

The Newsbreaker

HFMA Arkansas Chapter Newsletter

SPECIAL EDITION

SPOTLIGHT ON CHARITY

Note from the Editor

Hello everyone! I hope you have all been enjoying the recent spell of cooler weather! It feels like fall is here to stay, but you never know—it is Arkansas, after all!

The full Fall edition of the Newsbreaker will be published in the next few weeks, but since we have so many events coming up in the next several weeks, we decided to put together this “mini-edition” to put a spotlight on our charitable efforts. Our next meeting is October 17-18, and we will be collecting items for local homeless shelters. See Lynann’s article for more information!

If you haven’t already, head to the website and get registered for the meeting—we hope to see you there!

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Upcoming Events

HERe Event

Marlsgate Plantation, Scott, Arkansas

Thursday, October 17

Fall Quarterly Meeting

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas

Thursday, October 17-Friday, October 18

Region 9 Meeting

The Sheraton Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

Sunday, November 10-Tuesday, November 12

December CPE Event

AHA Education Room, Little Rock, Arkansas

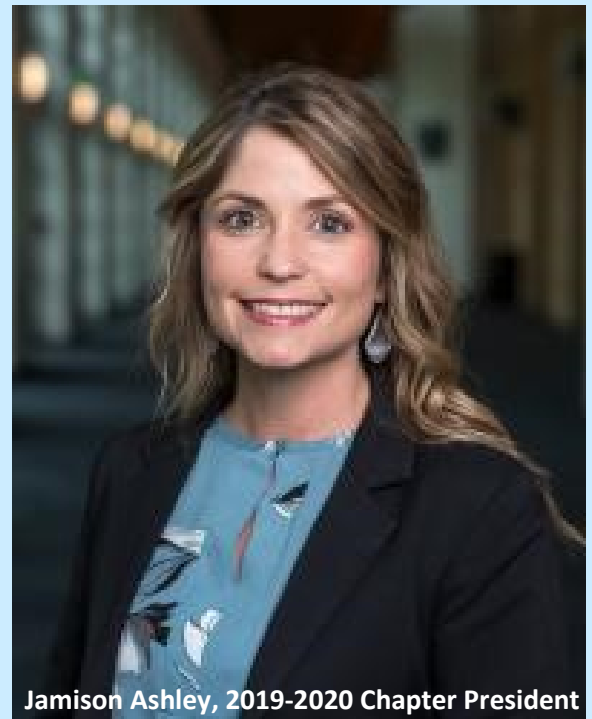
Friday, December 13

**Registration is open now
at [http://
www.arkansashfma.org/
education-events](http://www.arkansashfma.org/education-events).
Sign up today!**

President's Welcome

Greetings, HFMA family!

I'm so glad it's finally starting to feel like Fall and we are getting relief from the Summer heat! Cooler weather also means it's the time of year that Healthcare Financial Management Association sends out a national survey to chapter members. As chapter leaders, we are very interested in hearing your feedback. We want your opinion on what we are doing well and what we can do to improve your HFMA experience. We also use the annual survey results, along with each meeting survey results, to find out new topics of interests you want to hear about and try to incorporate them into the events throughout the year. We greatly appreciate your feedback and truly listen to your ideas and suggestions, so I strongly recommend participating in the annual and event surveys.



Jamison Ashley, 2019-2020 Chapter President

We have some great educational opportunities coming up this month. Our HERe committee has a great agenda planned for our annual women's conference, which will be held at Marlsgate Plantation on October 17th, 2019. Following our HERe meeting, we transition into our Fall meeting with a networking session at the Crown Plaza in Little Rock. On Friday, we have a great lineup for our Fall meeting, including a Medicare update by Novitas and an OPPS & Regulatory Hot Topic Update by BKD. We are off to a great start this year and having several great things to come. Make sure you mark your calendars for our Annual Conference, April 22nd – 24th, 2019. We are going to have the first Arkansas HFMA crawfish boil! You won't want to miss it!

In addition to the great educational opportunities coming up, we will also have opportunities to give back to Arkansans in need at each of our quarterly meetings. At our Summer meeting, we asked our attendees to bring school supplies to donate to a local school chosen by one of our members. We had such a great turnout for our school supplies drive. Thank you so much to all of the members that embraced our new initiative and participated! For our fall meeting, we will be donating socks and toiletry items to homeless shelters. Please remember to bring items to donate!

Jamison Ashley

Arkansas HFMA Chapter President

Fall Philanthropy Update

Thank you all so much for the donations to our Summer Philanthropy Project of school supplies. Everyone really stepped up! Stefanie Jaeger won! She and her son, Tyler, donated the school supplies collected to The Shack. The Shack is a non-profit donation-based ministry located in Southwest Little Rock on Baseline Road. Their goal is to 'Love Your Neighbor' and supply items such as household goods, food and shelter to those in need in an under-served part of Little Rock. The Shack is also located within a block of Baseline Elementary.



At Arkansas HFMA, we feel that our members are fortunate to be in wonderful organizations with great jobs. Unfortunately, many Arkansans are not in that position. Arkansas HFMA would like our members help in giving back to our communities. For each meeting, we will have a philanthropy project with which we hope our members will participate. Since this is a new project we are undertaking, we are certainly open to any and all input.

For the Fall meeting, we would like for our members to bring toiletries and socks that we will donate to a local charity or homeless shelter. I was surprised to read that socks are one of the most cherished donation for the homeless population...especially with colder weather approaching. But, they could also use toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, etc.



I'm sure you are asking...so which charity? We are going to let YOU decide! For everyone that brings a donation, your name will be put into a hat...if you so choose. We will draw the name of the member, and he/she picks where the items are donated. And, that person is in charge of getting the donations to that charity.

Here is this year's donation schedule:

Summer: School Supplies

Fall: Toiletries & Socks (homeless centers; abused women centers; etc.)

Winter: This will be at MidSouth, so we will take cash donations for Ronald McDonald House which serves all of Arkansas and beyond.

Spring: Cereal (to deliver to food banks to use for kids home for the summer).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Lynann Hill at 501-258-8060 or lynann@completecure.com

Please donate and help our communities!

~Lynann