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## **Hamilton Medical Center volunteers recognized**

**DALTON, Ga. (November 17, 2025)** – Hamilton Medical Center (HMC) volunteers were recently recognized for their service at an annual luncheon.

"Hamilton volunteers are amazing," said Gay Ann Talley, volunteer coordinator. "How fortunate we are to have individuals in our community devoted to helping others. The volunteers are the heart of Hamilton, and it shows each time they are here volunteering."

During the luncheon, volunteers were celebrated for their years of service. They included: Doris McKenzie – five years; Earlene Dupree and Brenda Griffin – 10 years; Dee Rockett – 15 years; Silvia Borja and Jenny McKenney – 20 years.

Volunteers with more than 250 hours of service in the past service year (from Oct. 1, 2024, to Sept. 30, 2025) included Earlene Dupree, Roger Ellis, Ricky Harrod and James Metcalfe. Two volunteers, Philip Duhaime and Diane Lewis, celebrated more than 500 hours of service.

Each year at the volunteer luncheon, volunteers who show Hamilton's PRIDE (Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Diligence and Excellence) values are recognized. Volunteers who were recognized were Laura Bock for Professionalism, Joanne Davis for Respect, Mark Spitler for Integrity, Melva Phelps for Diligence and Jill Durden for Excellence.

Roger Ellis received the coveted 2025 Eva McCamy Award. Ellis began his journey at Hamilton in June of 2013. He has served more than 5,233 hours. "Roger is an asset to the volunteers serving two shifts a week," said Talley. "He is dedicated to helping others and someone I can always count on."

The Eva McCamy Award was created many years ago to honor Eva McCamy for her outstanding, selfless, dedicated volunteer service for Hamilton during World War II. She served as one of the first Gray Ladies at Hamilton Memorial Hospital (HMC's name at the time). Yearly, this award is given to someone who consistently displays leadership as well as a gentle servant heart.

"I am so thankful for our volunteers and their dedication to serving others," Talley said. "I always say I have the best job in the world, and that is true. I love our volunteers, and I am so grateful they chose to volunteer with us. Thank you, volunteers, for your service. We are blessed!"

For more information about becoming part of Hamilton's volunteer team, please call 706-272-6147. Applications are available at the information desk located at the front entrance of the hospital or on the second floor in the Volunteer Command Center.

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Photo: Pictured are Hamilton Medical Center volunteers and associates at this year's volunteer luncheon.

## **About Hamilton Medical Center**

The flagship affiliate for Vitruvian Health's Northwest Georgia region, Hamilton Medical Center (HMC) is a 255-bed regional acute-care hospital that offers major medical, surgical and diagnostic services, including accredited stroke and chest pain centers. Advanced technology and wellness are two significant areas of focus for HMC. Services include the freestanding Hamilton Ambulatory Surgery Center, Hamilton Diagnostics Center, and Bradley Wellness Center, as well as a Level II trauma center, Peeples Cancer Institute, Heart & Vascular program (including open heart surgery), Hamilton Spine Health and Sport, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and more.