



Community Service Award Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: April Verver

Title: RN, BSN, CCRN Unit: H4 SICU

Nomination Questions

- 1. What was the purpose of this project, length of time contributed and the community served? 1st Project:** Hydrate the Homeless in which H4's UBC (Unit Based Council) collected money to purchase bottles of water for the homeless, 3 months, the Little Rock homeless. **2nd Project:** Feed the Hungry, 2 months, the Salvation Army pantry.
- 2. Describe how the nominee's efforts went beyond their customary work duties or exemplary continuous volunteer efforts, i.e. what makes the nominee stand out? 1st Project:** April came up with the idea for the H4 UBC's summer 2017 community service project. She coordinated the donation collection not only on H4, but on multiple units around the hospital. She also coordinated with the Salvation Army to distribute the water bottles to the homeless. She priced different bulk water bottle purchases at different stores to see where the donations would buy the most water. Over the 2.5 months of donation collection, she was constantly reminding H4 and other units of the ongoing donation collection. April even made flyers and posted them throughout the hospital units. She organized the purchase and drop off group. She also contacted the store to ensure the water would be ready in bulk for easier pick up. She helped load and unload over 1700 bottles of water. She coordinated with the Salvation Army for the drop of day. April also gathered the Stay Hydrated educational material for the homeless as well as did the education. Lastly, she took pictures the day of the purchase and drop off, and made an amazing poster to put in the unit highlighting the project success. **2nd Project:** April came up with the idea for the H4 UBC's fall 2017 community service project. She coordinated the food drive donations with specific instruction on which heart healthy foods were needed. She was constantly promoting the project and sending out reminder emails to maximize the donations. After 2 months of collecting food, she gathered all the food and took it to the Salvation Army to deliver it for Thanksgiving. April also gathered heart healthy diet education material as well as taught the education for the Salvation Army.
- 3. Were there any unique challenges or obstacles to performing this community activity?**
For both the Hydrate the Homeless and the Feed the Hungry, April had the challenge of coming up with projects that would not only help benefit the community but would also meet the educational



requirement for UBC's community service projects. She had to get both projects approved by the UBC. She single handedly coordinated both projects announcements and donation collections. She was also constantly sending out reminders and spreading the word on a weekly basis to ensure the projects successes. For the Hydrate the homeless project she had to figure out the best way to get water to the homeless of Little Rock in a cost effective way. In both projects she literally loaded, carried, and unloaded hundreds of pounds of water and food. She had to gather health education material on both staying hydrated and eating heart healthy for a population with a potentially low literacy rate and reading ability.

4. **What were the specific contributions that resulted in a benefit(s) to the community, including the number of individuals serviced?** **1st Project:** Hydrate the Homeless over 1700 bottles of water were donated and distributed to the homeless during the hottest month of the year. **2nd Project:** Feed the Hungry hundreds of pounds of heart healthy food were donated to the Salvation Army for Thanksgiving.

5. **What were the specific/measurable healthcare outcomes of what you accomplished?** A vast number of Little Rock's homeless were able to stay hydrated and get heart healthy food from the projects. But even more impactful was the education that they received regarding hydration and healthy foods which will last them and impact their health long after the donations have run out.

6. **Is there anything else we should know about this nominee?** April has a true volunteer's heart. Her family and friends say that April is constantly doing something good in and for her community. These are some of their direct quotes: "Every time we go fishing, April always brings a garbage bag to pick up all the trash." "April never has any cash, because she gives it all to the folks at the red lights." "April has donated so much blood, that she's got scars on both of her arms." "She'll cook up a bunch of food with the sole purpose of taking down to the bridge to feed people." "She's always volunteering for blood drives or feeding the homeless." April is always serving her community with an open heart and a smile on her face.

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Nominator's Signature (Please print and sign): _____

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