



Terrific Tuesdays

Members of Aspen Nation don't just bleed Aspen Blue for the organization and for patients. Many bleed Aspen Blue for each other.

And, thanks to Emily Scharlau, manager of new office development, and the Gurnee, IL team, four members of the Aspen family displaced by Hurricane Harvey are smiling a bit easier these days.

Emily was looking for an activity to engage the new team in Gurnee, IL. With the season of giving underway, **Emily thought the team should give back in the spirit of Thanksgiving** and was reminded of her experiences at last summer's Leadership Retreat during which members of the Aspen team prepared packages to be shipped to troops overseas.

"I have the constant desire to do something different and inspiring," Emily said. She has always had faith in Aspen as an organization and, with that faith, knew what she wanted the new practice to do.

She found out that four Aspen Dental team members from the Victoria, TX office were still displaced from their homes due to Hurricane Harvey. She partnered with designated captains Regional Managers Gregg Givens and Rose Lin, Territory Director Brooke Wood, and Bob Shine, Division Manager, New Office Development, who accompanied team members **to buy gifts and gift cards for the effected team members and their families.** The gifts included crockpots, shoes, toiletries and a Halloween craft kit for one of the families. The team even sent some Chicago memorabilia.

"We tried to think a little outside the box and get them things that maybe they wouldn't get themselves in the situation. And we wanted to keep it fun," Emily said. The teams and captains then boxed up the items and decorated them with the families in mind. The items were then shipped to the team members in Texas.

Emily felt the organizational pride emanating from the Illinois team.

"The team absolutely loved the activity and it really made them feel great about our organization. It was truly special," Emily said. And, after it all, the Texas team members were just as grateful to be part of Aspen Dental's caring organization - where Bleeding Blue is really special.

