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Kim Valerio, Chief Nursing Officer

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I feel like I was put on earth to be a nurse. It is the fabric of who I am and it doesn't turn off when I am not at work," says Kim Valerio, Chief Nursing Officer at Albuquerque ER & Hospital, "I care for my families, my team, their families and anyone else who needs it. I enjoy caring for people and their families."

After nearly three decades in health care and 28 years as a Registered Nurse, Kim definitely walks the talk and was recruited for this job because of her ability to build successful teams. She joined Albuquerque ER & Hospital when they opened in June 2019 and is now playing a strategic role as the company prepares to open a second location, on Montgomery and Wyoming, on the eastside of town.

Being the Chief Nursing Officer, Kim oversees the facility and handles everything from hiring staff to registration to ordering equipment. She also sees patients, which is not typical for a

CNO, but Kim is not typical. She is extremely dedicated to her work, passionate about ensuring her team has everything they need to do their job and proudly says she is "wherever the need appears."

She says, "Our system is unique because we are smaller and we don't work short-staffed here. Because of how we are set-up, we have to know various roles. I work every position so I can see what the struggles are and correct them." One of the reasons Kim most enjoys her work at Albuquerque ER & Hospital is because "we give to our patients, we give to our staff and we take care of each other."

When Kim is not working, she enjoys spending time with her soul mate of ten years and their blended family that includes eight children, seven grandchildren, nine dogs and a "grand" cat.