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## **AMMC AUXILIARY AWARDS 2008 SCHOLARSHIPS INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS** *Volunteers Recognized for Hours of Service*

**PARAGOULD, AR** -- The Arkansas Methodist Medical Center (AMMC) Auxiliary awarded \$1,000 scholarships at a recent banquet to four individuals in Greene County pursuing a career in the medical profession.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants needed to be enrolled in an education program within the medical profession, and be in the beginning of their second year of education in the medical field by August 2008.

This year's scholarships were presented in memory of Julia Jackson, an auxiliary member since 1948 and auxiliary member Mo Roby. Recipients included:

- Heather Brenkenridge, a student at Arkansas Northeastern College studying to be a registered nurse.
- Lindsey Hicks, a student at Arkansas State University (ASU) studying to be a speech-language pathologist. She is fulfilling her clinical assignment at AMMC.
- Teri Graham, currently a licensed practical nurse at AMMC, studying at ASU to become a registered nurse.
- Mary L. Murphy, currently doing her clinical assignment at Arkansas Children's Hospital is working toward a bachelor of science degree in radiology at ASU.

AMMC's Auxiliary has been awarding scholarships to students in the community for more than

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40 years. The scholarship is a one-time award to any one recipient with the funds sent directly to the educational institution that the applicant attends at the time of registration.

In addition to the scholarship awards, the auxiliary installed its new officers for the 2008-2009 year. Shirley Kersey is the new president, Pat Dowdy, president-elect; Teresa Burge, vice-president; Mary Katherine Martin, recording secretary; Betty Imboden, treasurer; and Audrey Ryan, corresponding secretary.

Special award pins also were presented to volunteers reaching significant service milestones. The top two recipients were Mary Esther Herget for 8,500 hours of volunteer service in the medical center's critical care unit and information desk, and Wanda Wyatt for 7,000 hours of volunteer service in the AMMC gift shop.

Also at the banquet, Brett Roby donated \$1,000 to the auxiliary's 2009 scholarship fund in memory of his mother.

"We are very fortunate at AMMC to have such a hard working and dedicated group of volunteers in our auxiliary. They not only provide a tremendous amount of support to our staff and patients, but they also help students further their education in the healthcare profession." AMMC President and CEO Ron Rooney said.

A recognized healthcare leader, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould is a state-of-the-art nonprofit institution providing world-class medical services and compassionate care to residents throughout the Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri region. Additional information about AMMC is available at: [www.arkansasmethodist.org](http://www.arkansasmethodist.org).

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Pictured from (l to r) Shirley Kersey, president; Pat Dowdy, president-elect; Teresa Burge, vice-president; Mary Katherine Martin, recording secretary; Audrey Ryan, corresponding secretary; and Betty Imboden, treasurer.