

60

+Years of
Health and Hope!

Cross Road Medical Center

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Faith and Joy Award:

Dede's Calling to Alaska



Diane (Dede) Duntze was awarded this year's Faith and Joy Award.

The Faith and Joy award is given to the staff member elected by their peers who has shown ways to actively live out the values of CRMC:

Compassion
Humility
Respect
Integrity
Servanthood
Trust

Joel Medendorp, CEO, presented Dede with a clock award at the Jan. staff meeting and mentioned how much Dede's services and values are appreciated. Joel shares, "What a blessing that Dede has been with CRMC for half of the 60 years since Faith Hospital opened, as a consistent, encouraging example to us all."

I was working in a little (26 bed) hospital in WI and was taking a leave of absence to come to Faith Hospital in the summer of 1986. As I prepared to leave WI, my coworkers kept asking, "What are you going to do there? What is the hospital like? What shift will you work? What kind of patients will you take care of?" Well, I had absolutely NO IDEA! God had called me to Faith Hospital as a summer missionary and I was going to do whatever was asked of me – I had no idea what that might be.

In my mind I thought the 4 bed Faith Hospital might be like a little first aid station. Ha! Little did I know. I remember going through orientation – some days I thought, "piece of cake," most days I was thoroughly overwhelmed by the magnitude of the task.

Heather, who was orienting us at the hospital, shared I Thessalonians 5:24 with us – "He who calls you is utterly faithful and he will finish what he has set out to do." What a relief that the Faithful One who had prepared me for this summer, would also help me through the summer to accomplish what he wanted.

During that summer God gave me a love for the people of the Copper Valley, and I knew He was asking me to stay for more than a summer. Thirty years later I am still here and, though I am a Cross Road provider, for the last 15 years God has given me a ministry beyond the walls of Faith Hospital, now CRMC. I am privileged to serve as a Family Nurse Practitioner in the Native villages of Chistochina and Mentasta, and at North Country Clinic, a small satellite clinic of CRMC. My hope is that God will use me to help meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of my patients so that they can find their peace and joy in Him.

June 6, 2016 will be 30 years since my arrival at Faith Hospital/Cross Road Medical Center and I Thessalonians 5:24 is no less true now than it was in June of 1986!

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Save the Date: 60+ Years of Health and Hope Celebration

June 17, 2016: Dinner and Program at the Glennallen School Gym

June 18, 2016: Chili Cook-off, hotdogs, and games for all ages at Pinneo Park

CRMC Loses a Prayer Warrior

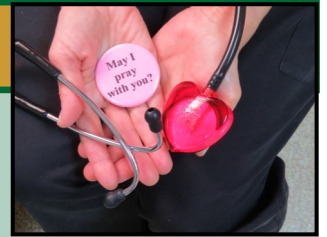


Kelly Kimball worked at CRMC in Glennallen as a Medical Assistant and volunteered with the local ambulance team in the Glennallen area for many years. Kelly recently passed away and is greatly missed.

Kelly was known for her ready smile, her encouraging words, and her passion for healthy living. Kelly was also one who believed in the power of prayer. She had "May I pray with you?" buttons made and available to staff who wished to wear them. She encouraged staff and patients to think about the impact that faith has in their life and was readily available to pray with anyone desiring prayer.

Kelly was an example to us all in the way she lived and gave of herself to help others.

Prayer Requests



Pray for Kelly's family and for those in the community and on staff who have recently lost loved ones.

Praise for Students coming to the clinics and the energy they bring to learning and serving.

Pray for wisdom about when to start the Delta Junction Pharmacy. We are specifically praying as an organization about this through March.

Praise for the blessing to many of lower heat bills this year throughout the state, but also at CRMC in Glennallen due to the expanding wood boiler systems purchased through a state grant.

Pray for wisdom in finding ways to continue to meet needs in our communities and ways to continue to reach out in Christ's love and provide accessible, quality health care.

Notes From the Chaplain

I and II Chronicles are arguably the least read books of Scripture. Most people have trouble pronouncing all the names and wonder why the books were included in the Bible. People might also wonder what these books can teach us today.

Israel had sinned against God and had been sent into exile to Babylon for 70 years. During that time, they had forgotten their heritage. I and II Chronicles were written to remind them who they were as a people and why God had chosen them. In other words, they were written to remind them of their heritage.

CRMC has a rich heritage of serving God and spreading the Gospel. We will be reminded of this heritage as we celebrate our sixtieth anniversary.



Cleve Mugford
CRMC Chaplain

Impacting the Future



Megh, (left) a UW Medicine, School of Medicine student in the MEDEX Northwest Division of Physician Assistant Studies Program recently finished a rotation in Delta Junction IAMC. She worked closely with Jon Fraley, PA.

Jon shares, "Megh was with us for four months and did a good job. She will be missed."

The Biola Nursing students just arrived and are excited to be here. Sherri Cox says, "We appreciate working with Biola. They have a wonderful nursing program."



Biola Nursing Students currently in Glennallen CRMC.
Left to Right: Ruby, Megan, Lizzy, Joanna

Ways to Impact Lives

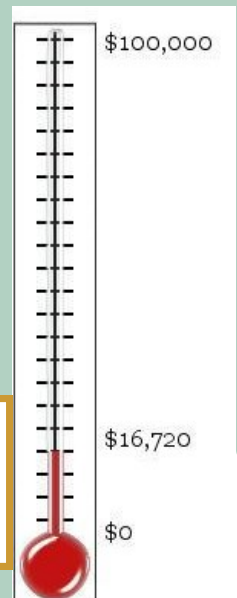
We continue to raise money to purchase the land beneath much of the Glennallen campus. All funds donated for this purpose will be put toward purchasing property.

We appreciate those who are generously helping us meet this goal!

Tax deductible financial gifts for all of our clinics (including the IAMC Pharmacy start-up) can be sent to:

Cross Road Medical Center
PO Box 5
Glennallen, AK 99588

To learn more about CRMC's healthcare ministry, ways to volunteer or help meet needs, explore our website:
www.crossroadmc.org



Land Fund in Glennallen