

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into volunteering



Deb Tomoi

SEWING GROUP

Deb Tomoi was looking for an opportunity to meet new people upon her retirement. When she started volunteering at the Columbus Community Hospital, she realized it was exactly what she needed.

“I am a self-taught quilter for over 30 years and the sewing group seemed like a good fit for me,” she said.

Tomoi, a Columbus native, began her volunteer services at Columbus Community Hospital just a few months ago as part of the sewing and quilting group. When she started volunteering, she said, she was looking forward to learning from the other quilters and making new friends. Currently, she spends three hours every Monday afternoon hand quilting an array of items.

“My typical day is hand quilting baby blankets for the hospital’s quilt shop,”

she said. **“I enjoy time quilting with the wonderful ladies.”**

Tomoi spent the last 20 years at BD East as the quality supervisor before retiring recently.

She has discovered that the hospital is a very generous and positive place to volunteer. Volunteers enjoy monthly lunches, a special Christmas luncheon and a ham or turkey for Christmas. They also are able to assist a wide variety of community members who come through the hospital doors. Tomoi is appreciative of how friendly all the volunteers are with one another.

“The hospital is a great place to volunteer,” said Tomoi. **“The group of ladies I work with in the sewing suite are very friendly and welcoming. They have also been very supportive.”**

In her free time, Tomoi does many activities to keep herself on the go.

She enjoys gardening, quilting and photography.

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