

Patient Comfort & Care: Floater Beds 2009

Shasta Regional Medical Center

Mayers Memorial Hospital District's new Chief Nursing Officer for Skilled Nursing, Sherry Wilson, was faced with the District's desperate need for new equipment. Relying on the strong working relationship that exists between Mayers Memorial and other hospitals in the Redding community, Sherry began calling various facilities, inquiring as to their willingness and ability to donate. Shasta Regional Medical Center generously rose to the occasion! In Sherry's words, they were 'awesome!'

In addition to donating ten floater beds and bedside tables, Shasta Regional Medical Center also donated miscellaneous furniture for the lobby at Mayers Memorial. They have also committed four medication carts, which should arrive in the near future. The new floater beds were split between the Fall River Mills and Burney campuses and are now being used by long-term care residents who are especially susceptible to pressure sores. The mattress on each floater bed is filled with air and is significantly easier on residents' skin and pressure points than the old mattresses.

As with many Critical Access Hospitals, Mayers Memorial is more than simply the local hospital – it is a lifeline to critical care for elderly residents or those with chronic medical conditions. It takes multiple partnerships throughout the region to help the District meet its goal of providing whole life health services in a professional, personal and progressive manner. Shasta Regional Medical Center, with their charitable donation, has played a very important role in supporting skilled nursing staff to do what they do best – meet the critical healthcare needs of some of the most vulnerable residents in rural northern California.