Letter: Barton Auxiliary deserves thanks

To the community,

Barton Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary members provide vital support to our patients and staff. Without their determination and perseverance, Barton Memorial would not be what it is today – 50 years strong.

From the beginning (1960), many of the hospital and health care system's strengths have been attributed to the thousands of dollars and hours the Auxiliary gives each year. These volunteers help in the hospital's gift shop, at the front desk and assist in the skilled nursing facility. They also organize and help at local events and manage and operate one of their primary means of fundraising the Attic Thrift Store.

Barton Health recently held a celebration in honor of the 100-plus Auxiliary members. The event was not only an occasion to get everyone together to honor their hard work, but to see a check in the amount of $210,251.90 (total funds raised in 2012) be handed over to Barton CEO and President John G. Williams. This money, all made by the Auxiliary, will be donated to the Community Clinic project which treats the area's underserved population.

A lot has changed since 1960, but the dedication of Barton's Auxiliary members remains steadfast.

Thank you on behalf of everyone at Barton and our community for all you do.

Sincerely,

Barton Health board of directors and administration