

Bidding Farewell to a True Leader

Last month we said goodbye to a longtime leader at Woodland Heights Medical Center. Cathy Busbee, Chief Nursing Officer, retired after 40 years of service with our facility. To say she will be missed is an understatement. When you have been with one employer for 40 years, you become a fixture and together we all become “family” and Cathy was that. Not one to lead from her office, Cathy was always rounding on staff and patients making sure everyone had what they needed. Every decision she made had those folks in mind....the patients we serve and our staff who give so much to those patients.

Cathy has been an inspiration to so many – she has inspired others to do better, to be better, to offer their best to those who needed it. It has been clear of the countless lives she has touched, as we have watched well-wishers offer hugs and thanks and words of fondness. It is difficult to adequately convey my personal appreciation for her encouragement, advice and support these past two years so I will just say...thank you. I wish Cathy a happy and blessed retirement.

As we bid farewell to Cathy, we welcome Debra Taylor to the team. Debra joined Woodland Heights on August 21 as the Chief Nursing Officer. She was born and raised in Amory, MS and she and her husband have two girls, two boys, 15 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. With more than 25 years of experience, I am confident that Debra will continue the tradition of offering quality, compassionate care to our East Texas friends and neighbors. After nearly 100 years of serving the people of Angelina and the surrounding counties, you have come to expect this from us and we plan to continue that.

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