



**Suzi Ayres**

## Hospital worker spearheads fundraising calendar effort

At last year's walk benefitting NAMI Clark County, team captain **Suzi Ayres** decided she wanted to do more for the organization that provides free support to those suffering from mental illness, as well as their families.

"I was excited that we had this resource in the community," said Ayres, a 58-year-old Washougal resident who works as a monitor technician and teaches CPR and first aid at Southwest Washington Medical Center. "Working at the hospital, I've worked with people who were in the manic phase or in a bad place with their mental illness."

Ayres approached 12 male nurses, certified nursing assistants and monitor technicians working in the medical center's Firstenburg Tower about posing for a 2010 calendar, "Real-Men of Medicine." All proceeds go to NAMI Clark County.

Each month features one man either on the job or doing an activity of interest, whether it's playing basketball or the violin. The inside photos were taken by Vancouver School of Arts and Academics senior **Julie Kuhlman** and her boyfriend, Clark College student **Andrew Jeffers**. The cover shot was taken by Southwest Washington Medical Center registered nurse **Steve Purvis**.

The calendar is available in the medical center gift shop or through NAMI at 360-695-2823.