

Partners of Stoughton Hospital Newsletter

June 2026

From our President, Brenda Klitzke:

We recently gathered at Heron Hall to recognize and appreciate the volunteers of Stoughton Health. Thank you to those who organized it and made it special. The highlight of the event was the announcement of the "Volunteer of The Year". I am proud to offer my congratulations to all volunteers and especially to Eileen Nelson and to share her story with you.



Our Very Own Eileen Nelson – 2026 Volunteer of The Year

Sue Weum: Eileen is very enthusiastic about working in the gift shop. She greets everyone with an enthusiastic hello and makes them feel welcome. I look forward to spending Wednesday afternoons with Eileen.

Becky Greiber: Eileen is a sweetie. She dog sits while we are on vacation and always willing to help with the Partners' flower sales.

Joanne Peterson: Eileen Nelson is such a delightful person. She is always willing to help with a "whatever-it-takes" attitude. I could not think of a more deserving person to be volunteer of the year.

Luanne Jansen: Eileen Nelson has always had the same beautiful smile every Wednesday afternoon since I met her in 2011. She has a wonderful sense of humor, always so friendly and dedicated to her volunteer role in the gift shop. Overall, she's a lovely asset to our shop.

Diane Nissler: Couldn't have chosen a more deserving volunteer than Eileen Nelson! Eileen and I lived across from each other for 18 years on Yahara Road, sharing lots of visits talking about parents, children, church and life. Eileen was my barometer as to whether we could drive to our jobs in Madison during snowy or icy weather, she at St. Mary's, and me at WEA Trust. She left at 5:45, and I would leave at 6:00, so if Eileen pulled out of her driveway at that time, I certainly had no excuse not to go to work too. She is a friend to all and am thankful to have known her all these years.

Hello! My name is Eileen Nelson and I had the great honor to receive the 2026 Volunteer of the year award, which was a total shock as I believe there are so many wonderful volunteers that are more deserving than me!

Jack and I moved to Stoughton in 1981. We both retired in 2009; Jack from Badger Health Care in Verona and me from the Sloan Clinic where I worked as a administrative assistant - i.e. - secretary to the Cardiologists. In the summer of 2009 I started volunteering in the gift shop.

Jack and I have a son and a daughter who have given us 6 perfect "grandchildren" age 21 to 8. We are so fortunate to live close enough for us to attend their sporting events, music events, etc. As I tell them they are our social life!!

Lastly I would to send humble thanks to the lovely ladies who chose me, I am forever grateful!



Partners of Stoughton Hospital Scholarship

Each year, Partners of Stoughton Hospital proudly supports the next generation of healthcare professionals by awarding a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating high school student committed to pursuing a career in the healthcare field.

We are delighted to announce that the recipient of this year's scholarship is **Logan Carpenter**. Logan has demonstrated outstanding dedication and ambition toward her future in healthcare. She will be attending Michigan State University this fall, where she plans to study kinesiology. Logan's ultimate goal is to become a physical therapist, and we are confident she will make a significant impact in her chosen field. On behalf of everyone at Partners of Stoughton Hospital, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Logan Carpenter. We wish her the very best as she embarks on her academic journey and works toward her aspirations in healthcare.

Congratulations Logan, and to all the 2026 graduates!



A Successful March Match

March Match is a high-impact, time-sensitive campaign where donations are doubled (matched dollar-for-dollar) during March to leverage excitement around basketball season. The Stoughton Hospital Foundation has made this a fun, annual event. For the third year, Partners of Stoughton Hospital has stepped up by offering to match the first \$7,500 in donations.

This year the March Match event raised \$7992.75. With the Partners' match, that comes to over \$15,000! We are thankful to everyone who participated in March Match.

Supporting the Reality Maze at SHS

On April 29th the Stoughton Wellness Coalition and many community partners held the annual Reality Maze event at the Stoughton High School. The event is held for all 9th grade students, and is designed to show them the consequences that underage drinking, drug use and vaping can have on their futures. The Reality Maze features scenarios that "bring to life" these consequences with the help of real-life situations and community personnel playing their roles as they would in their everyday professions. **Kim Monsen** represented Partners of Stoughton Hospital in creating these valuable scenarios. Thank you, Kim! We are so thankful for the amazing support and passion for youth our community has! There were over 25 volunteers who came together to help our youth learn about the dangers of these behaviors.

Last month, Partners of Stoughton Hospital participated in the Spring Med and Sharps Drop Off Event. We collected:

- 210 pounds of sharps
- 630 pounds from our permanent drop box at the police department
- 631 pounds of sharps

In addition we had several bags of eyeglasses and hearing aids dropped off for the Lions Club Eyeglass Program! Thank you to everyone involved in this event.



From Bonnie Anderson In Our Gift Shop:

I'm so excited! We just got a shipment of purses and I know you're going to love them! I always smile when one of our customers says "I love hospital gift shops, you carry the cutest stuff." That really makes my day.

America is celebrating our 250th birthday this year and we have a nice selection of Americana décor for your table or garden. Hurry in before it's too late.



If you have driven on Cty Rd N east of Stoughton, you may have noticed a new addition to the roadside view. The Stoughton Wellness Coalition partnered with the Stoughton Area School District and its students to highlight what it means to "protect your talent" by staying drug-free. The billboard, designed by local high school student **Quinn Poole**, grandson of partner Helen Sumwalt, features student leaders committed to a drug-free lifestyle.

We're grateful for this partnership and the daily inspiration these students provide.

Thank you for being such strong role models!



May 27 @ 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, [Memory Screenings](#)

May 27 @ 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM [Dementia and the Aging Brain](#)

June 2 - June 2 @ 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM [Stoughton Memory Café](#)

June 3 - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, [Container Gardening](#)

June 3 - Partners' monthly board meeting, CHWC

June 4 - 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, [Understanding Grief and Loss](#)

June 10 - Cookie Bake, South Building

June 10 - 5:30 PM-6:30 PM, [Healthy Feet for Life](#)

June 17, 19 - 7:00 AM-11:00 AM, Community Wellness Screenings, Call (608) 877-3485 for more information.

June 17 - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM, [Save a Life with CO CPR](#)

June 19 - 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, [Blood Drive](#)

June 30 - Coffee for new members, 9:00 AM, Bryant Center

July 1 - NO Partners' Board Meeting

Aug. 5 - Partners' monthly board meeting

Aug. 12 - Cookie Bake, South Building

Sept. 2 - Partners' monthly board meeting

Sept. 9 - Cookie Bake, Book Sale, Used Purse Sale and Gift Shop bargains, Hospital Lobby

Sept. 16 - Foundation Golf Outing

Sept. 19 - Partners at Farmers Market

Oct. 7 - Partners' monthly board meeting

Oct. 14 - Cookie Bake, South Building

Oct. 15 - Fall Community Card Party

Nov. 11 - Cookie Bake

Dec. 3 - Love Light Ceremony

TBD - Holiday Bake Sale

Dec. 16 - BINGO at Senior Center