nursing in her academic time at Husson University. She has demonstrated growth in both academic and clinical skills since her earliest Freshman year. Beth's ability to manage her work, study, and family life is admirable and courageous. Beth has showcased her willingness to work hard with a strong dedication to becoming a competent nurse in today's healthcare environment. Her academic merit has made her a well deserving candidate for this scholarship and we applaud her success!

**Amy Hilton** is a recipient of Eastern Maine Medical Center Auxiliary Nursing Scholarship. Amy has excelled in her nursing school career and has been on the honors list for several semesters. Her clinical instructors highly praise her caring and upbeat attitude. She has a special fondness for children and the pediatrics specialty of nursing; so much so, she tutors juniors for their pediatrics course. In addition to her studies, she balances her life as a student athlete in both basketball and cross country. Amy also participates in numerous volunteer sites as well as the Organization of Student Nurses (OSN).

Jenna Ransom has been repeatedly on the Dean's and Presidential Lists during her four years at Husson University. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau Organization and currently a mentor/tutor for underclassmen nursing students. Jenna's hard work in the classroom translates into compassionate and competent care for her patients and their families. When asked why she chose nursing, she responded "I think what inspired me the most is just being able to care for people in a time of need. With each clinical experience, I have felt a greater sense of reassurance that I've made the right choice in pursuing such a rewarding career, and one that I am very passionate about." This statement demonstrates she is mature beyond her years.



## **Rotary Grant Award Buys iPads for Peds**

EMMC Auxiliary was pleased to be a recipient of a grant from the Rotary Club of Bangor in 2016. The \$3,000 grant was designated for the purchase of iPads for EMMC pediatric inpatients, to be used during their hospital stay. Possible applications include homework assignments, email access, and appropriate educational games for distraction during procedures. Shown above are, Jan Currier, EMMC Auxiliary President (center) and Auxiliary Board members, as they presented a check representing the donation to Amy Baker, Child Life Specialist (center left), and Mikele Neal, Nurse Manager (center right) at the EMMC Pediatrics Department on October 6, 2016.

## Thank you Bag Ali

On November 28 and 29, 2016, the EMMC Auxiliary was pleased to welcome Bag Ali back to EMMC for a special fundraising sale. Bag Ali is a specialty vendor offering handbags, accessories, and small leather goods for men and women. The event was held at Eastern Maine Medical Center's Webber building with twenty percent of sales donated to the Auxiliary. Thank you to Bag Ali for raising \$259.20!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **Coffee and Conversation**

Second Tuesday each month, 9 AM (check your e-mail for location)

#### **EMMC Auxiliary Winter Beach Ball**

Featuring Motor Booty Affair March 4, 2017 Cross Insurance Center, Bangor

#### **Lunch and Learn:** "Immunizations and Current Trends"

Wednesday, March 15 • Noon – 1 PM EMHS Foundation, One Cumberland Place, Bangor Guest Speaker: Elaine Beaulieu Program Manager, Bangor Public Health

## **EMMC Champion the Cure Challenge**

August 19, 2017 EMMC Cancer Care, Brewer

### **Thirteenth Annual Kitchen Tour**

September 30, 2017



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## **Auxiliary Board Members** in the Spotlight

2 Those Who Care Award

Jennifer Morin, Vice President of the EMMC Auxiliary Board of Directors, was recently recognized for her many volunteer activities as a recipient of the 2 Those Who Care Award.

Jenn serves as:

- A board member and treasurer of the Bangor Area Recovery Network
- A business coach and secretary of Bangor S.C.O.R.E.
- A board member and Membership Committee chair for the **EMMC Auxiliary**
- A member of the Veterans' Committee for Cardinal Retreats

Jenn is employed at Camden National Bank as Vice President, Commercial Banking Officer. The award, a partnership of WLBZ 2 and the United Way of Eastern Maine and sponsored by Nickerson and O'Day and Dead River, was presented in November 2016.



Helen Genco

## VNA Home Health Hospice 2016 Honoree

Kudos to Helen Genco, long time and valued Auxiliary leader! This past October 2016, at their annual Celebrity Dessert and Auction, VNA Home Health Hospice honored Helen Genco, past CEO of Bangor Area Visiting Nurses, BAVN, and its programs. During her tenure Helen had the insight, vision, and leadership to merge with Hospice of Eastern Maine, and welcomed the opportunity to manage the Pathfinders Program. Helen also saw the organization through a changing homecare landscape, where people

were released back to the home with more and more complex issues.

Helen is currently retired, but remains active serving as:

- A member of the Rotary Club of Bangor
  - Co-chair of their major fundraiser, Music Off Broadway
  - Publicity Committee
- A member of the Rosscare Advisory Committee
- A board member and Publicity Chair of the **EMMC Auxiliary**

We are very fortunate to have Jenn and Helen as board members. Their considerable involvement in the greater Bangor community enriches the efforts of Eastern Maine Medical Center's Auxiliary.

Congratulations Jenn and Helen!





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## President's Note Spring 2017

## 125 Years of Service

We're off to an exciting start to EMMC's one hundred and twenty-fifth year of service to our communities; EMMC Auxiliary's first year of service was in 1893! We're very thankful for the support that has allowed EMMC Auxiliary to have contributed more than \$3,000,000 in total to essential EMMC projects, so far.

With great enthusiasm, we celebrated last November at our 2016 Annual Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn as we announced our gift of \$101,853 to EMMC which includes the first payment on our \$400,000 pledge to the *Remarkable Begins with You* campaign to benefit the new EMMC Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and our upcoming 2017 contribution to EMHS Foundation Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Four new scholarships to outstanding Husson University nursing students were presented at the meeting. And, we were all inspired by the remarkable capabilities of the EMMC Life Flight and Miracle One Emergency Transport crews at their well received presentation to our membership.

In December, we capped off the year with a beautiful and enthusiastic group of carolers comprised of Santa and Mrs. Claus (Mary and Joe Brooks), Auxiliary members, friends of the Auxiliary, and four brilliant and talented young singers from the Bangor Area Children's Choir. They made us shine and twinkle through the hallways at Ross Manor and EMMC's Pediatric and Rehabilitation wings. We also delivered Auxiliary tote bag gifts to EMMC nursing stations to give to patients spending the holidays in the hospital.

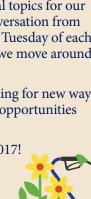
At our special "cabin fever reliever", Paint, Sip and Sweets event in January, we partnered with Specialty Sweets and artist Josie Porter. Attendees created individual works of art while enjoying some treats, and a fun time was had by all.

New exciting plans are in store for 2017, including our two major fundraisers, the Winter Beach Ball on March 4 and the Thirteenth Annual Kitchen Tour on September 30. We've changed up both events in some terrific ways we believe will make them grow in reach and popularity. Please join us at both these special events! Our Lunch and Learn series will continue to provide quality health educational topics for our membership, and join us for Coffee and Conversation from 9-10AM in downtown Bangor on the second Tuesday of each month. Watch your email for the location as we move around to support our various local businesses.

As we grow as an Auxiliary, we're always looking for new ways to deliver value, educational and networking opportunities and encourage your ideas and participation.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2017!





# Twelfth Annual KITCHEN TOUR 2016



Our 2016 kitchen tour broke an attendance record. More than 330 people toured the spectacular kitchens of our six beautiful host homes, sampling many delicious foods along the way.

The twelfth annual kitchen tour featured incredible kitchens! There was a Hammond Lumber kitchen design award winner located on Phillips Lake, a kitchen that looked out to Mount Katahdin, a new home showcasing a fireplace mantle and other wood features made from lumber reclaimed from the Penobscot River, an 1866 home in the Bangor Historical district, a new home that reflects its owners enjoyment of entertaining guests with menus collected on their various travels, and a home specially redesigned by its young owners for practicality as they start their family.

All of the home owners, as always, were gracious hosts, open and welcoming to EMMC Auxiliary members and the tour participants, even taking the time to explain the unique features of their homes to the public. Kitchen design staff from major sponsors Hammond Lumber, ANM Properties, and Atlantic Design were also present in the kitchens they designed to discuss and demonstrate some of the special concepts of the individual kitchens. Adding to the attraction, local business vendors in each kitchen provided a very warm and welcoming atmosphere as well as hundreds of samples to the tour-goers.

Each year, it's the hard work of dedicated Auxiliary members who form the core committee along with help from our hosts, parking attendants and, most importantly, the local business community and friends who support our efforts with their donations that make this event a success. Our 2016 ticket sales and donations totaled more than \$17,600 that will be used towards the Auxiliary's five-year \$400,000 pledge commitment to the new EMMC Neonatal Intensive Care Unit which opened on June 7, 2016. Families benefiting from care there are forever grateful for the availability of the new NICU.

The EMMC Auxiliary Kitchen Tour committee will start planning in April for its upcoming 2017 tour. If you would like to assist in making it another great event, we welcome you to contact Martha Wildman at the Volunteer office at EMMC.

# EMMC Auxiliary Partnered with Talbots for Second Shopping Event

On October 27, Auxiliary members and friends shopped for modern classic fall styles and Talbots donated 10% of the pretax sales to the EMMC Auxiliary in support of the Auxiliary's

# EMMC Gift Shop Updates





Santa and Mrs. Claus outside the EMMC Auxiliary Gift Shop brightened the season for holiday shoppers.

Our Auxiliary Gift Shop is happy to announce the arrival of a great new product line called Fabula Nebulae. This line of products is all natural and crafted by hand. Maine made and family owned and operated by one of our own local physicians and his wife. Fabula Nebulae are bath and body herbals, natural goodness—nothing else. Come check out this wonderful new line!

A reminder, there are special sales each month and ongoing discounts are as follows (*some exclusions may apply*):

- **20% off** every day for active, retired and reservist military personnel
- 20% off every Wednesday for senior citizens age 60 and better
- **20% off** every day for hospital volunteers

## **Memorable Auxiliary Moments**



support to EMMC. The event raised a total of \$418.10. Thanks to everyone who shared in the shopping fun and helped make a difference!



