

THE Importance of Caring

MAY 2020

my journey into health care



Shelley Renner

BUYER

Shelley Renner did not set out to have a career in health care. She had a variety of positions in other fields before she found her home at Columbus Community Hospital.

After graduating from high school mid-term in 1991, Renner attended a trade school with the goal of becoming a travel agent. She went on to work in the travel industry for the next 15 years as a travel agent, corporate trainer and branch manager. Through her work in this field, she learned to manage constant change and deadlines, gained experience working with the public and leaned how to work independently under pressure.

Renner then decided she wanted to spend more time at home with her twin daughters, so she took a part-time position with the United States Postal Service. She stayed with the postal service for about five years, until the position turned into a full-time one and she left to be home with her family.

After a few years at home, Renner's friend mentioned there was a part-time position open in the Supplies, Purchasing

and Distribution department at Columbus Community Hospital.

Renner was hired as a technician in the department in August 2015. She stayed in that position for almost three years until the buyer position became available. Renner applied and she's been in the position since April 2018.

"I feel blessed to have found this position," Renner said. "I really do love my job and I absolutely love the people I work with."

As a buyer, Renner is responsible for the day-to-day purchasing of medical supplies for the hospital. On a typical day, she purchases supplies while comparing costs, verifies the accuracy of prices to reduce overpayments, keeps track of inventory, monitors back orders while finding substitute items when needed, works with accounting to rectify any invoicing errors, completes recalls on medical supplies, provides education on new products, and much more. She also helps with freight and order requisitions, as time allows.

Though her job requires her to perform a

large variety of tasks, Renner very much enjoys her work and working at CCH in particular.

"I feel appreciated at Columbus Community Hospital," she said. "They are always offering informative seminars to help improve our lives, whether it is for your mental health or learning to eat better. You just never know. I also feel like family comes first working here and that is not something you find too often."

Since Renner is so happy in her work, she encourages other people to look into a career in health care as well, even if it's something they never considered before.

"I would like people to know that you do not have to be in patient care to be part of the health care community," she said. "There are many positions behind the scenes that help our hospital run smoothly."

For information on Renner and the variety of career opportunities available at CCH, visit www.columbushosp.org.