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## Free tax preparation for eligible Parkland employees

In partnership with Foundation Communities, Parkland is once again hosting free tax preparation events with IRS-Certified Preparers at various locations in the coming weeks. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Tuesday beginning Feb. 11 through March 18, all employees and their families making less than \$67,000 per year can qualify for this free service.

Appointments are required, so sign up in advance using the links below, and be sure to bring any required documentation (ID, W-2, Social Security, bank statements, etc.). Please note that your appointment should be scheduled during your lunch break or other personal time.

- **Feb. 11:** Moody Outpatient Center (<https://dallastaxcenters.as.me/moody>)
- **Feb. 18:** Parkland Memorial Hospital (<https://dallastaxcenters.as.me/parkland>)
- **Feb. 25:** Garland Health Center (<https://dallastaxcenters.as.me/garland>)
- **March 4:** Bluit-Flowers Health Center (<https://dallastaxcenters.as.me/bluitt>)
- **March 11:** Hatcher Station Health Center (<https://dallastaxcenters.as.me/hatcher>)
- **March 18:** Southeast Dallas Health Center (<https://dallastaxcenters.as.me/southeast>)

Foundation Communities is a nonprofit organization providing North Texas families and individuals the opportunity to reach financial stability through a multitude of programs, including free income tax preparation, one-on-one financial coaching and assistance, college financial aid and more.

## ► Parkland Health Data & Analytics site is now live

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Parkland Health Data & Analytics SharePoint Site, designed to provide easy access to valuable resources, training and tools that support our data-driven culture. To access the site, [click here](#).

### *Here's what you'll find on the site:*

- **Homepage:** An overview of all things data and analytics within the organization.
- **Data Literacy Page:** Links to training materials from Microsoft Learn, Percipio, bootcamps and more to help you build your data skills. Additionally, this page includes quick reference materials to support your daily work.
- **Data Governance Page:** Access to our data governance framework, guidelines, checklist and information on upcoming events.

This site is your go-to hub for learning, staying informed and engaging with data governance and analytics initiatives. We encourage you to explore the site, take full advantage of the resources available, and provide any feedback or suggestions you may have to help us improve the site further.

## ► College and vocational school scholarships applications available

The Parkland Auxiliary annually offers Steffen-Aronoff Scholarships to graduating dependent children of full-time Parkland employees who have worked at Parkland for at least one year. The scholarship is available for graduating high school seniors who will be entering an accredited college/community college, accredited university or accredited technical, vocational or trade school in the Fall Semester 2025.

Applications are now available and must be returned by Friday, Feb. 28. Contact Maricela Barron at [Maricela.Barron@phhs.org](mailto:Maricela.Barron@phhs.org) or by phone at 469-419-2410 (ext. 72410) for an application.

## Thanks for contributing to the sock drive

Earlier this month, volunteers did a final count for the PENCAP and HOMES holiday sock drive, and the final tally was 7,486 pairs of socks. These socks benefit our HOMES patients when they are needed most. Thank you for all your efforts toward the annual sock drive.





## ▼ Lasting Impressions: Jennifer Rios



Each week, "Lasting Impressions" features a Parkland employee who does exceptional work and provides excellent customer service. This week's "Lasting Impressions" features Jennifer Rios, Senior Registered Nurse Fellow, Emergency Services.

*"Our department covers more than 25 ambulatory locations for medical and dental services every week, catering to patients from newborns to the elderly. Among all the nurses, Jen truly stood out. Most of her clinic rotations had been with the adult population. However, she navigated her way through treating pediatric patients and, almost subconsciously, developed a genuine affinity for it. Jen has now mastered performing bloodwork on our pediatric patients and is equally skilled with adults. She has a unique and effective way of explaining to kids about the point-of-care procedures and bloodwork procedures, making them feel at ease. This is particularly impressive given the nature of our clinic, which often deals with traumatized children who may have behavioral and suppressed emotional issues stemming from family situations."*



## ▲ Valentine's Day Challenge kicks off Feb. 7-14

It is that time of the year again to spread love to our patients. The annual Valentine's Challenge will kick off on Friday, Feb. 7, and end Friday, Feb. 14. This effort is sponsored by the Professional Excellence in Nursing (PEN) Council, and the goal is to have every patient at Parkland receive a Valentine over this seven-day period.

Cards in both English and Spanish can be ordered through Exalt Printing or you can be creative and use your own cards. A limited supply of cards is available at the Nursing Center for Excellence (NPC 02-500). You are encouraged to take pictures while crafting, but please do not include any patient pictures or patient identifiers on the pictures. Send pictures/ stories to [SharedGovernance@phhs.org](mailto:SharedGovernance@phhs.org).

Want to nominate an employee who goes above and beyond? Tell us what makes them so fantastic by emailing [Employees@phhs.org](mailto:Employees@phhs.org) or calling ext. 28048.

## ► Your help is needed for annual homeless count

Volunteers are needed for the 2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) count. This annual event takes a census of our unhoused neighbors across Dallas and Collin counties, and will take place on the night of Thursday, Jan. 30. The PIT count is a requirement under Federal Law and helps communities understand the extent of homelessness, changing trends and the measure of their success in making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.

- **When:** Thursday, Jan. 30
- **Who:** Anyone 18+ can volunteer
- **Where:** Dallas and Collin counties (volunteer deployment sites vary by city)

Sign up to volunteer at <https://housingforward.pointintime.info/>. Be sure to put "Parkland Health" as the organization, and if you are volunteering with a group of friends/coworkers (4-5 people per group), make sure you specify a team leader and all team members enter the same Group Name and Count Area.

## ► Join HAAPI ERG in celebrating Lunar New Year on Jan. 31

In observance of the Lunar New Year this Friday, Jan. 31, Parkland's Healthcare Alliance of Asian Pacific Islanders (HAAPI) Employee Resource Group invites you to experience a live Lion Dance performance by Texas Phoenix Rising Athletic Association at noon in the Private Dining Room. Additionally, Nutrition Services will feature a specialized menu on Tuesday, Jan. 28, and Wednesday, Jan. 29, in honor of the celebration.



Lunar New Year is a significant celebration across various Asian cultures, marking the start of the lunar calendar and symbolizing prosperity, and the importance of family. Traditions often include festive feasts, ancestral tributes and cultural performances.

## Onward & Upward

**8 Med/Surg:** Dillon Dinh to Reg Nurse - Acute Care  
**Acute Response Clinic – Bachman:** Rose Wilson to Medical Practice Assistant

**Administration:** Brett Moran to Chief Health Officer

**Clinical Nutrition Inpatient:** Natalia Quintero Arevalo to Registered Dietitian – Clinical Practice

**Comprehensive Wound Care Center:** Brenda Washington to Medical Practice Assistant – PRN

**Contracts:** Starr Craft to Contract Negotiator II

**Correctional Health Administration:** Jacob Hodde to Associate Manager, Nursing

**Emergency Department:** Alex Gonzalez to Registered Nurse Specialist – Emergency; Stephanie Soto to Unit Technician; Priscilla Hernandez to Health Unit Coordinator

**Environmental Services – PMH:** Navy Samreth and Laquincy Smith to Lead Environmental Services Technician

**General Medicine/Cardiology:** Michelle Tong and Alyssa Valenzuela to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**General Medicine:** Haley Lowe to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**General Surgery:** Samira Cabral-Perez to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Hospitalist B:** Arturo Garza and Jessica Phoume to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Hospitalist Medicine:** Laci Fontenette to Senior Registered Nurse – Acute Care; Zoe Clough to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Information Technologies Community & Digital Health:**

Ashlee Loven to IT Application Systems – Senior

**Labor & Delivery:** Samantha Skinner to Manager, Nursing

**Medical Staff Professional Services & Regulatory Affairs:**

Isra Madha to Senior Medical Staff Coordinator

**Medicine ICU:** Rose Garcia to Associate Manager, Nursing

**OB/GYN Emergency Services:** Marcela Olivares to Patient Care Assistant I – PRN

**Observation Unit:** Dayon Jacob to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Operating Room:** Julius Bamibe to Clinical Aide

**Ortho A:** Tracy Duong, Cindy Jimenez and Maria Mena

Mena to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**PFS Financial Counseling:** Graciela Gomez and Estela

Medford to Financial Counselor

**Plastic Surgery:** Alyssa Heard to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Point of Care Testing & Off Campus Labs:** Jaunay Williams to Senior Phlebotomy Technician

**Police Department:** Darla Noland to Property & Evidence Technician

**Shared Services:** Samon Paraparambil Varghese to Senior Shared Services Specialist

**Simmons Ambulatory Surgery Center – PRN Staff:** Vanessa Carpenter to Medical Practice Assistant – PRN

**Spiritual Care:** Azeez Akande to Staff Chaplain

**Workforce Development:** Graciela Sereseroz to Workforce Development Program Manager

## Retirements

- Ed Best, Director Respiratory Care, Respiratory Care Administration
- Henry Biddle, Manager, Nursing, Emergency Services Administration
- Laura Bradley, Financial Counselor, PFS Financial Counseling
- Iris Cromartie, Supervisor, Laboratory Support Services
- Fran Daemi, Unit Technician, Emergency Department
- Chi Doan-Le, Pharmacist, Southeast Pharmacy
- Pamela Clyde, Medical Technologist, Transfusion Services
- Byron Franco, Women's Health Educator, OB-Genetics
- Nancy Gatlin, Surgical Technologist, Simmons Ambulatory Surgical Center
- Mary Gibbs, Manager, Diagnostic Services, Sonography
- Mauro Gonzalez, Upholsterer Planning Design & Construction
- Araya Hailemeskel, Medical Technologist, Chemistry
- Jack Jackowski, IT Application Systems Specialist, IT-Business & Financial Systems
- Remanyakutty Koshy, Senior Registered Nurse – Acute Care, Plastic Surgery
- Janice Lankford, Advanced Practice Provider Special – PRN, WISH APP Specialty Clinics
- Le Ngo, Environmental Services Technician, Environmental Services – PMH
- Sondra Perez, Senior Registered Nurse Specialist – Nurse Clinician, Medicine Services Administration
- Diane Petty, Executive Assistant, Accounting Administration
- Kim Phan, Environmental Services Technician, Environmental Services – PMH
- Linda Robinson, Registration & Financial Counselor – PRN, PFS Financial Counseling
- Kathy Shelley, Phlebotomy Technician, Point of Care Testing & Off Campus Labs
- Elizabeth Summers, Nurse Home Visitor, Nurse Family Partnership
- Vic Summers, Senior Vice President & Chief Audit Executive, Finance Administration
- Maria Tumej, Senior Medical Interpreter, Language Services



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