

VolunteerConnection



You Can Make a Difference in the Lives of Women and Infants

Foundation for

Woman's is committed to supporting women at every stage of their healthcare journey.

Whether it's providing a car seat to a new mother whose baby spent months in the NICU or connecting breast cancer patients with lifelong support systems, we are here with compassionate care when it's needed most.



When you give to Foundation for Woman's, you're giving back to your community—your family, friends, and neighbors. Your support helps ensure that women and babies across Louisiana have the opportunity for a healthier future. Every gift helps Woman's respond to community needs and elevate care for generations to come.

Thanks to community events like **BUST Breast Cancer**, along with corporate and individual donations and grants, the Foundation funds critical programs and services. Your generosity supports:

- Transportation and medication assistance
- Safe sleep education for new parents
- Mobile mammography coaches serving communities statewide

And much more—each initiative ensures that women and infants receive the care and support they deserve. **Together, we can create a healthier future.**

Visit womans.org/donate or email giving@womans.org to learn how you can make a lasting impact.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



Linen and Sheets Pop-Up Shop

Friday, August 15

8 AM – 10 AM	1 volunteer
10 AM – Noon	1 volunteer
Noon – 2 PM	1 volunteer

In Memory of Lee Blanchard

Lee Blanchard passed away on June 27, 2025 at the age of 93. Lee became a Woman's Volunteer in 1996 and donated over 3,784 hours of time before she retired from volunteering in 2011. She served for many years in the Surgery Waiting Area.



In 2005 she received the Healthcare Auxilian Award.

Lee was also a member of the Red Hat Society and a long-standing parishioner of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. She will be greatly missed by all.





Celebrating JULY Birthdays!

- 8 – Frankie Edwards, Cathy LeBlanc
- 12 – Kim Franks
- 13 – Terry Ashford
- 14 – Cristina Lawrence
- 15 – Helen Lemoine
- 16 – Pat Penton
- 18 – Glenda Hutchison, Elaine Zollmann
- 23 – Melissa Molaison
- 24 – Anne Russo



Back to School Supply Drive

Back-to-school time can be very expensive. From uniforms to school supplies – it all adds up!

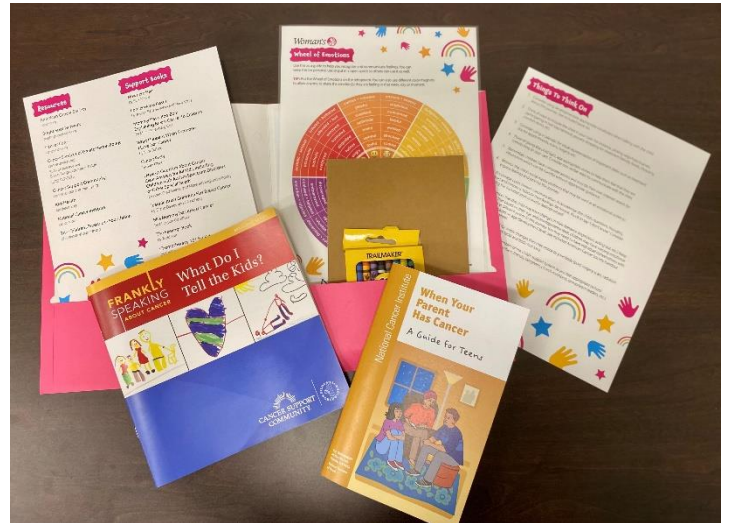
Starting July 8, Woman's Culture Outreach Respect Engagement Committee (CORE) will host a back-to-school supply drive to benefit staff members who need a little help getting their students ready for the upcoming school year. The first day of school will be here before we know it.

Woman's employees and volunteers are invited to donate both new and unused school supplies. Back-To-School donation bins will be located around the main campus and off-site locations beginning Tuesday, July 8, through Friday, July 25.

Examples of school supplies include binders, notebooks, markers, crayons, scissors, folders, highlighters, pencils, pencil bags, ink pens, glue sticks, calculators, paper, hand sanitizer, backpacks, etc.

Auxiliary Grants Update: "Kidz Kit" Initiative

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Many patients express anxiety about how to communicate their cancer diagnosis to their children. The **"Kidz Kit" initiative** aims to alleviate this burden by providing families with resources and tools to facilitate open and supportive conversations about cancer. Each kit includes age-appropriate books explaining cancer, comfort items such as stuffed animals, coloring books, and puzzles, National Cancer Institute and American Cancer Society resources for parents and local support groups and counseling resources.

The Auxiliary awarded a grant of \$2,000 for this program which will allow the Pavilion staff to create 85 – 100 kits.

