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# SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE INSPIRES A CAREER

Carla Bolton has spent her career in the medical field. None of it may have happened if her high school had not sponsored a blood drive.

## **Carla Bolton**

*Executive Assistant To the Administrator*

When the Oklahoma Blood Institute visited Lone Grove High School in 1992, senior Carla Orr (Bolton) paid close attention. "I was attracted to the jobs of the traveling team," she said. After graduation she joined the Institute's Ardmore office and began conducting the patient questionnaires and the finger stick blood tests.

A few years later, Bolton became an assistant in a dental office, where her training expanded to front office administration. In 2006, she joined Mercy Health/Love County's medical clinic. As a customer service representative, she answered phone calls, registered patients for laboratory and x-ray services and assisted in filing patient insurance.

In 2012 she was named executive assistant to the hospital's administrator. She maintains personnel time reports and handles time off and co-worker insurance enrollment. She helps with recertification for hospital licensure and for various insurance options such as Medicare/Medicaid. She also takes minutes for the Hospital Board of Control and several committees, and maintains other hospital records and correspondence.

"I saw the hospital and clinic as a premier place to work, an honorable place. Nursing was not an option to me but I can help clerically in a meaningful way," she said.

Her cheerleader during 26 years in the medical field has been her husband Ron Bolton whom she met in high school. The couple raised a son and a daughter. They have three grandchildren with one more on the way.



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