



“One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others.”

Lewis Carroll
Author
(1832-1898)

Recently we welcomed a new member of our family. His parents are learning how to wrap him “like a burrito”, adjusting to new time frames, and they are incredibly blessed. His grandparents, especially Grandma, assure me that he knows his ABC’s already.

It reminded me that we get to be part of scenes like this every day—maybe not at the bedside—but each of us does our part towards happy endings. We are also cognizant that sometimes the outcomes we want and work for don’t always pan out.

Our mission statement says “we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of people we serve...” Think of the ways every day that we care for our patients, families, on another, and how we make the healing presence of God known through our sacred work.

Every time we:

- Put on an apron and prepare the trays for our patients—*it is sacred work*
- Push the cart to deliver supplies—*it is sacred work*
- Check medications for accuracy—*it is sacred work*
- Ensure instruments are sterile and our machines are in working order, *it is sacred work*
- Use our expertise to solve an IT issue—*it is sacred work*
- Greet our visitors and one another with a smile—*it is sacred work*
- Push the vacuum and dust the surfaces—*it is sacred work*
- Hold a patient's hand while we check their vitals or draw their blood or use our knowledge to assess their condition—*it is sacred work*
- Practice our healing skills in surgery, oncology, cardiology, radiology and various therapies—*it is sacred work*
- Sit with a grieving family or patient or colleague—*it is sacred work*
- Examine an excel spreadsheet for accuracy and attention to details—*it is sacred work*
- tend to the multiple emails in Outlook and calendar requests for our time and energy—*it is sacred work*
- And work with community partners to improve the health of our community—*it is sacred work*

Today let’s celebrate our sacred work—and those who help make the healing presence of God known throughout CommonSpirit and our communities.