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Greater Medford Visiting Nursing Association raises funds for charity

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MEDFORD - [Greater Medford Visiting Nursing Association & Additional Care](#) (GMVNA), a not-for-profit VNA, continues to give long after the holidays are over.

“Charity of the Month” is an employee-run effort to raise money for local charities. GMVNA staff members Pat Costello of Medford, Lynne D’Amico of Stoneham, (back left) Deb Woodard of Malden, Leslie Kilgore of North Reading, Executive Director Marie Knasas of Norwell and Cindy Gal of Winchester are frequent participants in the fundraising efforts.

Each month, staff members choose a charity close to their heart in hopes of making a difference in someone’s life. Over the past year, money has been raised for many charities including Feed the Children, Children’s Hospital Foundation, Alzheimer’s Foundation, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Covenant House, MSPCA, Parkinson’s Disease and most recently, they sponsored a local family in Medford for the holidays through St. Raphael Parish in Medford.

“What a wonderful gift it was to receive the call from GMVNA to adopt a family,” said Ginny McCabe, director of St. Raphael’s Parish. “We were stunned by the generous response from the agency.”

“Employees donate whatever amount they feel comfortable with and there is no pressure to participate, but most employees do,” said Knasas,. “For over 100 years, the spirit of GMVNA has been to give back to the community and through the efforts of our compassionate staff, we have raised well over \$1,000 to date.”

For more information about GMVNA, call 781-396-2633 or visit www.gmvna.com.

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