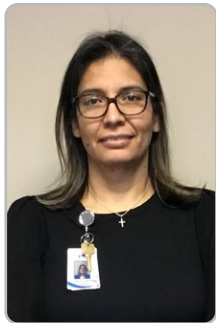


## Getting to Know Vanessa DeLaTorre



- Vanessa is the new Unit Secretary for Iroquois Memorial Hospice and Iroquois Home Health.
- She was born and raised on the Southwest side of Chicago and is of Puerto Rican and Mexican descent.
- Vanessa studied Business Administration at DeVry University and has worked remotely for 11 years, most recently as a Biller for the Loyola University Hospital System.
- She has been married for 16 years to her husband, Alex, who was born and raised in Durango, Mexico. Alex is a regional truck driver.
- Vanessa was told for years by fertility specialists that she would never

have children, but they are now the proud parents of an 8 year old daughter and a 7 year son.

- She moved with her family from a 2 bedroom apartment in Chicago to their current home in rural Sheldon and she is pleased with her children having the freedom play safely outside riding go-carts, jumping on the trampoline, and helping to mow the grass.
- Vanessa loves doing everything with her family from grocery shopping to yearly vacations in Mexico.
- Vanessa, having worked in healthcare settings, says of Iroquois Memorial Hospice "I continue to be amazed at the compassion, care, and love which this team provides for every hospice patient".
- Welcome to the team, Vanessa!



WGFA Business of the Day



Iroquois Memorial Hospice welcomes our new volunteer, Denise Harwood



Iroquois Memorial Hospice team pays special tribute to our Veterans for their military service to America and for advancing the universal hope of freedom and liberty for all. IMH Hospice is proud members of "We Honor Our Veterans".

**Thank you to our Iroquois Memorial Hospice Visiting Volunteers who proudly served our country: Mike and Shari Johnson, Howard Hesford, Paul McAnarney and Aaron Hattabaugh.**

## 2022 Christmas Cantata

Please join the First Christian Church and the Living Hope Church for "Hope of the Broken World" with performances on:

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

Please call 779.235.0094 for information and to make reservations. Special thank you to Ms. Pat Neal, Iroquois Memorial Hospice Volunteer and 2022 Choir Director!

## Join us at the Christmas Cantata!

The 2022 Christmas Cantata donation recipient will be the Iroquois Memorial Hospice Memorial Fund. Monies raised for the Memorial Fund help patients' needs not covered by insurance and other resources, such as medicine, durable medical equipment, and skilled care for those uninsured.

For questions about the Iroquois Memorial Hospice Memorial Fund, please call La-Zann Yana, Volunteer Coordinator and Outreach, at 815.432.7791.



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Choose people you know and care you trust. Choose Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

## 2022 Iroquois Memorial Hospice Training



On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Iroquois Memorial Hospice held their first in-person training in 3 years. Information covered was: Spiritual Care and Bereavement by John Franklin, M.Div., Chaplain Coordinator and Bereavement Co-coordinator, "How to talk to patients and their families about hospice" by Traci Bishop, LCSW, Bereavement Co-coordinator, Social Worker, IMH Hospice updates from Linda LaVoie, IMH Hospice, Home Health, and Resident Home Administrator, and HIPPA presentation, La-Zann Yana.

For all of the volunteers who were unable to attend training, I have enclosed your HIPPA updates and 2022-2023 Volunteer Commitment form. Please return each to me in the enclosed envelope.

REMINDER: All volunteers need to have the flu vaccine. Flu vaccines can be obtained from any of the IMH clinics: Kentland, Watseka, Milford, and Gilman, or from 10:00 pm to 10:00 am in the ER. Please tell them you are an Iroquois Memorial Hospice volunteer.

### WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A BLESSED THANKSGIVING.

- Your IMH Hospice Team

### A Place at Our Table

As we set this table, we thought about who we wanted to grace it.

PEACE  
LOVE  
JOY  
HOPE  
FAITH  
HEALTH  
KINDNESS  
ABUNDANCE



As you take your place at the table, know that prayer was said for you as it was set...a quiet whisper of thanks.

May God's graces gather around us all each day. As we bow our heads in Thanksgiving, we thank you. We are blessed and grateful for your place at our table...and in our hearts.

Iroquois Memorial Hospice and Iroquois Home Health participated in the **Watsseka Park District's Trunk or Treat**, sharing treats with over 300 children and their families.

