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**WMC nurse retires after 37 years service**

**FRANKLIN, TENN.** – Gasoline was 40 cents a gallon, President Richard Nixon said he wasn't a crook, and "Midnight Train to Georgia" by Gladys Knight and the Pips topped the charts. The year was 1973, and Narciss Cheatham, L.P.N., interviewed with Williamson Medical Center the same day she graduated from nursing school. Now, 37 years later, she's hanging up her scrubs and beginning another chapter in her life—retirement.

"For nearly four decades, Narciss has done more than just come to work at a building called Williamson Medical Center," says Tim Burton, associate administrator for Human Resources. "Her commitment to her vocation and her relationships with patients and peers are the real brick and mortar of this special organization called Williamson Medical Center."

Cheatham worked in WMC's Critical Care Unit until 2008, when she transferred to the Day Surgery Department.

"One of the things I admire about Narciss is that she just enjoys every minute of life," says Ricky Yates, R.N., director of Surgery. "Not only is Narciss a caring and compassionate nurse, her energy and enthusiasm are contagious."

Cheatham is active in the community with the African American Heritage Foundation and at Strong Tower Bible Church in Franklin, where she is known for helping and mentoring young people.

Williamson Medical Center is a 185-bed hospital fully accredited by The Joint Commission that provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care including emergency services, with credentialed physicians in 53 specialties and sub-specialties. The community-focused hospital offers a wide range of wellness services, screenings and classes. For more information about Williamson Medical Center, visit [www.williamsonmedicalcenter.org](http://www.williamsonmedicalcenter.org).

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