

## I AM ST. HELENA HOSPITAL

### *Beanie Driscoll: She Knew What She Wanted*

Maureen “Beanie” Driscoll is one of those fortunate people who always knew what she wanted to be. She wanted to be a nurse and she wanted to work at St. Helena Hospital. Originally she wanted to be a pediatric nurse, but, she says, “I met some former patients, and some people who worked at SHH, and from what they said about the Hospital I knew it was where I wanted to work.”



Beanie put herself through nursing school by being a waitress at Mustard’s Grill. When she decided to go through the nursing program, she asked her landlord if he had a place she could rent that cost less than what she was paying. When she told him she wanted to go to school, he lowered her rent and eventually came to her graduation!

Beanie has been at SHH for seven years. She has worked in Med/Surg, Monitored Care, Mental Health and JobCare. She presently divides her time between Patient Education, Outpatient Surgery, and working with Mary Bergerson doing data collection from patient charts. She exclaims, “It’s easy to say ‘I Am St. Helena Hospital’ because I love my job. The staff members I work with are genuinely and wholeheartedly into their work, and the doctors are wonderful. I am able to form relationships with my patients because we are in a fairly small geographical area, and it’s great to get to know them and recognize people when they come in. I just can’t imagine not being a nurse!”

Beanie is engaged, and she and her fiancé spend time working on their two houses. She says, “He does the big stuff and I’m the helper.” She is an animal lover and has four dogs, all named something beginning with a “w” – Wilbur, Wilma, Wilson and Wilfred (aka Freddie). She likes to be outdoors and when they aren’t working away on their houses, she and Mike, her fiancé, spend time camping and fishing. Mostly though, she says, “I have four siblings, and 14 nieces and nephews, and I spend a lot of time with family.”

Beanie is described by one person who works with her as very caring, thorough and dedicated. “She loves her job,” says this staff member. “She is a great representation of St. Helena Hospital.”