

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into volunteering



Sherry Cerny

THE GIFT SHOP

After growing up on a farm near Meadow Grove, Nebraska, Sherry Cerny worked in the shipping department at Dale Electronics, now Vishay, where she met her husband, Ed. She worked at Wal-Mart for 26 years as a cashier and at the service desk. Toward the end of her career in retail sales, she wanted to get more involved in the community, so she reached out to learn more about volunteering at Columbus Community Hospital.

With Cerny's background in retail, she was a natural for volunteering at the hospital's gift shop, greeting people and helping them find just the right gift.

"It's a wonderful place to volunteer," she said. **"It feels like one big family."**

Both visitors and patients come to the hospital gift shop. Cerny relates well to them and tries to encourage those with whom she comes in contact.

During her years of volunteering, she has become friends with many employees who appreciate her service to the hospital. Cerny encourages anyone

who is thinking about volunteering at the hospital to go with their instinct. There are many different positions and hours to accommodate anyone.

When not volunteering at The Gift Shop, Cerny enjoys baking, sharing food with her "Red Hat" friends, participating in different card groups and making crafts.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities available at the hospital, visit columbushosp.org.