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Spring Thank You's to our Volunteer Leaders and Volunteers!

One of the best parts of working with Volunteers is celebrating National Volunteer week with them. This is our chance to thank our dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers make a tremendous difference in so many of our lives. At Aspirus in Wausau, our recognition banquet theme was "Touching Lives, and Lifting Spirits." I know all of you have been busy doing the same with all your great events for volunteers.

I am proud to be serving as your AHVRP President this year. One of the best things about AHVRP is that it is Life Changing. AHVRP members are an administrative force and our members are standards bearers for promoting volunteerism. The AHVRP members that I meet are passionate, inspiring and have an uncanny ability to encourage others to realize their vision.

I will be attending the Committee on Volunteers meeting in Washington, DC from May 5-8 as a representative of AHVRP. Here is just a sample of what we will be learning about:

- Using TeamSTEPPS to increase the impact of our actions.
- Engaging Health Care Volunteers to Pursue the Triple Aim. We will learn more about how to elevate the impact of volunteer services in hospitals and state volunteer organizations.
- AHVRP update. We will be able to share educational and membership offerings that AHVRP supports.
- Hospitals Against Violence Campaign

I will be excited to bring back new information to share with you. This trip will also allow me to join the Wisconsin Hospital Association for their legislative visits on Capitol Hill. Our group will learn about latest trends in coverage, quality, costs on health care reform and affordability.

Thank you for all that you do and for your passion and commitment to volunteerism! Remember that registration is now open for the AHVRP national conference in Phoenix from September 23-26, 2017. This year's theme is **COMPASSIONATE** Care and **COMMITMENT** to Service. I hope to see many of you there to learn more about realizing your vision for your volunteer groups.



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