

The Cutting Edge

It was a great surgery day in the new Lexington Surgery Center building on Sunday, July 21. We had 12 patients and a full team of volunteers who worked together to provide excellent care for them. Our surgeons were **Dr. Matthew Bailey, Dr. Ron Burgess, Dr. Jeff Covell, Dr. Johannes Evans, and Dr. Paul Kearney**. Also on that day, we hosted some folks from eastern Kentucky who are considering a satellite SOS program to help patients in their area. While they may tweak it to meet the needs and match the resources of their community, others realize that Dr. Andy Moore's model from 2005 really works, in large part due to our excellent, committed volunteers!

Thankful for your support,

Amanda Ferguson,
Executive Director

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Volunteer of the Month



July's Volunteer of the Month is **Jennifer Guy Bowers, RN** who first started volunteering with Surgery on Sunday "in the beginning" because she wanted to support Dr. Moore's efforts in getting the program working for our community. She says some people have told her they don't volunteer because they go to church but she has no doubt that God would rather have her at SOS.

Originally from Scottsville in Allen County, KY, Jennifer grew up on a farm, where she milked cows, raised tobacco (the reason she never once smoked), and other crops. She says she grew up working but there was always play time as a reward and she still follows that pattern. Jennifer attended nursing school at Eastern Kentucky University, and now works

as an OR nurse at Lexington Surgery Center, where she will stay until she retires. She considers herself blessed to be a member of that team.

She has been married to Rocky Bowers for 11 years, and they have 3 adult children between them: her step son, Thomas (28), her daughter, Chelsea (28), and her son, Hunter (23). They also share a 19-year-old cat named Molly. Jennifer is very active and enjoys golfing, playing Pickleball, swimming, yoga, flower gardening, reading, & solving Sudoku puzzles. About 15 years ago, she rode 100 miles on her bike in one day during the Horsey 100 ride through Fayette, Scott, and Woodford counties. Jennifer considers it a good experience is proud that she accomplished it - she should be! Her parents still live on the family farm in Scottsville and she often travels there to help them, as needed. With 3 older sisters, Jennifer's parents say she was the fourth attempt for a boy, but they are glad that she turned out as she did.

Jennifer's favorite thing about Surgery on Sunday is helping people. She primarily works in cataract surgeries and finds it very gratifying helping others see again. For patients with severe vision impairment that profoundly impacts their lives, she says "it is fun to see them come back for the second eye - they are so grateful about how well they can see!"

Thank you, Jennifer, for your commitment to Surgery on Sunday and your concern for our patients!

Patient Feedback

In addition to writing a thank you letter to the surgeon, we ask each Surgery on Sunday patient to complete a survey rating his or her experience with our program. A compilation of data from the last 100 returned surveys indicates our patients are more than satisfied with the care they receive. The percentage of patients who gave an excellent rating on the following aspects are:

Overall satisfaction with Surgery on Sunday - 98.4%

Experience with the pre-operation consult - 93.8%
Experience with medical staff on surgery day - 96.9%
Overall experience from the day of your surgery - 93.8%

In keeping with those results, a recent patient shared the following about her experience:

"To everyone at Surgery on Sunday - I want to thank you for accepting me for cataract surgery. Last year was horrible for me, with loads of health problems. I don't think I have or know enough words to express my gratitude to you for giving me this gift. It is my goal in the future to help financially to pay it forward to help someone else. Thank you for giving me hope to carry on."



Blue Grass Open Closed donation



Thank you to the gentlemen of the Blue Grass Open Closed golf tournament who donated a portion of the money raised from their July 18 outing to Surgery on Sunday. Started as a way for a group of average golfers to enjoy some friendly competition, this event has been held every year since 1966. We are honored to be a small part this year of such a long-running tradition!

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