



# THE PULSE

Summer - Fall 2023



*"Providing Quality Service with Compassionate Care"*

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## Message from the CEO, Dianne Davidson

The healthcare provided at Union General Hospital and its clinics is all about people, namely you, our valued customers. We appreciate the steadfast support of YOUR local hospital as we continue to provide the most up to date and compassionate care.

The past few years have been unprecedented for healthcare and the patience and faith that you have had during these trying times is very much appreciated. We continue to remain fully committed to fulfilling the healthcare needs of the communities that we serve, now and well into the future.

As your community hospital, we feel a deep sense of respect and commitment to each and every one of you who place your confidence in our care.





## **UNION GENERAL HOSPITAL named Top Critical Access Hospital (CAHs)**

Union General Hospital was included and scored best among the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals for Rural Health for Patient Satisfaction in the country. The Hospital achieved success in two key areas of performance. First is the Quality index: a rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across rural-relevant process of care measures. Secondly for patient perspective index: a rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across ALL 10 HCAHPS domains. These rankings were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA).

This ranking is determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health, based on data compiled in the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™, specifically the patient satisfaction domain. “The National Rural Health Association considers your organization to be an example of best practices in all of rural health care,” wrote Brock Slabach, Chief Operating Officer. An awards ceremony will be held in September during the NRHA’s Critical Access Hospital Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri.

“Union General Hospital is proud of the efforts of all the physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation,” says Dianne Davidson, CEO. Our achievement as a Top 20 rated hospital with excellent Patient Satisfaction scores means our community can count on us to deliver top quality services they need now and in the future.”

### **About NRHA**

The National Rural Health Association is a national nonprofit membership organization with more than 20,000 members. The association’s mission is to provide leadership on rural health issues. NRHA membership consists of a diverse collection of individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

### **About Chartis**

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- Diabetic Foot Care
- KidMed
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**Community Programs**

- Adolescent Health Programs: Anti Bullying/Suicide Prevention, It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices (Teen STD/HIV Pregnancy Prevention, Annual Scholarship), Teen Drug and Alcohol Prevention.
- Breast Cancer Prevention, Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Heart Disease and Diabetes Prevention, Nutrition Education Program in Partnership with LSUAg.



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## UNION GENERAL HOSPITAL HEROES

Want to nominate a healthcare hero- someone who has gone above and beyond their own job? Send nominations to Brittany Smith,

[bsmith@uniongen.org](mailto:bsmith@uniongen.org)

**Jenequa Jones, Sandra Carnes, and Kaneshia Mason** – for going the extra mile in planning and preparing a delicious Easter Fish Fry for the IOP patients. Great Job!

**Brad Adcock** - shout out to Brad for getting all the employees' PTO Balances corrected in Paylocity. He had to put in a lot of extra work to manually correct them in the system – Paylocity caused the problem but was no help in helping provide a solution.

### Very good work

**Therapists** are knowledgeable of what therapy I need. They are considerate & courteous.

Absolutely loved my sessions. I was weak and had no confidence in myself also had no balance. Since therapy I feel stronger and have more balance and just feel like a more normal person. They were awesome and I am so grateful and would recommend everyone who needs therapy to come here. Love All of them!

**Pam Mason:** Thank you for going above and beyond ALWAYS! But today, I wanted to thank you for the “Sharing Snacks” Box! Perfect! Have a blessed day! - Linda

*Jessie Mclelland – helped cover nursing floor as charge nurse in addition to case management for other nurses who were out.*

*Jody Loyd – rearranged schedule to work night shifts instead of day shifts as scheduled, to cover night shifts that were open on schedule.*

*Candice Lumsey – came in on night shift 7p-7a instead of day shift as scheduled to cover night shift that was open.*

*Ann Marie Finklea – came in 12-7pm on extra day for another nurse off with death in family.*

*Tammi Anderson – helped cover nursing floor for another nurse who needed off for death in family.*

**Christian Roy:** He went above and beyond to help set up for Orientation at 8:30am on Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> also helped set up for Lion's Club meeting special guest speaker on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We appreciate that you are working in Information Systems – but you are ALWAYS willing to help with extra projects.

**Wanda Lonon:** Worked extra shift 7a-7p to cover RN shift need after re-arranging schedule during high census.

**Tammy Hill:** Came in 11p-7a, after working 4 nights of orientation, for another CNA who called in sick.



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**Ann Marie Finklea:** Came in 7-11p on Monday & 7p-7a Tuesday night for extra help needed without CNA and high census when no one else could come.

**Sandy Smith & Pam Mason:** Cleaned out patient belongings bin in supply room that was full of extra clothing items and donated to nursing home.

**Anna Langley:** Worked extra shift to cover for another nurse out for death in family.

**Candice Lumsey:** Worked on her weekend off to orient new CNA.

*I nominate our very own Caregiver Hero: Jessie McLelland 6/28/23.*

*(This was submitted by the daughter of one of our patients who came here from SFMC for Swingbed.)*

I don't know exactly what this Jessie girl does over there, but I love her! I have been talking to her on the phone for about 10 minutes and she was going over and explaining everything about Mom. She was very nice! I do know that's who the social worker at St. Francis had been talking to as well. 10/10 for Jessie at U.G.H.!!

**Candice Lumsey** – Noticed upon morning rounds that there was not any dedicated isolation equipment in two of our patient's rooms on contact/droplet precautions and took the time to collect them before she did vitals. Thank you!

# HEROES

**Mike Williams** – stayed late to do new employee badge for nursing department. Thank you!

**Mike Williams** – Mike and Christian worked on our telemetry monitor at nurse's station when it went out & Mike coordinated getting us a loaner & repair of current one.

**Karissa Strickland** – Karissa has gone above & beyond to get the RHC clean. She went out and bought her own supplies to make the floor shine. Thank you!

## PATIENT COMMENTS

Very easy to relate to. Very professional nurses, ER and Lab.

The staff was very professional and made you feel very comfortable. They were kind and interested in every word you said to them. They really make you feel as if you and your health are important to them.

What did you like best about Union General? Kindness. Excellent job.

Best nursing staff I ever had. Everything was great, great people, great job.

Care was very good, nothing I can complain about. Staff was very friendly and caring.



## UNION GENERAL RURAL HEALTH CLINIC PATIENT COMMENTS

Great medical clinic and staff.  
Very, Very Excited!

Dr. Wade is very loving, kind and she listens to everything you have to say and if she can't solve your problems she will refer you to someone who can.

Shana Alford, Caroline Alford and Erin Griffin were all wonderful!

Dr. Erin Griffin is the absolute best! I love her!

I just love Erin and her nurse! They are the best! Everyone at the clinic is so friendly and helpful. I cannot say enough good things about Erin, she has helped me every time I have seen her.

Friendly employees and excellent customer service.

We are former patients of NP Erin Griffin when she was in Sterlington. Willing to travel a bit to see her. She always gets us well.

So thankful for this clinic.

My opinion, it starts from the front receptionists, nurses, and doctors are the best I have ever encountered. I used to dread going but now it is a pleasure to go where you feel welcomed. Since I came the first time in December 2022, I feel this office is God send because it has been there every time I needed medical care in a timely manner. Thank you Union General.

Thankful for you and the services you provide. Saves time and money not having to go to Monroe or Ruston for quality care.

It was my first time, and they are awesome!!!

I really enjoyed meeting Dr. Branton! He explained things in a way that I could understand and was very friendly.

**UNION GENERAL RURAL HEALTH  
CLINIC PATIENT COMMENTS**

Everyone was helpful from the time I came into the clinic until departure. Wonderful staff and MD. Services were great. Great experience at RHC today.

Front Office Staff, Nurses, and provider were excellent!

Love the clean, peaceful, friendly environment.

Dr. Branton and Barbara were very professional and caring. He explained to me possible problems that I have. He spent time with me and was very caring and thorough.

1<sup>st</sup> visit. I pray staff remains friendly.

**Therapy Patient Comments:**

I had a great experience. Everyone was so nice, respectful and helpful! I would recommend others to come if something is troubling you in any physically acute/chronic way.

Therapists are knowledgeable of what therapy I need. They are considerate & courteous.

Excellent!

**Inpatient Comment:**

Great Job. Everyone did a great job!

Everyone's "A List" that came through my room.

Thanks to all the staff. They are great. Friendly staff, always eager to help.

Everybody was awesome! These people were extra wonderful. Would like to

acknowledge Tina (nurse), Kim (nurse), Candice, Ms. Jody, Alisha, Reagan (housekeeping) and Dr. Venters.

**Patient Comments:**

The workers here are all so nice and knowledgeable. They provide excellent care!

I like how quick they responded to my needs. I love how nice and kind everyone is. Dr. Venters was great. Leann was always smiling, cheerful. Jody was very helpful, kind. I thoroughly enjoyed her.

Not far from home and super nice staff. Would like to acknowledge everyone, all super nice!

Excellent staff. Everyone was great! Would like to acknowledge Yvette, Tammi, Wanda, Wendy, Kim, and Candice because they always checked on me without me even calling.

What did you like best about Union General? The staff

Everyone on staff was so helpful and nice. We had exceptional care! Would like to acknowledge Tammi Anderson & Kim Barr for everything!

What did you like best about Union General? The staff Would like to acknowledge Mrs. Laura (housekeeping). She checked on us often.

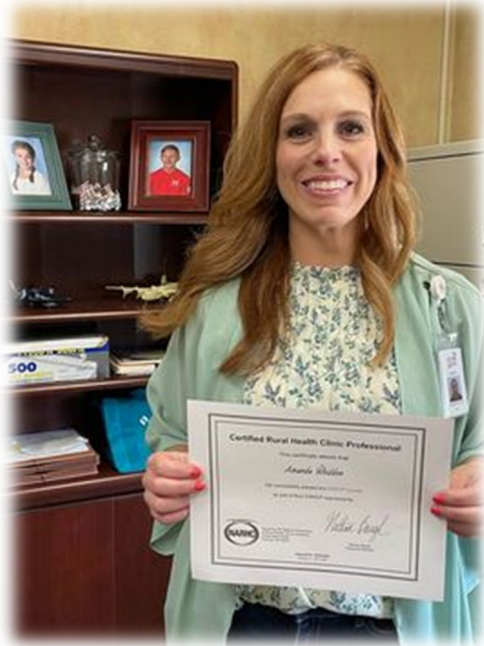
**WE LOVE OUR  
PATIENTS**

# News and Updates



Attending the Rural Hospital Coalition meeting and visiting the Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge, May 15, 2023

Photo left to right: William Adcock, UGH CFO; Amanda Whiddon, UGH COO; Chris Turner, State Representative District 12; Dianne Davidson, UGH CEO; Brad Adcock, UGH Asst. CFO; and Stewart Cathey Jr., State Senator District 33.



Union General Hospital is pleased to congratulate Amanda Whiddon for successfully passing the Certified Rural Health Clinic Professional Course by the National Association of Rural Health Clinics Academy! Amanda began a new position early this year as the Chief Operating Officer and she is over Union General Rural Health Clinic. We are proud of the hard work & dedication she has shown our patients, hospital, & employees so far in this position. We know there will be more great things to come!





**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**



Left to right top: Brittany Smith, Dietary Director; Dianne Davidson, CEO; Amanda Whiddon, COO. Left to right bottom: Sue Cash, Ashley Westbrook, Emily Love, Radiology Department.

# WELCOME

## TO OUR TEAM

*We are so glad that you are here!*



### ***May New Hires Orientation Left to Right***

Tammy Jones - Registration Director, Cristy Glover - Nursing,  
Samantha Gardener - Radiology, Ashley Westbrook - Radiology  
Rhiannon Miklosey - ER, Aquana Burch - Nursing  
Peyton Anderson - Pharmacy,  
Front: Anna Ginn - Therapy



***June New Hires Orientation  
Left to Right***

***Tammy Hill - Nursing***

***Amy Griffith - Community Outreach  
Coordinator/Social Services***

***Ann Pipes - Human Resources Director***

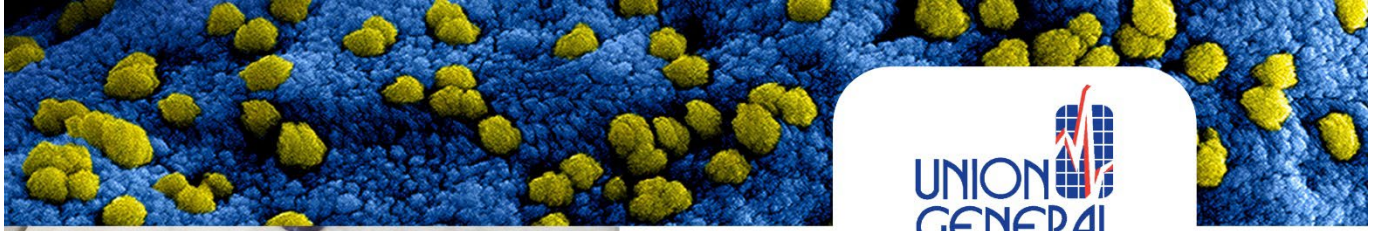
***Marjorie Albritton - Rural Health Clinic Assistant  
to Director***

**WE ARE **APPLY NOW!**  
HIRING NOW!**

Download application:

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Applications also available at Union General Hospital



## Union General new employee orientation class of June 2023



*Viruses can be active outside the body for hours, even days. Disinfectants, liquids, wipes, gels and creams containing alcohol are all useful at getting rid of them – but they are not quite as good as normal soap.*

**People who have clean hands have happy hearts!**  
**Front row, left to right; Tammy Hill – Nursing, Ann Pipes – HR Director, & Marjorie Albritton – Union General Rural Health Clinic Assistant to Director**  
**Back row, left to right; Amy Griffith – Union General Community Outreach Coordinator/Social Services & Linda Taylor – Administration/Orientation Leader**

**USE HAND SANITIZER (WITH AT LEAST 60% ALCOHOL) WHEN YOU CAN'T USE SOAP AND WATER**



## Lynette Wade, RN-FNP-C

Lynette received the Healthcare Professional of the Year award on May 11th at the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

Her dedication to patient care and excellence at Union General Rural Health Clinic is truly appreciated. Thank you, Lynette, for your commitment to UNION GENERAL HOSPITAL and improving the lives of our patients and community. Lynette is enjoying retirement now!



## UNION GENERAL RURAL HEALTH CLINIC

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- \* Family Medicine - All Ages
- \* Routine Health Screenings
- \* Women's Health
- \* Pre-Employment
- \* Athletic Physicals
- \* Medicaid Kidmed



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- Developmental Screenings
- Nutrition Assessment
- Dental Assessment
- Vision & Hearing Exams
- Blood & Urine Checks
- Health Education



For Medicaid eligible  
children ages 0-21



**HOSPITAL  
WEEK  
2023**

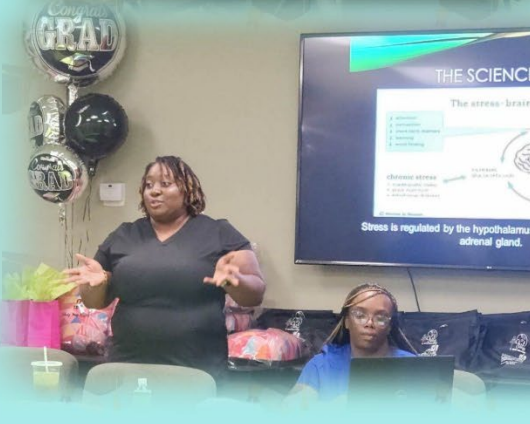


# COMMUNITY



# MAY

## MONTHLY MEETING AND GRADUATES CELEBRATION







Jennyfer Gomez Ramirez  
DWCS High School  
IAGT SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENT



HOSPITAL



Essynce Wallace  
UPHS

# Congratulations



Carly Neighbors  
UPHS

## IAGT GRADUATES!

## CLASS OF 2023

YOU DESERVE TO BE CELEBRATED. DON'T MISS OUR MEETING ON MAY 30TH. THE DAY OF YOUR DREAM HAS FINALLY ARRIVED...

...SHINE LIKE GOLD.



MELISSA  
12th Grade  
2022-23

Melissa Alvarez  
UPHS



Nia Johnson  
Master of Social Work  
Grambling State  
University

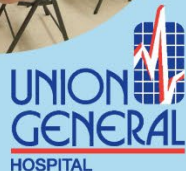


Alizia Barnes Rhodes  
Master's Degree in  
Marine Biology &  
CIS Certification  
Texas A&M



# BEYOND HUMAN LIMITS

## JUNE MONTHLY MEETING



# BEYOND HUMAN LIMITS



Check out our wonderful It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices program member Kimberley Courson volunteering at the Union Museum of History and Art and assisting Ms. Jean Jones, Museum Director in welcoming the Union Parish Elementary students visiting the "Beyond Human Limits" exhibit. We are very proud of this young lady and her grandmother Ralinda Courson for their willingness to volunteer and be involved in community events representing Union General It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices.





# JENNYFER GOMEZ RAMIREZ 2023 Scholarship Recipient



Jennyfer is a 2023 graduate of D'Arbonne Woods Charter School and the daughter of Marisol Ramirez from Farmerville. Jennyfer joined the program when she was in middle school, finishing her Senior Year with a 3.9 GPA. Jenny will be attending the University of Louisiana Monroe ULM, pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy. "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of CHOICE." We see GREAT things in Jenny's future.

It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices was founded by Union General Hospital in 2013. Under the program (1) \$1,000 scholarship is awarded every year. The program provides information to teen girls for use of tools to guide a process of understanding the importance of self-worth, setting goals in life and making proud choices. For more information about the program call or email Claudia Wade, Director of Community Development and Grant Management [cwade@uniongen.org](mailto:cwade@uniongen.org) (318) 368-7075

# Essynce Wallace, It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices member. Softball Team USA - Australia

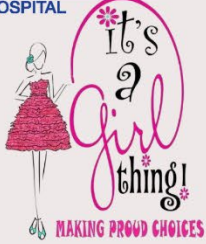


Essynce Aims For Australia  
Bronze Bronze Bronze !! 🏅 🏅 We placed third overall out of 12 teams. Our team did so well considering we're from many different places and have never played together. This was truly an amazing experience and I'll never forget it. I've made so many new friends and learned a lot of different Australian cultures ! All the hard work leading up to this trip was definitely worth it. Another title to add to my resume 🇺🇸 🇦🇺 🇺🇸 🎉 🎉 ❤️ ❤️ Thank you so much Union General Hospital and IT'S A GIRL THING Making Proud Choices, Anti-Bullying and Drug Prevention for accepting the role of my Capital sponsor! I'm forever grateful for all the love and support. ❤️

Essynce Wallace, It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices member. Softball Team USA - Australia

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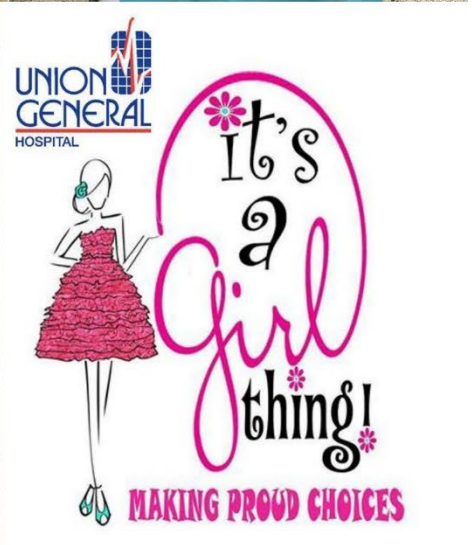
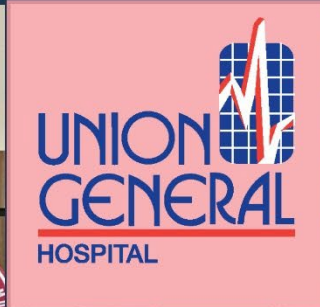
# 2023 21ST CENTURY SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



**Amy Griffith**  
Community Outreach Coordinator/Social Services  
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Union General Hospital



Union General It's a Girl Thing Making Proud Choices members Jennyfer Gomez Ramirez and Sophia Alejo attended Nursing Boot Camp at ULM, Both were sponsored by Union General Hospital. This was a four-day summer intensive workshop. Jennyfer and Sophia gained hands-on experience to nursing activities and explored various nursing fields, including disaster nursing, surgical nursing, and more. We are very proud of Jennyfer and Sophia. If you need more information about It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices, call (318) 368-7075 or download the enrollment packet: <https://www.uniongen.org/media/1285/enrollmentpacket.pdf>





# BACK TO SCHOOL

 **MONDAY**  
**31**  
**5PM**

**UNION GENERAL HOSPITAL  
CONFERENCE ROOM**



**Amy Griffith**  
Community Outreach  
Coordinator/Social Services  
Union General Hospital

## LOTS OF FUN, DOOR PRIZES

GIRLS 6TH -12 GRADE  
NEED PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT TO ATTEND

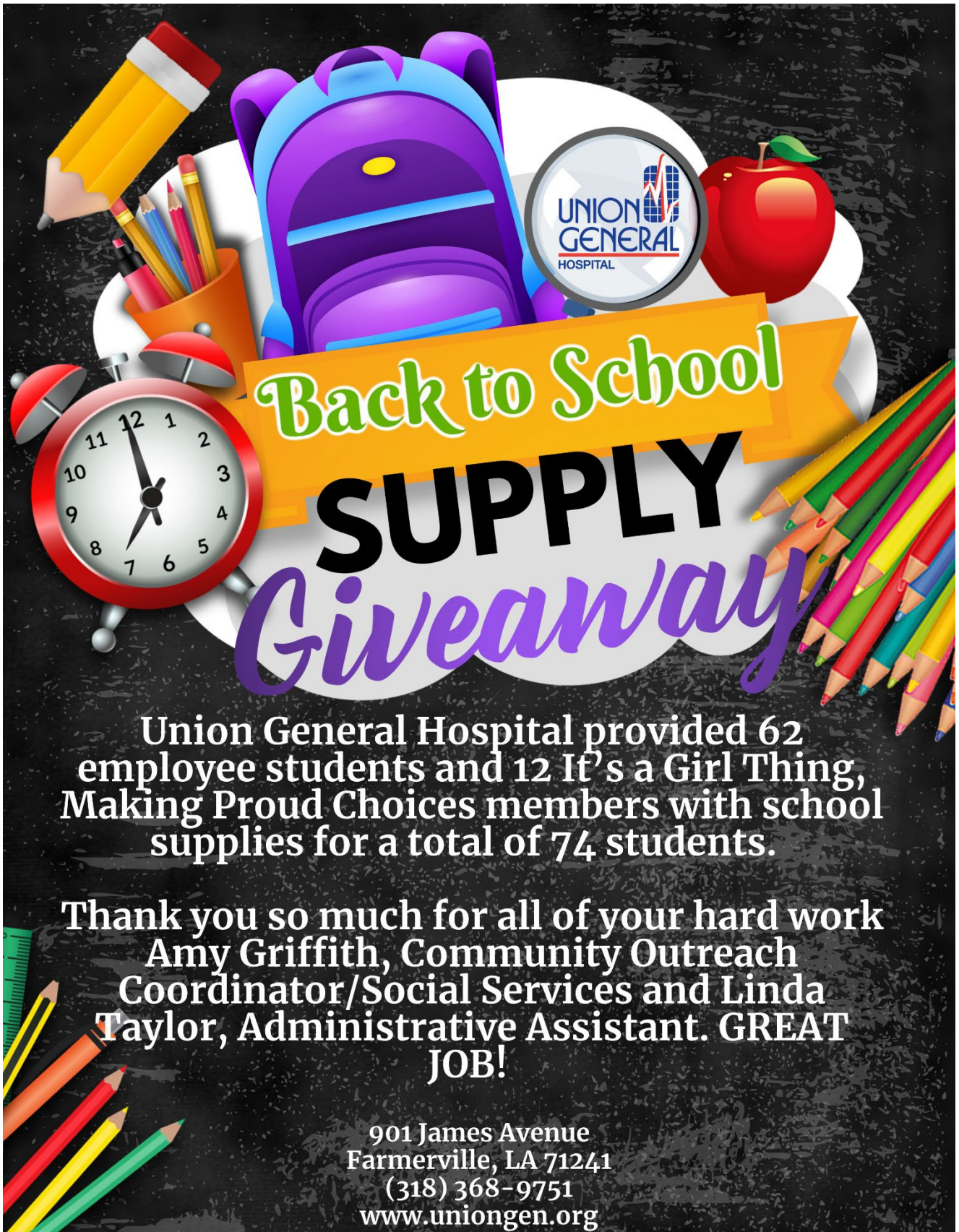
**FOOD BANK** TO QUALIFYING PROGRAM  
NORTHEAST LOUISIANA PARTICIPANTS AFTER THE MEETING

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**Back to School**

**SUPPLY**

*Giveaway*

Union General Hospital provided 62 employee students and 12 It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices members with school supplies for a total of 74 students.

Thank you so much for all of your hard work  
Amy Griffith, Community Outreach  
Coordinator/Social Services and Linda  
Taylor, Administrative Assistant. **GREAT  
JOB!**

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# Year Anniversary

**PLEASE JOIN US, YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE INVITED AS WE CELEBRATE**



**Guest Speaker  
Mrs. Kristy Auger Fine  
Superintendent of Schools**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28TH  
3:30 - 6:30 PM**

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## **TEN YEARS Claudia Wade Director**

This fall, we look back and celebrate ten years of Union General It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices.

Union General It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices program was founded in the fall of 2013 when we offered our first monthly meeting at Union General Hospital. It started as a community outreach to prevent early pregnancies and STIs in teen girls. Union General was determined to build evidence-based programming that would equip girls with the leadership skills, mentors, and role models to thrive. After the hospital's first Community Health Needs Assessment we were guided with the vision to bring girls together from various zip codes and build an inclusive sisterhood and community of

belonging, and Union General It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices was born.

That fall meeting convinced us that we had embarked on something special, important, and necessary. The relationships built and impact made surpassed everyone's expectations.

Union General Hospital partners with the school district and other different community organizations which have been instrumental in growing the program over the years.

The rest is history. It's a Girl, Making Proud Choices has grown exponentially. The program provides year-round education and open enrollment. Through the program we provide instruction in self-esteem, anti-bullying, suicide prevention and drug prevention to girls 6<sup>th</sup> to 12 grade.

We are grateful to all those who believed in our vision from the very beginning. The collective commitment and dedication to empowering the next generation of girls is truly inspiring.

So, let's eat cake and celebrate this incredible milestone - Ten Years of It's a Girl Thing, Making Proud Choices!!!

## **THANK YOU!**

**SEPTEMBER**

**10<sup>TH</sup>**  
Happy  
Birthday



**MONDAY**

**25**

**5PM**

**UNION GENERAL HOSPITAL  
CONFERENCE ROOM**

**SUICIDE  
AWARENESS  
AND  
PREVENTION**

**LOTS OF FUN, DOOR PRIZES**

GIRLS 6TH -12 GRADE  
NEED PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT TO ATTEND



FOOD BOXES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE  
TO QUALIFYING PROGRAM  
PARTICIPANTS AFTER THE MEETING

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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**OCTOBER**

**MONDAY**

**30**

**5PM**



**Jackie Hill  
DART**

**UNION GENERAL HOSPITAL  
CONFERENCE ROOM**

**LOTS OF FUN, DOOR PRIZES**

**GIRLS 6TH -12 GRADE  
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END DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE  
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WITH US**

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**TUESDAY, OCT. 3rd  
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WALKING TRACK - 4PM**

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*Each day decide to live the life you  
always wanted and say no to  
everything that doesn't lead you to it.*



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## *Paint the Town Pink Contest*

September 29 – deadline to enter the Window decorating contest and October 1st to have decorations displayed. Judging will take place on October 13TH. October 16TH – winners will be announced via Union General Hospital social media pages. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Each winner will receive a Paint The Town Pink trophy to display in their business. Contact Claudia Wade at 318-368-7075 or [cwade@uniongen.org](mailto:cwade@uniongen.org) to enter!

## *In the Tulip Garden - \$20 p/Tulip*

Decorate your own board tulip to be planted in the Tulip Garden at Union General Hospital walking track. Call or email Claudia Wade at 318-368-7075 or [cwade@uniongen.org](mailto:cwade@uniongen.org) to purchase your tulip!

## *Breast Cancer Awareness Walk - \$10 Entry*

9AM - 1pm at Union General Hospital walking track.

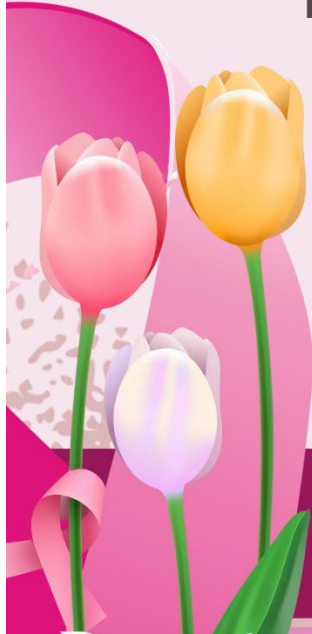
## *Pink Fridays for Breast Cancer Awareness*

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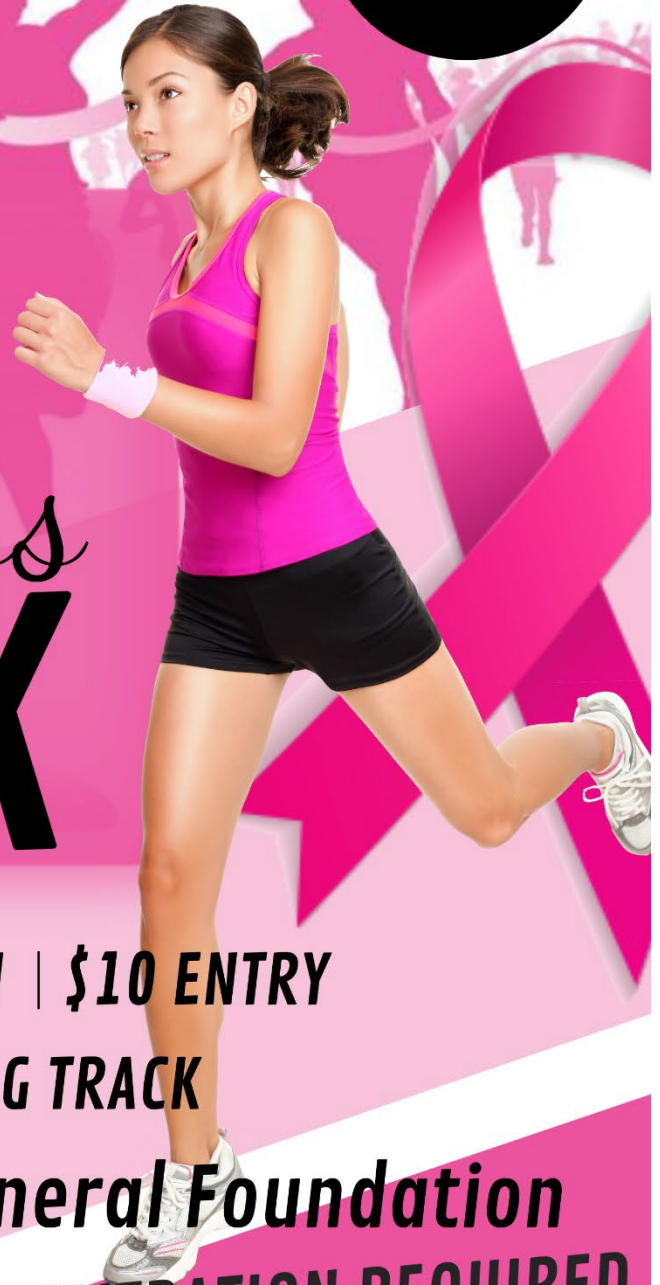
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- Having secure and good-quality information regarding the topics of sex, sexuality, relationships, and sexual health.
- Living in an environment that promotes sexual health and non-stigmatized knowledge (or creating such an environment for yourself and others).
- Understanding that sexual health is part of life and that it goes beyond sexual activity. This also means recognizing that one does not only have to be in their reproductive years to take an interest in their sexual health.
- Having the freedom to experience sexual pleasure, satisfaction, and intimacy when the individual desires it.
- Being able to openly communicate about sexual health with others. This includes sexual partners, people you trust, and healthcare providers.
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- Understanding that sexual health needs to be approached with an understanding of the social, economic, and political contexts.

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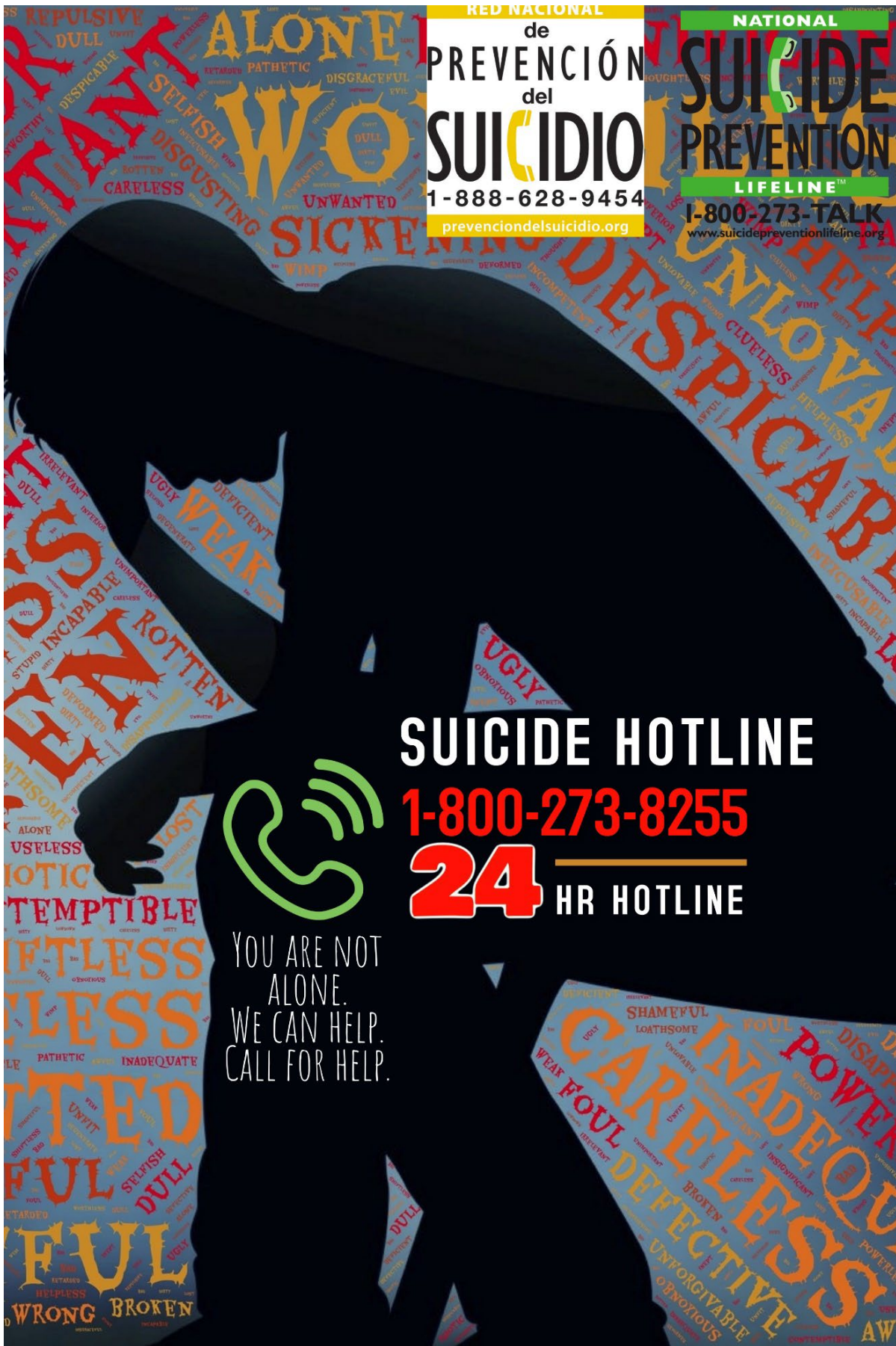
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## August

August 02	Shana	Taylor
August 02	Alicia	Cain
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## September

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September 02	Carrie	Perry
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September 06	Rhiannon	Miklosey
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September 08	Michael	Lonon
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# THE POWER OF PRAYER

**Mark 11:24** Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

**James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

**Philippians 4:6-7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Ephesians 6:18** Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

**John 14:13-14** Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

**John 15:7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

**1 John 5:14-15** And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**1 John 3:22** And whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

**1 John 5:14** And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

**Matthew 6:9-13** Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**James 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** Pray without ceasing,

**James 1:6** But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

**Matthew 6:7** “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

**Jeremiah 29:11-15** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. “Because you have said, ‘The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon,’

**Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

**Matthew 7:7** “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.



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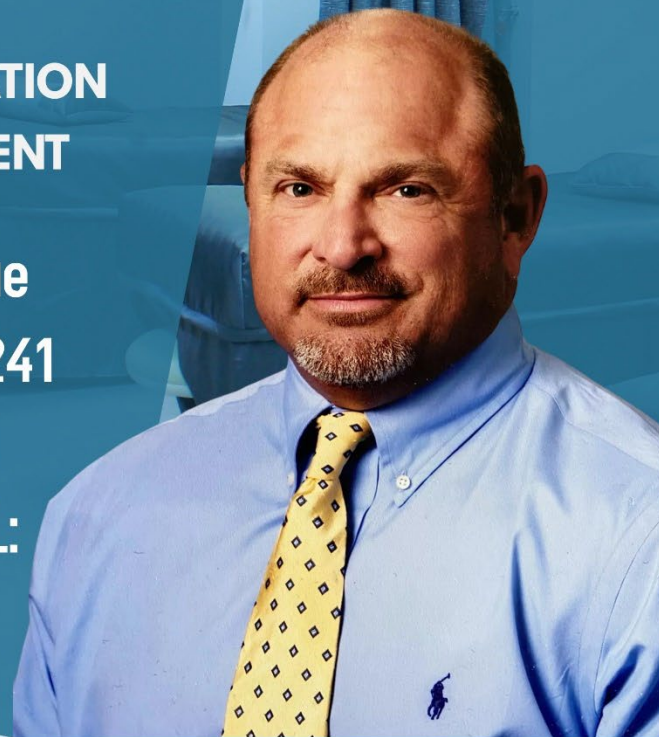
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**Easy Chicken Tikka Masala** is a *hearty* meal that is sure to make your heart and belly happy! Why order in when you can whip up this delicious flavorful meal in no time! A combination of cubed chicken, potatoes, and onions **infused** with spices like curry, coriander, and cumin in a creamy tikka masala simmered sauce. *Protein-packed, flavorful, and oh-so-satisfying!*

Served over rice, cozy up and enjoy a **warm** bowl for days since it makes a perfect left over meal or as a meal prep for the week! Using ingredients you most likely have on hand like chicken, potatoes, onions, and tikka masala sauce jars, you can *whip* this hearty flavor packed meal in no time and skip ordering in. You can choose to **add** mushrooms, peas, bamboo shoots, or colored peppers if you like.

## TIPS:

## PREPARING CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA

- For added flavor and tenderness if using chicken breast, **marinate** in yogurt.
- **Use** a cast iron skillet if you have one, if not, a regular pan will do.
- You can **cook** them in a pot, instant pot, or crockpot.
- If you want a juicier chicken piece, **use** thighs instead of chicken breast.
- **Add** or **remove** spices to your liking. This dish tastes great with a zing to it, so feel free to add chili flakes, fresh chili pieces, or cayenne pepper.
- **Garnish** with fresh coriander, shallots, basil, or parsley.



## SERVE CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA WITH:

- White basmati or jasmine rice (or rice of your choice)
- Naan or [Flat Bread](#) (spread some garlic sauce or garlic and herb sauce on either bread for a perfect combo of flavors)
- A refreshing salad of your choice
- Garlic bread
- Samosas

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs [chicken breast or chicken tenders](#) cubed
- 4 medium potatoes cubed
- 2 medium onions diced
- ¼ cup [olive oil or avocado oil](#)
- 2 15 oz Tikka Masala jars
- 2 13.6 oz canned coconut milk
- 2 Tablespoons ginger and garlic paste
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons sour cream optional
- 2 tablespoons curry spice
- 1 tablespoon cumin spice
- 2 teaspoons coriander
- salt to taste

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cube the chickens into 1-inch sized cubes then add into a medium size pot on high heat. Sear for about 5-6 minutes then drain any water released by the chicken then place pot back onto stove top.
2. Add in the diced potatoes, diced onion and sauté' for about 3-4 minutes. Add in the 2 jars of tikka masala sauce, 2 cans of coconut milk, curry spice, cumin, coriander, tomato paste, and sour cream.
3. Allow to boil for a few minutes then simmer for 20- 30 minutes covered. Add salt to taste and enjoy over a warm bed of rice.



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