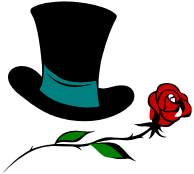


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VOLUNTEER NEWS FROM HOSPICE OF THE CAROLINA FoothILLS



Volunteers, You're the Top

On Tuesday, April 24, about 150 people attended the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held at Tryon Estates. Jean Eckert welcomed everyone and several hospice staff saluted the volunteers with their own rendition of Cole Porter's "You're the Top," this year's theme. Music was also provided by our very own Ron Smith, Board Chair, on guitar, Jan Impey on piano, Seth Davis on drums and Buck Matthews on base. All volunteers received a token of appreciation and 25 volunteers were recognized for their years of service.

Without volunteers, Hospice of the Carolina Foothills could not provide the many services for the patients and families we serve. As Ron Smith stated, "Volunteers do everything from serving as liaisons in their churches, visiting patients and to providing fresh flowers to keep the Administration building looking beautiful. Last year, volunteers provided approximately 7,500 hours of service and accumulated more 42,000 miles for a cost savings of more than \$140,000."

Volunteers, "You're the Top" and we thank you for your dedication and support.

Jean Eckert thanks Susie House for serving 25 years as a hospice volunteer.



Jean Eckert congratulates George Freier as he celebrates 20 years as a hospice volunteer.

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Hospice Staff salute the volunteers!



Volunteers celebrate 15 years of service: Virginia Perrenod, Creighton Brown, Nancy Flaschar and Nan Cunningham.

First Training Ever in Saluda

A first for Hospice of the Carolina Foothills - a volunteer training was held in Saluda. The library graciously loaned us a wonderful space and four new patient companions graduated: John and Lynn Savage, Calvin Carson and Linda Early.

A second training session was held at the Hospice Administration building producing 12 graduates: eight patient companions - Shannon Carney, Patti Chinchar, JoAnn Cooper, Rosemary Iaffaldano, David Pschirer, Barbara Schuvart, Polly Slater, Eugene Wyckoff, and Hugh Youngers; two office volunteers - Clay Ayers and John Lane; and two Good Samaritans - Barbara Eichenberger and Patricia Shehan. Overall, March was a great training season.

The next volunteer training will be offered in the evening in June which will provide an opportunity for those who have daytime commitments to take the training. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, please encourage them to contact Diane Nelson or just provide us with the information and we will do the rest.

Good News

HoCF has been awarded a Student Intern Program Grant from the Polk County Community Foundation. From June 18 through August 3, 2007, a high school student from Polk County or Landrum will assist the Volunteer Coordinators in researching and developing the Volunteer Department's newest initiative, the Teen Volunteer Program. If you know of a high school student who would benefit from this opportunity, please let us know.

Remembrance Gathering

Each year at a special Remembrance Gathering, Hospice pays tribute to those patients and families we were privileged to serve in the past year. This year's time for remembering, celebrating, and reconnecting will be held on Sunday, June 10th at 3:00 pm at Landrum United Methodist Church. We hope you will join us. Also, please look forward to the special issue of *Hospice Horizons* which is dedicated to the memory of individuals in our care whose deaths occurred between May 1, 2006, and April 30, 2007.



Hospice Volunteers and staff welcome graduates in Saluda. From bottom to top: Alice Schlaack, Marie Butler, Leona Seiler, Diane Nelson, Jennie Smith, Lynn Savage, John Savage, Dallas Seiler, and Calvin Carson. Linda Early not pictured.



Hospice Volunteers and staff welcome Columbus graduates. From left to right: JoAnn Cooper, Rosemary Iaffaldano, Diane Nelson, Polly Slater, Patti Chinchar, Barbara Schuvart, David Pschirer, Gene Wyckoff, Joyce Minkler, Janet Lawter, Joe Juett, Barbara Halliday, Dave Halliday, Hugh Youngers, and Ron Smith. Not pictured is Clay Ayers, Shannon Carney and John Lane.

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Hospice of the Carolina Foothills promotes and provides compassionate end-of-life care, meeting the medical, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and their families.

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Hospice House Update

We have raised more than \$2.6 million for the Hospice House, but still have much work to do! Almost half of our volunteers have contributed toward the *Patient Activity Room*, which is planned as part of the beautiful circular lobby and will be a wonderful place where volunteers and patients can meet and enjoy special activities together.

We need your help to build the Hospice House! If you haven't sent in your donation or pledge yet, please visit our website or mail a check marked for Hospice House. Also, make sure you have the Groundbreaking on your calendars—*Thursday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. in Landrum!*

Chapel Campaign

Our Good Samaritan volunteers have been working hard to encourage donations from churches and their parishioners towards the Hospice House chapel. So far, we have received donations and pledges of \$26,000 and are confident that number will grow with your help! Brochures are available to take to your church lobbies or fellowship halls.

Welcome New Volunteers

Say hello to the following new volunteers!

Patient Companions

Shannon Carney	JoAnn Cooper	Polly Slater
Calvin Carson	Edith Kinkade	Gene Wyckoff
Patty Chinchar	David Pschirer	Hugh Youngers

Non Patient Companions

Clay Ayers	Don Ellenberger	John Lane
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Good Samaritans

Barbara Eichenberger - Sandy Plains Presbyterian, Tryon, NC
 Patricia Shehan - Beulah Baptist, Tryon, NC

Welcome to the team! We are glad to have you!

We Need Your Paperwork...HELP!

All patient companion volunteers, it is so important to document all contact with patients and their families. Whether by telephone or an actual visit, Volunteer Activity Reports need to be completed and submitted no later than the 5th day of the following month. Unless otherwise noted, volunteers are asked to visit their patients once a week. If a volunteer is unable to make their scheduled visit, please notify the Hospice volunteer staff and when possible, contact the patient or family and inquire as to whether a replacement volunteer is needed. Upon request, efforts will be made to secure a volunteer during your absence.

The patients and families look forward to your visits and they miss you when you are gone, but it does help if they know in advance that you will not be there. So keep the visits going and the paperwork coming!

More Volunteer Luncheon Pictures!

Recognizing 5 year volunteers! From left to right: Leona Seiler, Dallas Seiler, Jean Wright, Robert Neubauer, Margaret Cote, Dale Holl, Diane Nelson - Volunteer Coordinator, Marcelle Abarbanell, Janet Lawter, Diane McEntee, Mike McEntee and Jack Leon. Not pictured are Anne Arledge, Gary Byrd, Joe Corn, Laurie Ellenberger, Ralph Kuether, Janet Painter, Frances Phillips and Tom Strader.



Happy volunteers and staff!



Volunteers enjoy good food and great company!



Passing on the "Friendship Ball!"





MAY

- 3 Volunteer Team A Meeting
- 10 Volunteer Team B Meeting
- 17 Volunteer Team A Meeting
- 24 Volunteer Team B Meeting
- 31 Volunteer Team A Meeting



JUNE

- 7 Volunteer Team B Meeting
- 14 Volunteer Team A Meeting
- 21 Volunteer Team B Meeting
- 28 Volunteer Team A Meeting

Volunteer Team meetings are held on Thursday mornings from **9:30 - 10:30 am** in the Founders Conference Room in the new Founders Wing. We encourage all patient companion volunteers to attend at least one meeting a month.

Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Advance Care Planning - **May 17 from 8:30 to 10:00 am**. Call for more information and to RSVP
- Hospice House Groundbreaking Ceremony - **May 24 from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon**
- Senior Fair at Harmon Field - **May 23 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

May Birthdays

Nan Holden	5
Gary Byrd	6
Tommie Carr	6
Pat Ryan-Kissam	9
Susie House	11
Mary Ward	11
Louise Elliott	13
Hazel Creeser	16
Janet Lawter	16
Dale Minkler	16
Dee Bunn	18
Jennie Smith	19
Rosemary Iaffaldano	21
Bill Wuehrmann	23
Patricia Doggett	25
Rich Pappy	29

June Birthdays

Lucille Simmons	1
Ron Smith	1
Helen Johnson	3
Jean Helton	6
Pat Boyle	7
Mike McEntee	7
Rosemary Pleune	13
Joe Foster	15
Janet Painter	18
Robert Parkinson	18
Joe Corn	19
Walt Flaschar	24
John Filipovicz	25
Alvin Holbert	28
Dallas Seiler	30
Lillian Wehr	30

Wishing you the best on your birthday!



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