

Jennifer L. Kopar, CAVS

Burston Award 2006 Allegheny General Hospital Years as DVS: 19

Advice from Jennifer . . .

Being a DVS is all what you make of it . . . the opportunities are endless to create the future of volunteerism at your hospital! I love being able to provide “good people” with the opportunity to “do good”! Always remember that the patient is the focus of everything we do!



What you didn't know about Jennifer . . .

- Jennifer and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary this year!
- She celebrated her 25th anniversary at Allegheny General Hospital!
- Jennifer and her husband own and operate a honey bee farm with 60 hives (and yes, she's been stung!).

Professional Accomplishments since receiving the Burston Award in 2006 . . .

- Started a Dignity Gown Program at AGH for women undergoing radiation treatment for breast cancer. This uniquely handcrafted gown has 3 special Velcro openings and is personal, comfortable and provides modest coverage during treatment. More than 1,000 gowns have been made by volunteers and donated to patients in the healthcare system since 2005.
- Established a Recycle Center for the purpose of collecting and redistributing gently used office supplies throughout the hospital. The center is operated by volunteers and annually saves approximately \$15,000 in supply costs and prevents the items from being trashed.

About Jennifer . . .

Born and raised in the Pittsburgh area, Jennifer received her Bachelor of Science degree from LaRoche College and her CAVS in 2005. She was awarded the AGH President's Award in 1995. She is married with two chocolate Labrador retrievers and lives in Natrona Heights. She enjoys gardening, traveling, cooking, and spending time with her family.