

# Volunteer Times

*For LifeServe Blood Center Volunteers!*

2019 Quarter 2

## Spring is Here!

Hello again to everyone!

Thank you so much for such an outstanding quarter! As I'll explain further, there was a lot going on over the last 3 months. But everyone remained patient and understanding as we went through our bumps and bruises organizationally throughout the transition to a new computer system. So once again, thank you for all you do here and please know it does not go unnoticed!

- Kyle Charles

## Re-Cap of Quarter 1

The big news of the quarter our transition to the new BECS computer system. It was a longer and more tedious process than what we were initially anticipating. In fact it caused LifeServe to shut its doors for an additional two days in February, but we made it through it! Now we are utilizing less paper, not reliant on cell signals at mobile drives, and our donors can go through the donation questionnaire prior to their appointment which can cut more than 20 minutes of the donation process!

Also in February, our very own Jim McCullough was recognized formally by the Fresenius Kabi and inducted into their Blood Donation Hall of Fame! This is a nationwide program that recognizes and shares the unique stories of individuals from across the country who demonstrate commitment and passion for donating blood and encouraging blood donation. So if you see Jim and his wife Pat around, make sure to congratulate them again for this award!

Finally, I want to update everyone on all our hard work with our local state legislators to address our tax issue. Although we had proposed language, the Ways and Means Committees of both the House and the Senate decided to approach the tax change in a different way. On both the House and Senate side, a bill with the new language is in committee. We have voiced concerns regarding the language as we do not think it will fully solve the tax issue. The wording allows the interpretation of what is taxable up to the Department of Revenue. We would prefer our legislators make that decision. We continue to work with leaders in the House and the Senate to advance our bill. So please continue to reach out to your local state senators and representatives to remind them of this issue!

## LOOKING FORWARD

Now that we are getting to the warmer months that means everyone gets to come out of hiding! So keep an eye out for us as we begin to ramp up our summer promotions and media drives! I'll be updating Duplie with any volunteer opportunities to assist with these upcoming events, if you have questions please let me know!

We are also having our annual Volunteer Appreciation celebrations coming up! Des Moines' will be on April 17th, and I know Claire is working on Sioux City's plans as well. I don't have the official day locked in yet for our other donor centers, but I will be coming as well so we can all enjoy some form of LifeServe Vegas' Casino Night!



*Caring for you, sharing for life.*



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

-- Winston Churchill

# ANNIVERSARIES

| First Name     | Last Name    | Years Served | First Name     | Last Name   | Years Served |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| David          | Lybarger     | 11 years     | John           | Ackerman    | 1 year       |
| John           | Pille        | 2 years      | Eric           | Karita      | 5 years      |
| Jon            | Lutz         | 3 years      | Sharon         | Fasse       | 9 years      |
| Steve          | Flanagan     | 10 years     | Patty          | Haskins     | 4 years      |
| Tom            | Miller       | 3 years      | Sue            | Moore       | 4 years      |
| William (Bill) | Austin       | 7 years      | Don            | Midthun     | 18 years     |
| Scott          | Wilson       | 1 year       | Jill           | Stoll       | 1 year       |
| Jerry          | Walter       | 10 years     | Marlene        | Carter      | 1 year       |
| Gary           | Fridley      | 3 years      | Sheila         | Stefani     | 9 years      |
| Becky          | Shrimpton    | 6 years      | Jenna          | Bump        | 1 year       |
| Mark           | Droll        | 4 years      | Savanna        | Pardekooper | 1 year       |
| Mike           | Sogard       | 5 years      | Mel            | Campbell    | 4 years      |
| John           | Valline      | 2 years      | Natalie        | Elizalde    | 1 year       |
| Wanda          | Sellmeyer    | 10 years     | Mary           | Iliff       | 7 years      |
| Mike           | Magnant      | 8 years      | Howard         | Holden      | 7 years      |
| Bill           | Young        | 4 years      | Jim            | Garrett     | 16 years     |
| Sharon         | Grossman     | 5 years      | William (Bill) | Richards    | 7 years      |
| Holly          | Hemann       | 1 year       | Linda          | Johnson     | 1 year       |
| Linda          | Duvall       | 8 years      | Kaitlin        | Burns       | 1 year       |
| Steve          | Duvall       | 8 years      | Ray            | Smajd       | 2 years      |
| Kinsey         | Lester       | 9 years      | Linda          | Haley       | 8 years      |
| Dan            | VanderLinden | 1 year       | John           | Stevenson   | 3 years      |

## Mark Your Calendars!

### April:

- 9:** We Survived the BECS Conversion Party!
- 12:** College Basketball March Madness Bracket Challenge Winners Celebration
- 17:** Volunteer Appreciation Night: LifeSerVegas: We're All In (DM). Make sure to RSVP!

### May:

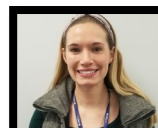
- 2-4:** Fire Fighter Appreciation
- 17:** KIX 101.1 Media Drive (M-town)
- 18:** Sioux City Explorers
- 24:** Alpha Media Drive (FD)
- 24/25:** Military Appreciation
- 28:** Iowa Barnstormers
- 31:** Quarterly Driver Meeting (DM)

### June:

- TBD:** Summer Kick-off!
- 20:** Blood Donor Day (DM)

## Welcome Aboard!

Say hello to the new faces volunteering at LifeServe



**Hannah Juhl, Des Moines**  
Call Center, Canteen Help



**Jim Wettestad, Des Moines**  
Driver, Call Center



**Genesis Galdamez, Des Moines**  
Call Center



**Haley Vance, Des Moines**  
Online Store, Call Center

**Do you know someone who wants to volunteer, or do you have any questions? Contact Us!**

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