



Paul Louton
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Thankful Employee Believes in the Gift of Giving

"The greatest gift is the gift of giving," is the motto **Paul Louton** strives to live by each and every day.

Last Thanksgiving, Paul's "spirit of generosity" shone when he gave a gift to the community by holding an elegant sit-down Thanksgiving dinner for people who otherwise would have been eating alone or eating a sparse meal. Complete with excellent service, white linens, and an abundant Thanksgiving spread, more than 170 community members enjoyed the fabulous free Thanksgiving dinner in the company of others.

"The dinner was not just about food, it was about the people," says Paul, when referring to the sense of community surrounding the event. "If only one person had shown up, it would have been successful. You don't forget those expressions of gratitude on the people's faces."

Having always held a large Thanksgiving dinner of his own, this year Paul and his wife wanted to do something more. After working with the New Hope Christian Fellowship Church and a few other sponsors, Paul was able to turn his small idea into a huge success. He hopes the event will continue and grow through the years.

"I hope to do it again next year. I want to make sure there isn't one family in the Magic Valley that goes unfed over Thanksgiving."

Paul's generous spirit and desire to help the community is also impossible to miss during his daily work at St. Luke's. Having worked at St. Luke's Magic Valley for five years, Paul is very proud to be a part of the Health System and he believes St. Luke's is the cream of the crop.

As director of Facility Support Services at St. Luke's Magic Valley, Paul strives to provide a safe, controlled environment for staff, patients, and the entire community. Each day, he comes to work to make a difference in someone's life.

"The hospital itself is like a lighthouse. People who are in trouble and in need can always be guided to this safe haven for support and help. You never know when you will need this help, and it will always be something I will support."

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