

# CONNECTIONS



November 15, 2024

## Ozarks Healthcare Celebrates Dedicated Staff at Annual Longevity Awards Banquet

Ozarks Healthcare recently held its annual Longevity Awards Banquet to recognize the outstanding commitment and service of team members who have dedicated decades to providing compassionate care and support to the community. The banquet brought together staff, leadership, and family members for an evening of celebration, gratitude, and camaraderie.

The evening began with a meal served by the Ozarks Healthcare Leadership Team, followed by a formal presentation of awards to honorees, who have collectively made an extraordinary impact through their years of service.



**Celebrating 40 Years of Service:**  
*Gwendolyn Hubbard*



**Celebrating 35 Years of Service:**  
*LaDonna Sullivan*  
*Wanda Ryan*



**Celebrating 30 Years of Service:**  
*Connie Smith*  
*Lee Davis*  
*Sheri Thompson*

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**Celebrating 25 Years of Service:**

*Gina Conley  
 Maria Woodruff  
 Martha (Ann) Cisco  
 Shirley Bunch  
 Jodee Clarkson*



**Celebrating 20 Years of Service:**

*Tammy Jones  
 Christy Russell  
 Arenda Havens  
 Julie Pruett  
 Jana Reid  
 Misty McCrackin  
 Lindsey Thompson  
 Jama Thompson  
 Ashley Hart  
 Jessie Kruse  
 Wesley Mattison*



**Celebrating 15 Years of Service:**

<i>Danny (Lee) Adams</i>	<i>William Pool</i>
<i>Pandra Drussel</i>	<i>Abby Stoltzfus</i>
<i>Karen Yarbrough</i>	<i>Sabrina Brimm</i>
<i>Carrol Prill</i>	<i>Tiffany Dale</i>
<i>Jeannie Lewis</i>	<i>Michelle Wetzal</i>
<i>Anna McWilliams</i>	<i>Lisa McGowan</i>



**Celebrating 10 Years of Service:**

<i>Thomas Keller</i>	<i>Chrystal Sikes</i>
<i>Sunny Sanders</i>	<i>Megan Thompson</i>
<i>William McGee</i>	<i>Samantha Cauthen</i>
<i>Aimee Webb</i>	<i>Melissa Hadley</i>
<i>Shelby Ellison</i>	<i>Leann Bates</i>
<i>Rae Jones</i>	<i>Amy Green</i>
<i>Jami Thomas</i>	<i>Josh Reeves</i>
<i>Priscilla Frase</i>	<i>Elizabeth Cauthen</i>
<i>Flordelisa Wasen</i>	<i>Amber Tooley</i>
<i>Melissa Daily</i>	



## Melody Trimble appointed as Transitional CEO

We are pleased to announce that Melody Trimble, FACHE, CPPS, has been appointed as Transitional CEO for Ozarks Healthcare as the OZH Board of Directors conduct a nationwide search for our next permanent CEO.

Melody is an experienced and highly capable healthcare executive with an impressive track record of helping healthcare organizations achieve notable improvements in operational performance, care quality, and financial health. Her leadership will be instrumental in guiding our health system through this period of transition and progress.

Over the coming weeks, Tom and our Board of Directors will be working with Melody as he transitions to his next career opportunity in Joplin. Melody is a part of the broader team from Warbird Healthcare Advisors, a trusted partner committed to supporting our organization in implementing sustainable improvements. Together, we are focused on driving initiatives that align with our long-term vision and strategy to deliver exceptional, compassionate care to our patients and communities.

Melody's expertise, combined with the support from Warbird Healthcare Advisors, will help us build on our strengths and position our health system for continued success. Please join in welcoming Melody to our team. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the work that we do every day for our patients.

## Our Outpatient Services Team packed Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child



Our Outpatient Services team at Ozarks Healthcare recently came together to pack 18 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Each box is filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and more to bring joy to children around the world affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, and disease. Thank you to these team members for helping make the holidays a bit brighter for children across the world!

# FAREWELL RECEPTION

*All coworkers are invited to stop by  
to say farewell to our*

**President and CEO, Tom Keller,  
after a decade of service.**

Monday, November 18, 2024

2:30 - 4 p.m.

Grill 59 Conference Room





# Sheet Sale **FUNDRAISER**



Sheets are designed to fit deep pocket mattresses

## **Sanders 1800 Series**

### **Made from 100 % Plush Double-Brushed Microfiber**

Assorted Colors: Taupe, White, Grey, Camel, Cream, Navy Blue, Silver, Eggplant, Light Blue, Chocolate, Burgundy, Blue Haven, Calla Green, Rust, Lime, Magenta, Teal, Lavender, Apricot, Mint Green, Mellow Yellow, Coral, Beach Blue

**TWIN**  
**\$30**

**FULL**  
**\$35**

**QUEEN**  
**\$45**

**KING**  
**\$50**

We will accept cash, personal checks and credit cards.

## **November 18 - 22**

Purchases can be made in person at Ozarks Healthcare's main campus in the space behind the Foundation's coffee shop from **Nov. 18 - 20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, and at the Ozarks Healthcare Foundation Office, #12 Parkway Center in West Plains, from **Nov. 21 - 22, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

For more information, call 417-853-5200.



# 2024 *Lights of Life*

December 9, 2024

5:30 p.m.

**Grill 59, located in the Main Entrance of  
Ozarks Healthcare**

*At Ozarks Healthcare, the “Lights of Life” program offers a beautiful way to honor and celebrate the lives of those who mean the most to us. Each light that shines on the tree represents a story—a tribute to a loved one’s legacy or a celebration of their life. By naming a light, families and friends create a lasting symbol of their affection while directly contributing to the health and well-being of the community. Every donation supports the Ozarks Healthcare Foundation’s mission, ensuring exceptional, compassionate care for all, illuminated by the lights of love and remembrance.*



Purchase your  
Light online







**OZH Coworkers can visit the Zizzer Clinic as a Walk-In option.**

**The Ozarks Healthcare Zizzer Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.**



**OZARKS**  
HEALTHCARE

**Zizzer Clinic**

**417-505-7123**

**1013 College Street | West Plains, MO 65775**



# HUDDLE UP

## Weekly Prayer

Lord, may I increasingly give thanks and be found giving those around me something for which to be grateful.

## Ozarks Healthcare Coworker Spotlight Program

Ozarks Healthcare has launched a recognition program to shine a light on coworkers who put our patients first and who support their team across the organization.

This is your opportunity to recognize your coworkers for doing the extra steps to exemplify our core values and helping us become the employer and provider of choice. We will



recognize three coworkers each month (provider, support staff and clinical staff) by displaying their photo on the main campus, prizes, newsletter recognition, a special parking spot and public recognition.

## Grill 59 Menu: November 18-22



### Monday:

Chicken Fried Steak  
Chicken Fried Chicken  
Mashed Potato  
Green Bean  
Corn

### Tuesday:

Steak Taco  
Chicken Enchilada  
Spanish Rice  
Refried Bean

### Wednesday:

Roast Beef  
Lemon Pepper Cod  
Wild Rice  
Mixed Vegetable  
Zucchini

### Thursday:

Chipotle Honey Salmon  
Roasted Chicken  
Rice Pilaf  
Green Bean  
Broccoli

### Friday:

Pizza  
Bone in Wings  
Boneless Wings  
Queso Dip

*\*Our menu is subject to change due to product availability.*

*Monday through Friday:*

*7 to 9 a.m. (breakfast)*

*11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*(lunch, grill remains open until 3 p.m.)*

*4 to 7 p.m. (dinner)*

*Saturday:*

*7 to 9 a.m. (breakfast)*

*11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (lunch, grill and salad bar)*

*Sunday:*

*7 to 9 a.m. (breakfast)*

*11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (brunch)*

*Grab-and-go options are also available.*