

With Attached Photo: (Top photo, left to right) Peggy Tuten, president, Volunteer Services, Brunswick Campus; Les Breen, Brunswick Campus Summer Volunteer of the Quarter. (Bottom photo, left to right) Kathleen Worthing, president, Volunteer Services, Camden Campus; Joanne Wesner, Camden Campus Summer Volunteer of the Quarter.
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Breen and Wesner Announced as Southeast Georgia Health System Volunteers of the Quarter

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: Nov. 17, 2023 – Southeast Georgia Health System Volunteer Services recently announced Les Breen as the Brunswick Campus Summer Volunteer of the Quarter and Joanne Wesner as the Camden Campus Summer Volunteer of the Quarter.



Breen has volunteered with the Health System for over 13 years. He initially began volunteering at the Coastal Medical Access Project (CMAP) where he frequently put in long days to make sure patients' applications for pharmaceutical assistance moved smoothly through the approval process. When CMAP closed, Breen and his wife, Patty, volunteered in cardiac rehab until volunteer activities were paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Breen and his wife currently volunteer at the Guest Services desk and assist with wayfinding, wheelchair transport and providing patient room numbers for visitors. They also fold notecards that are placed on inpatient meal trays at the Brunswick and Camden campuses as well as at the Senior Care Center-Brunswick and Senior Care Center-St Marys. Together, he and his wife fold over 8,000 notecards each month.

According to Peggy Tuten, president, Brunswick Campus Volunteer Services, Breen enjoys helping Volunteer Services with special projects. "In observance of Armed Forces Day, Les welcomed visitors and patients at the Parkwood lobby with patriotic stickers and candy. He also regularly volunteers at the blood drives held on campus."

When he is not volunteering at the Health System, Breen volunteers with other local organizations, including the Coastal Georgia Historical Society where he has served as a docent at the lighthouse and the Literary Guild bookstore. In his free time, he enjoys reading, archeology and spending time with friends and his daughter, who lives in Kerrville, TX.



Wesner began volunteering at the Health System in April 2023 and jumped in with both feet. She can be seen at the Guest Services desk on Thursday mornings and in the Gift Shop on Monday mornings. "Even though Joanne has been with us for only six months, she has demonstrated her care and commitment to the Health System Volunteers by helping out with fundraisers and covering extra shifts in her departments," says Kathleen Worthing, president, Volunteer Services, Camden Campus.

In Wesner's free time, she enjoys spending time with her two children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, going to the beach or watching the Georgia Bulldogs.

More than 150 volunteers generously share their time and talents to assist patients, visitors and team members at the Southeast Georgia Health System Brunswick and Camden campuses, as well as the Senior Care Centers in Brunswick and St. Marys. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact Kristin Doll, CAVS, CDVS, director, Volunteer Services, at 912-466-1071 or visit sghs.org.

ABOUT SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM

Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit health system comprised of two acute care hospitals, two long term care facilities, two Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including orthopaedic and spine care, joint replacement, breast care, maternity, outpatient rehabilitation, sleep management and wound care. The Brunswick Campus Cancer Care Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and is one of the few centers in Georgia to offer CyberKnife® M6 with MLC. Additionally, the Brunswick Campus is accredited by The Joint Commission as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center and the Camden Campus is accredited as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital. The Southeast Georgia Physician Associates medical group includes more than 160 providers working in 20 different medical specialties at more than 50 locations. The Health System is part of Coastal Community Health, a regional affiliation between Baptist Health and Southeast Georgia Health System, a highly integrated hospital network focused on significant initiatives designed to enhance the quality and value of care provided to our contiguous communities. For more information, visit sghs.org.

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