

## “ Member Profile”

*This week's feature : Wanda Keaton*



Wanda was born in Cleveland and grew up in Lakewood, OH. She currently lives in North Olmsted. She attended Lakewood High School, obtaining a managing cosmetology license as part of the two year program in high school. She continued her education at Cleveland State University receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Additionally, she earned a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration.

Wanda's mother, brother, sister and brother-in-law still live in Lakewood. Her family includes three nephews, two nieces, a great nephew, and two great nieces. Such a blessing it is to have a new generation to share! She had previously been a member at the

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Then began attending POP in 2014.

Her work history has been devoted to health care, and it involves a high level of responsibility. She is certainly up to the task spending the last 27 years at the Cleveland Clinic. Wanda started in the cardiothoracic ICU and continued in critical care in cardiology. In 2009 she went into critical care transport and is now the nurse manager while still working clinically with the team.

Being a Northeast Ohio native, she is a passionate Cleveland Browns fan! If not at a game, her family and friends have Browns day parties on Sundays during football season. Other hobbies and interests include spending time with her 9 month old Alaskan Malamute puppy, Diesel, walking and training him. Spending time with her family includes going with her sister for dinners, plays, and concerts together. Working out and spending time outdoors provides her enjoyment.

Something that people may not know is that Wanda, in her position with critical care transport, is afforded many opportunities to travel to various locations to pick up patients. But not just locally, she has traveled both nationally and internationally. She has been to all the continents except Antarctica and Australia!

I learned of an interesting tradition regarding her career. For those that work the holiday, she wants to show appreciation for what they do so at Thanksgiving Wanda will cook the team a full turkey meal and at Christmas, a ham meal. The unique challenge is the team is spread out and located in different areas. There are 7 locations, which means she cooks 7 meals, one for each location. And for Nurses week in May, she will provide a couple meals during the week for each location to celebrate!

Wanda has chosen a very fulfilling and demanding path in life. The area we live in has a rich history of superb Heart Care, ranking at the top for many years. People choosing to offer healing spend many years gaining knowledge and continue to train constantly. Many in nursing look at it as a “calling from God”. You can see her attending the contemporary service offering her heart to Our Lord.

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