

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into health care



Butch Christiansen

VALET DRIVER

Some say life is unpredictable, and you never know what's coming next. For Butch Christiansen, this common phrase rings especially true for his career.

Christiansen has been serving as a valet driver at Columbus Community Hospital since March 2019. It was a career he never saw coming.

The Pender, Nebraska, native spent six years teaching history for area high schools before working as a real estate broker for 35 years. Once his real estate journey ended, he found himself back at local high schools as a substitute teacher. After a while, he began looking for something different. His search brought him to Columbus Community Hospital.

“I wanted a job that was different than what I was used to,” he said. **“The hospital appealed to me because it included working with people and hospital staff who I already knew. I enjoy my job, and it has worked out great for me.”**

While Christiansen is no longer working in the school system, he continues to pursue his love of history and

education through reading. He enjoys reading nonfiction books – specifically on World War II. He also finds himself continuing to attend and support high school and college athletics through his grandchildren's volleyball, basketball and bowling events.

Christiansen and his fellow valet drivers provide free valet parking services for patients, their families and visitors when they arrive at CCH. **“It's a great complementary service for anyone who visits the hospital,”** Christiansen said.

To utilize the service, drivers can pull up to the main entrance, where a valet driver is waiting and ready to assist with bags and other personal items. The valet leads each patient or family member inside the building, where a volunteer takes over to give further guidance.

When the patient or visitor leaves the hospital, the valet driver retrieves the car and pulls up in front of the building.

CCH offers the service from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VIP gives all patients and visitors the option to enter the building quickly and

conveniently. Still, valet drivers often go above and beyond to improve the overall patient experience at the hospital.

While the drivers support the volunteers and the rest of the hospital staff, Christiansen said CCH has greatly helped him in his role as a valet driver, too.

“CCH has supported me 100%,” he said. **“Everyone I meet is very kind and treats me very well. This is the best job I've ever had!”**

For more information about CCH's VIP: Valet Parking Service or careers available at the hospital, visit www.columbushosp.org.