

The Auxiliary

Why does Overlook Medical Center have an Auxiliary?

Overlook Medical Center is a part of Atlantic Health System, one of New Jersey's largest nonprofit health care systems. As a nonprofit organization, Overlook Medical Center strives to deliver high quality, safe, and affordable health care with respect and compassion. The Overlook Auxiliary, an independent organization made up of women and men of all ages, supports the medical center by providing much needed active support and imaginative fundraising. Our efforts provide many of the extras that make Overlook Medical Center special in our area. The volunteer commitment of each member may be achieved either by working as a General Auxiliary member or as an Auxiliary/Twig member.

What are some activities in which the Auxiliary is involved?

The focus of the Auxiliary is volunteering and fundraising. Our Gift Shop & Bloom, located in the medical center's Main Lobby and staffed by our volunteers, is popular with patients, staff and the local community. The Auxiliary also holds a **biennial** Kitchen Tour which features several of the areas fabulous private kitchens. The *Art at Overlook* program provides local New Jersey artists an opportunity to exhibit in the public areas of the medical center. Our popular Spring Luncheon and Meeting feature interesting guest speakers. Other Auxiliary activities and programs create opportunities for Auxiliary members to join together for the good of our Community.

What are some programs and projects that the Auxiliary supports?

The Auxiliary supports many medical center projects including the Cancer Center, Child Life, Health Start Clinic, Hospice/Home Care, Palliative and Pastoral Care, Social Services and the Valerie Center. The Auxiliary also funds Nursing scholarships on an annual basis. Our *Wish List* program is open to all departments within Overlook to submit for "extra" items they need. Most recently, the Auxiliary raised funds for the Eating Disorders Program, Ovarian Cancer Research and several large building projects including the Caregivers Center, Emergency Department, Oncology Solarium and Pediatric Playroom.

Twigs

Who may become a Twig member?

Anyone can start a Twig. Your Twig can consist of a group of friends from your community, neighborhood, Place of Worship, town or workplace. Your spouses are invited to join as well. Anyone can also join an existing Twig. We would be happy to assist in finding a Twig that matches your interests to join. All Twig members must be dues paying members of the Auxiliary. Once established, your Twig will be part of the Auxiliary. You will work together for the benefit of Overlook Medical Center. Your Twig will decide which activities you would enjoy doing as a group. Your projects can include both fundraising for the benefit of the medical center and/or volunteer service within the medical center. The Auxiliary maintains a *Wish List* of items requested by Departments within Overlook that need funding, to assist you in the funding process.

In which activities are Twigs currently involved?

Twigs are responsible for many volunteer activities. Some include decorating the medical center during the holiday season, hosting several in-medical center vendor sales throughout the year including the very popular *Holiday Boutique*, *Jones NY Coat Sale*, *Spring and Fall Vendor Sales*; making *Love Pillows* for post-operative patients and sewing *Benji Puppets* for pediatric patients. Twigs are instrumental in raising funds to benefit the medical center through the Annual Derby Day, Holiday Luminary sale and many other opportunities to join together for the good of our community.

How would my Twig help to support Overlook Medical Center?

Your Twig may choose to participate in activities from the many in-medical center volunteer opportunities at Overlook or you can fund items from the Auxiliary *Wish List*. You may also choose to let your creativity loose and spearhead a fundraising activity that inspires many. In any event, Twigs are groups of hard working members who also have lots of fun together!

How to get involved

I'm interested in joining the Auxiliary - how do I begin?

We invite you to be a part of the Auxiliary. Simply complete the form on the back of this brochure and mail it along with your \$35 dues check to our Business Office at the address provided. Upon receiving your completed form and dues check, you will be added to our membership rolls and you will be an Auxiliary member. All members receive our quarterly newsletter *The Pulse* and are encouraged to actively pursue volunteer opportunities at Overlook Medical Center.

Twigs sound like a lot of fun - How might I start one?

After you and any friends become members of the Auxiliary, you can come together as a Twig. Simply complete the form on the back of this brochure and mail it along with your \$35 dues check to our Business Office at the address provided.

Does the Auxiliary have a website?

We invite you to read more about our organization, our most recent activities, calendar of events and activities and the many volunteer opportunities at our website:

www.oaux.org

Complete this form to Join the Auxiliary

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

_____ I would like to join the Auxiliary, and have enclosed the **\$35** Annual Membership Dues.

Please contact me regarding steps I should take to:

_____ Join Existing Twig

_____ Start a NEW Twig

Mail this form with your membership dues to:

**Overlook Auxiliary
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Summit, NJ 07901**

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*Fundraising and
volunteering for the good
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The Overlook Auxiliary is a volunteer organization cultivating a compassionate and comforting environment throughout the entire Medical Center community with active volunteering and imaginative fundraising.