

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into nursing



Andrea Broders, BSN, RN
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Caring runs in the family.

When Andrea Broders was a child, her mom would always talk about how challenging, yet rewarding her job as a nurse and house supervisor was.

Broders got the message. When she grew up, she followed in her mothers' footsteps and is now a registered nurse and house supervisor at Columbus Community Hospital.

"I think my end goal in my nursing career was always to be a house supervisor," Broders said. **"I always wanted to be able to help others, whether it be patients or other nurses. My job as a house supervisor is challenging at times but it has so many rewards."**

Broders' basic duties as house supervisor are to make sure hospital operations run smoothly, especially at night when administration is gone. To do that, Broders helps with staffing, bed control, transferring patients, scheduling surgeries after hours, helping with patient care, contacting maintenance when something isn't working correctly, keeping in contact with security throughout her shift, notifying administration when there is a situation they need to be aware of, responding to patient emergencies, and more.

It's a long list of responsibilities but Broders loves the variety the job provides – and she appreciates the fact that it allows her to work with all areas of the hospital.

"I love being able to lend a hand no matter what department I'm in. Over the years I have worked in many different areas of nursing, and as a house supervisor I utilize that experience every shift," she said.

Broders has been a nurse for more than 20 years and received her bachelor of science in nursing degree in 2018. She started her career in the float pool at Bergan Mercy Medical Center in Omaha and then worked in pediatric home health and as an acute care pediatric nurse. Before coming to CCH, Broders worked at a critical access hospital for more than seven years.

She started working at CCH in the summer of 2014 and she still remembers her first day of orientation.

"I remember Mike Hansen coming in to talk with the group briefly. I will never forget the words he said that day, 'If the nurses are happy, the patients will be happy.' I thought to myself, finally a hospital that gets it!" Broders said.

During her six years with CCH, Broders said

she has always felt valued, especially during the past year.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic CCH has made every effort to make sure their staff is healthy and well taken care of. I am proud to work at CCH and call it home," she said.

Though Broders said working through the pandemic has been difficult and frightening at times, in some ways it has made her appreciate her co-workers even more.

"I have seen health care workers bond together as one to get the job done. I am privileged to work alongside so many talented individuals," she said.

For more information on Broders or how CCH is responding to COVID-19, visit www.columbushosp.org.