

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into volunteering



LuAnn Warth

SURGERY WAITING ROOM HOST

For a “people person” like LuAnn Warth, volunteering in the surgery waiting room at Columbus Community Hospital is the perfect gig.

She gets to meet new people who are waiting for their loved ones to finish surgery, learn their names so the surgery nurses and doctors can connect with them, and offer them a cup of coffee or a muffin. **“My goal is to help make time move along smoother for those who are waiting for their family and friends in surgery,”** she said.

Warth was born and raised nearby in Platte Center, Nebraska, and when her six kids were growing up, she was a stay-at-home mom. When she finally had some time to herself, she felt like the hospital would be a perfect place to volunteer — and she has stayed here for 21 years.

Warth feels that Columbus Community Hospital treats its volunteers very well. **“I love what I do and feel supported in my work,”** she said. **“Our volunteer coordinators have a knack for focusing on my questions as if I was the only person on their mind. And the speakers at the monthly volunteer luncheons help us to better understand the many medical and support services offered at the hospital.”**

Throughout her many years of volunteering in the surgery waiting room, Warth has noticed that it’s always filled with family, friends, neighbors and others who live in the Columbus area. **“It is important for people who need care to be able to stay close to home,”** she said.

In Warth’s free time, she enjoys a good game of golf and likes to have coffee

with her friends at the Senior Center. She has also a hobby of tracking her family genealogy.

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