

## Atrium Health Navicent Seeks Volunteers for Rewarding Health Care Service

National Volunteer Week is April 21-27, 2024

**MACON, Ga., April 23, 2024 –** Each year, Atrium Heath Navicent honors the selfless spirit of its volunteers by celebrating National Volunteer Week, April 21-27. Atrium Health Navicent offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for people who are looking to make a difference in their community.

The health system provides volunteers with an opportunity to use their skills and abilities to make a positive impact on the patient and family experience across all Atrium Health Navicent campuses. There are unique opportunities for adults, college students and teenagers.

"In addition to giving of their time and hearts, volunteers provide an extra level of service that takes patient experience to a whole new level," said Kenan Hodges, Atrium Health Navicent's Patient Experience Program Director. "We are incredibly grateful for our volunteers and welcome those who might be looking for a place to serve to join our program."

Adults ages 18 or older are asked to volunteer a minimum of 100 hours annually. College students ages 18 years or older can enroll in Atrium Health Navicent's Student Volunteer Program. Students are required to fulfill 30-50 volunteer hours a semester. Acceptance for teens volunteers, ages 16-18 years old, is based on a completed and approved application. Volunteers must be 16 years old by Sept. 30, 2024.

"We always get more out of it than we ever give. The nurses and doctors make us feel really useful and that we're important to the hospital," said Linda Lindsey, a volunteer at Atrium Health Levine Children's Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital. "We love what we do there. It gives me such joy to give back and help where I can."

Volunteer opportunities are available at Atrium Health Navicent facilities in Baldwin, Bibb and Peach counties. Examples of volunteer roles include working in a gift shop or at an information desk, providing customer service or assistance with guest relations, staffing family waiting rooms and lounges, assisting with patient wayfinding and patient safety, patient family advising and more.

Learn more about volunteering at <u>navicenthealth.org/get-involved</u>. Interested volunteers must complete an <u>online</u> <u>application</u>. Once received, further onboarding instructions are sent via email. Volunteers receive free parking during their shift, free meals in the cafeteria, a 10-percent discount in the gift shop and a discount at The Wellness Center.

## **About Atrium Health Navicent**

Atrium Health Navicent is the leading provider of health care in central and south Georgia and is committed to its mission of elevating health and well-being through compassionate care. Atrium Health Navicent is part of Advocate Health, which is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is the third-largest nonprofit health system in the United States, created from the combination of Atrium Health and Advocate Aurora Health. Atrium Health Navicent provides high-quality, personalized care in 53 specialties at more than 50 facilities throughout the region. As part of the largest, integrated, nonprofit health system in the Southeast, it is also able to tap into some of the nation's leading medical experts and specialists with Atrium Health, allowing it to provide the best care close to home – including advanced innovations in virtual medicine and care. Throughout its 125-year history in the community, Atrium Health Navicent has remained dedicated to enhancing health and wellness for individuals throughout the region through nationally recognized quality care, community health initiatives and collaborative partnerships. It is also one of the leading teaching hospitals in the region, helping to ensure viability for rural health care for the next generation. For more information, please visit www.NavicentHealth.org.

## **About Advocate Health**

Advocate Health is the third-largest nonprofit integrated health system in the United States – created from the combination of Advocate Aurora Health and Atrium Health. Providing care under the names Advocate Health Care in Illinois, Atrium Health in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, and Aurora Health Care in Wisconsin, Advocate Health is a national leader in clinical innovation, health outcomes, consumer experience and value-based care, with Wake Forest University School of Medicine serving as the academic core of the enterprise. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Advocate Health serves nearly 6 million patients and is engaged in hundreds of clinical trials and research studies. It is nationally recognized for its expertise in cardiology, neurosciences, oncology, pediatrics and rehabilitation, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. Advocate Health employs nearly 155,000 team members across 68 hospitals and over 1,000 care locations and offers one of the nation's largest graduate medical education programs with over 2,000 residents and fellows across more than 200 programs. Committed to equitable care for all, Advocate Health provides nearly \$6 billion in annual community benefits.