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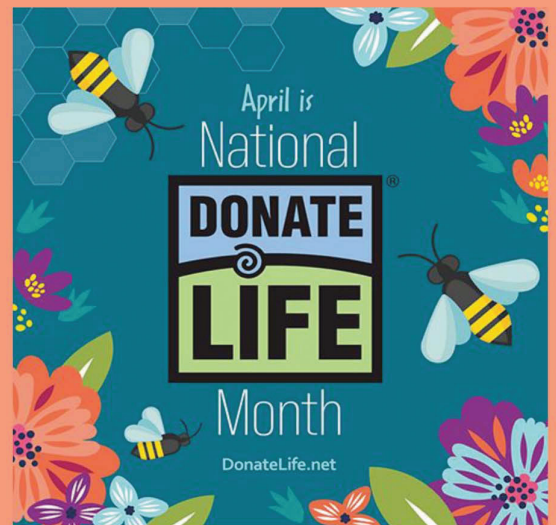
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April is Donate Life Month

Bee a Donor! Bee on the lookout for fun Donate Life activities happening all month! Follow our socials and #miraclesinsight on your posts. We would love to highlight your facility's activities in our next newsletter.



MEET OUR DONOR CENTER

They are the ones who answer your calls 365 days of the year, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They work with you to offer donation to donor families, guide them through the process, and coordinate all of the behind the scenes steps of recovery. Finally you can put a face to a name, and get to know our wonderful team a little more.

Susan Grunow – Donor Center Director

I've been working in Donation and transplantation since 2002. Most of that time has been spent with Donor Centers, who work 24/7 with our numerous Hospital, Funeral Home, and Medical Examiner partners. It is challenging yet very rewarding to honor our Donors and support their families with the gift of Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation. I enjoy leading our professional team of Coordinators, and personally, being a Mom to 3 great kids!



Nicole Dearmon – Donor Center Manager

I have been working in Donation and transplantation since 2007. Over the years, being a part of the Donor Center has given me the opportunity to work alongside an amazing team, doing the incredibly strong work each day speaking to families, providing them with a new perspective on life, and renewed self-reliance through facilitating a transplant for future recipients. I am honored with the work we do each day and grateful for the support I have from my wonderful husband and 2 fantastic daughters.



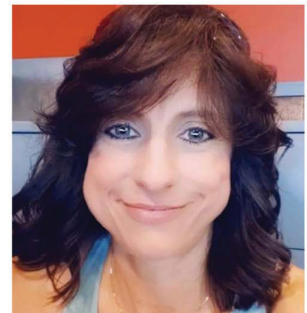
Shanell Hess

I have worked in Donation for 4 years. I am new to Miracles In Sight and am excited to learn how to better serve our donor families and continue to be a small part of changing lives through eye and tissue donation. Outside of work, I'm a mom to my 4-year-old daughter, Huntley. In my free time, my daughter and I like to go to the park or the aquarium, or even just stay home and watch movies together!



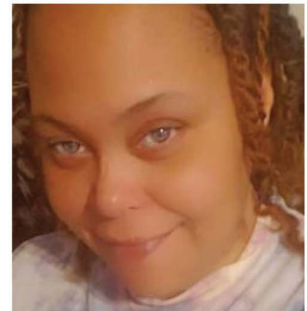
Christine Lundeen-Pinnix

I have worked at MIS for 10 years. It's been an honor to work with families, making a difference in people's lives. I'm very appreciative for all the healthcare workers for what you do to help families and helping families wishes for Donation to happen. Before starting at Miracles In Sight, I worked at Novant Forsyth Medical Center for 6 years. In my personal life, I'm married have 2 great children (ages 19 & 31). I love all animals, especially my dog, 2 cats, and my 2 grand puppies. Love all things outdoors, bike riding, spinning, working out, camping, fishing, and hiking: favorite vacation spots, Outer Banks and Orlando, Florida. I'm originally from Phoenix, Arizona.



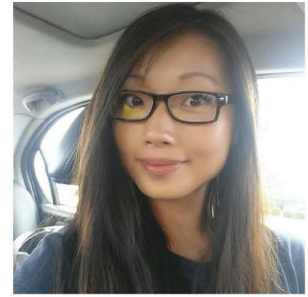
Tameika Spruill

I have worked at the Miracles In Sight for almost 7 yrs and it's a great passion of mine. My background is in the medical field for the last 25 yrs. I have 2 wonderful children who are my life. I enjoy working with families to give sight those in need. It's a tough job to give comfort to those who have lost loved ones, but the reward is ten times better to know someone else will get sight!



Kayla Gwyn

I have a wonderful child that is my heart and soul, and we both love to read. We are huge history buffs and love to do anything outdoors! I have been very blessed throughout my life. I used to work with special needs children and taught special education classes, which lead me to MIS. I've been here for over 6 yrs and being able to hear so many stories about people not far from where I live is extraordinary. Seeing people want to help numerous others through one simple act of giving and getting to have those special moments is what makes my day unique and very touching. We never know how those short moments echoes with others we get to speak to, and that is a very rare and precious part of what makes this job incredible.



Leslie Bauer

I started working in Donation in 2016 because I have a heart for people, and I enjoy helping families fulfill their loved one's wishes as well as educating those who are not familiar with Donation. Knowing you make a difference in so many lives is the most rewarding part of my day. Personally, I enjoy spending time with my husband of 30 years and our two children. My favorite past time is spent quilting with my friends and cooking for seniors in my community.



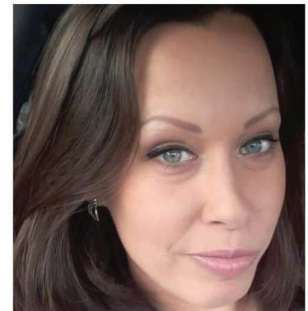
Tom Boggio, LPN

I started in Donation straight out of nursing school in 2012. Then moved from NJ to NC in 2014, and worked in Healthcare IT. Ecstatic, after hearing of an open position at MIS, was able to rejoin the donation world in 2022 and looks forward to a long career with MIS.



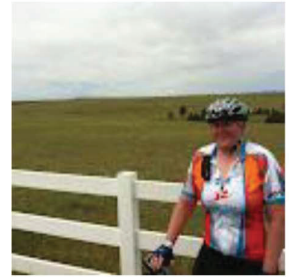
Ashley Weaver

I hail from sunny Tampa, FL. I have been in healthcare for 18 years and a Donor Coordinator for about 7 years. I am a member of the Healthcare Occupational Students of America and collaborate with local high school programs, in helping educate students and provide guidance to help them achieve their goals, as aspiring healthcare professionals of the future. I actively participate every year in helping coordinate Relay for Life fundraising events and Walk for Awareness, through Moffitt Cancer Center. My heart is in the world of donation and helping save and enhance lives all over the world.



Christine McKinley

I have been working in Organ, Tissue, and Eye donation since 2001. I have experience working on multiple levels, including Donor Screening and Donor Processing working for a myriad of organizations. My favorite thing is being able to be a Dual Advocate for Donors, their families, and for Recipients as well. I appreciate the opportunity to help people through their grief process and give them hope that someone else can benefit from the donation process in their lives as well.



Tracy Hankins

I have been working as a Donation Center Coordinator for the better part of the last 12 years. The first 10 years were spent working with an OPO in Kansas, and as of July 2021, I started working with Miracles In Sight. Speaking to families during some of their toughest times and assisting them in honoring their loved ones wishes brings me a sense of fulfillment and joy. Knowing that I have helped change, so many lives over the years humbles me. On a more personal level, I am enjoying newlywed life with my husband, Mike. We spend about half the year in Florida and the other half traveling in our motorhome with our 2 dogs.



Jennifer Chamoff

I started working in Donation by accident in 2006, and fell in love with the work. Mostly, I love seeing the kindness of people and its impact on others. I enjoy spending time with my family. This year we are planning a couple of trips to National Parks, lots of gardening, and family board game nights!



Jason Booher

I've been working in Donation since 2002. From 2002-2009 I worked in a 24 hr call center that screened potential donors for three OPOs and six eye banks. I also worked as a tissue recovery tech for Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency (LOPA) from 2005-2009. My first day on the job for LOPA was supposed to be 8/29/2005...the day Hurricane Katrina hit. Needless to say, my first day was postponed for several months. I've been away from Donation for the last several years, but I am very proud to be back helping families preserve the legacy of their loved ones.



Lyndsie Lamela

I began working in the Organ and Tissue field in 2016. I took some time off in 2018 to start my family and made a come back in 2021 when I was hired at MIS in the Donor Center in August of 2021. It has been such a rewarding career being able to connect with Donor Families and making Donation happen for them. When I'm not working in the Donor Center, I continue to bring awareness regarding Donation and enjoy trips with my family to our vacation home in Spain.



Lauren Hodges

I have five years of experience with Tissue and Eye Donation. During the first year, I was a Recovery Technician and loved being a part of the donation process, but quickly found a even greater love for connecting with Donor Families and educating them about Donation and how their loved ones can give such an immeasurable gift during such a difficult time. When I am not advocating for Donation, I am a full time Mom to two sweet boys and our beagle dog!



Adam Byerly

I proudly joined the Miracles In Sight family nearly 3 years ago after serving in the healthcare industry in the field of public safety and pre-hospital care in 2008. I have always had a desire to serve others and help those within my community. Working for Miracles In Sight, I am allotted a further reach to fulfill this desire as well as the ability to leave an even greater impression on donation recipients and their families. In addition to the enjoyment my work brings, I also enjoy cooking, shopping, photography, and spending a warm sunny day on one of Charleston's beaches.



Kristen Tomlinson-Quality Control

Hello! I have worked in the donation world for 6 years now, most of that being directly associated with donor family care and working with our local partners like you all! I enjoy getting to build relationships with the different hospitals, funeral homes, and coroners offices that we work with and provide education about Donation. Thank you for the hard work that you do and for supporting Donation!



Jill Shipley

Donor Communication Center Coordinator Not Pictured

APRIL IS DONATE LIFE MONTH

All month we will be celebrating our donors and raising awareness about organ, tissue, and eye donation. We challenge you to get your peers together to participate in Spirit Week!



- **April 16** Follow our socials and help us celebrate our volunteers.
- **April 17** DL Rocks: create and hide a rock.
- **April 18** DL Flag Raising: Check your hospital's events calendar
- **April 19** Message of Hope: Go to socials to leave your words of hope for those waiting
- **April 20** Check socials for our words of thanks to you.
- **April 21** DL Chalk: spread the word on the sidewalk
- **April 22** Blue & Green Day: Submit a photo of your Blue & Green to the contest

NAME OUR NEWSLETTER

Now is the time for you to leave your mark in history! Name our newsletter for all to see! Share your catchy titles by clicking [HERE](#) to submit your entry. The winning name will be selected from those entered. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card and highlighted in our next newsletter!

Contact your [Professional Development Specialist](#) to schedule an event at your facility!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Living Donor Day
April 6

Blue & Green Spirit Week
April 16-22

Pediatric Transplant Week
April 24-30

Revealing Newsletter Name April 30th

