

ECH NURSING

Skilled. Responsive. Compassionate Caregivers.

In a clinical setting, who has the most comprehensive understanding of a patient's journey? *Our nurses.*

Whether in a hospital or an outpatient setting, nurses spend more time at the patient's side than any other clinician. Shift to shift, nurses build the most comprehensive understanding of a patient's journey and are in a position to foster a level of connection that — for many patients — is transformative.

Pathways for *gratitude and giving.*

Our patients, clinicians, leadership and staff hold deep appreciation and respect for Elizabethtown Community Hospital nurses. Their professionalism, skill and significant contribution to the care we provide is essential to our mission.

Charitable giving provides clear pathways for grateful patients, families, colleagues and community members to share their gratitude for the meaningful difference ECH nurses make. **These gifts provide immediate, mutual benefit and also help shape the experience of tomorrow's patients.**

Direct your gift to a cause you care about and support nurses and the patients and families they care for every day.



Pathways for Giving

EDUCATION

- **Advanced certification, skills training and degree programs for current employees**
- **Holly Estus Scholarship for area high school students pursuing a degree in nursing**
- **New Nurse Residency Program**

RECOGNITION

- **Share your gratitude through our Honor a Caregiver program**
- **Nominate a nurse who provided extraordinary care to be considered for the DAISY Award for Nursing Excellence**

COMMUNICATION

- **Enhanced efficiency and collaboration with hands-free communication devices**



Connecting our care team through new technology: an opportunity for giving

Enhanced hands-free communication devices, Vocera Smartbadges, will allow our team to respond to messages and alerts more quickly, saving time and improving patient care.

These WiFi enabled devices allow caregivers to communicate within and across departments, dramatically reducing response times. This can mean improved care transitions, enhanced safety and faster response to urgent or emergency situations.

At ECH, these devices will connect interdisciplinary teams to strengthen collaboration and care coordination and ensure that caregivers make every step count.

OUR PRIORITIES

- **Retention and engagement** with a focus on sustaining the standards of a positive practice environment as outlined in the Pathway to Excellence Framework
- **Life-long learning** through professional development, formal degree programs, certification and clinical skills trainings
- **Recognizing outstanding care** by our nurses and all employees who support our patients
- Cultivating a pipeline of nurses in **sustainable career paths** through clinical experience for high school students in the New Visions Medical Careers Program and college students in our new Nurse Residency Program; and through the Holly Estus Memorial Nursing Scholarship

OUR PEOPLE

- Each year our team of over 70 registered nurses and nursing assistants support over 58,000 patient care encounters including 12,970 emergency room visits.

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Nurses are at the center of care and provide reliable, compassionate care when it's needed most. Support those who stood by you on your health care journey by making a donation today.

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