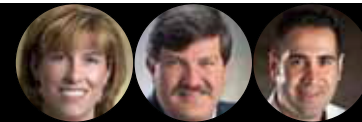




## RECOGNIZING FACES AROUND BEAUMONT



*Featured above: John Chase, Volunteer Services; Ellen Bussey, Care Management; Elise Preston, Beaumont Home Medical; Laura Willis, Nursing; Mike Langlois, Supply Chain; Fadi Eliya, M.D., Urology.*

When patients come to the Emergency Center and wait for their diagnostic testing, or are hospitalized to receive medicines and treatments, they stay on the 5 Med Surg unit. That's where, **Karen Grimske**, certified nursing assistant at Beaumont, Troy, helps reduce patients' pain.

After seeing the amazing care that her father-in-law received at Beaumont last year, Karen decided to trade her 28-year career in commercial printing and advertising for a nursing assistant position. She has only been at Beaumont, Troy since December, but she has already touched many people. "I feel like I finally found my calling," says Karen.

Since she has been here, Karen has only one mission: make sure that all the patients are comfortable. "My goal is to cater to the patients' needs," says Karen. "They are the reason why I am here, and I want to help them as much as possible." She multi-tasks as she does everything from taking blood pressures to walking with patients in the hallway.

Although it was challenging to learn a new career, Karen is very passionate. "Last May, a couple really touched my heart. Both were my patients and the husband told me that it was his birthday. I arranged for him and his wife to meet for a last time before they went to different units. Shortly thereafter, they both passed away," says Karen. "Their sons were so grateful. They could not believe that we cared enough to arrange this special moment for their parents."

Karen is very appreciated by her peers and she was named employee of the month in her unit in February. Additionally, she was recently selected to be a mentor for volunteers who would like to have more contact



with patients. "It means a lot to be recognized, but it is not for that reason that my unit and I go the extra mile. Great patient care is our priority," she says.

She is also a proud mother. She enjoys spending time with her husband of 27 years, Mark, and their two children. In her free time, she likes to spend time with her family and friends at her cottage in Higgins Lake and escape to Marco Island, Fla., for long relaxing weekends.

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