

# HospiceConnections

## 2008 Holiday Edition

VOLUNTEER NEWS FROM HOSPICE OF THE CAROLINA FOOTHILLS



### 2008 Gingerbread Boy Ornament helps support Hospice through the Tree of Life Annual Appeal

Hand-painted by local artist Kathleen Carson, this delightful ornament helps Hospice raise money for end-of-life, bereavement, and palliative care services. **You can purchase one or more for a donation of any amount.** Kathleen will then hand-paint the name of anyone you wish on the back.

You should have already received a reply card in the mail, but if not, we will have order forms at the Hospice Office and at select businesses in the community. Please help us continue the

wonderful work we do in the community by making a donation at this time of year!

Ornaments will hang on the **Tree of Life** at the Hospice Administration & Program Center through the **Tree of Life Celebration**, which will be held on Tuesday, December 9 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Ornaments may be picked up anytime between December 9 and Dec. 23.

Please order your ornament by December 1 if you would like your ornament to hang on the tree for the December 9 celebration.

- ♥ Add one to your Christmas tree collection
- ♥ Buy one for a Hostess Gift, accompanied by a gift card
- ♥ Send one to a friend or relative, accompanied by a gift card

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## Way to Go Hospice Volunteers!

1,932  
*Visits Made*

So far this year, volunteers have made 1,932 visits, representing a total of 2,521 volunteer hours and 22,408 donated miles to deliver comfort and support to our patients and their families. Keep up the great work!

## Welcome Volunteers!



Pictured above left to right are John Flynn, Dennis Nagle, Volunteer Coordinator Yvonne Gilliam, Tracey Brannon, Hazel Feagan, Ann Curtis, Charlotte Kean, Marie Herman, Rockie Bull, Rosalind Evans, Caroline Chapman, Pat Chambers, Dorothy Wyckoff, Sally Berg, Nancy Zahoranski, and Nancy Bruce. Not pictured is Lillian Wehr.

We want to welcome the newest volunteers who graduated on September 25, 2008.

<b>Tracey Brannon</b>	<b>Nancy Bruce</b>	<b>Rosalind Evans</b>
<b>Hazel Feagan</b>	<b>John Flynn</b>	<b>Marie Herman</b>
<b>Charlotte Kean</b>	<b>Dennis Nagle</b>	<b>Nancy Zahoranski</b>

Also, congratulations to our current volunteers who completed the full 16-hour training and are now ready to volunteer at the Hospice House when it opens.

<b>Sally Berg</b>	<b>Rockie Bull</b>	<b>Pat Chambers</b>	<b>Caroline Chapman</b>
<b>Ann Curtis</b>	<b>Lillian Wehr</b>	<b>Dorothy Wyckoff</b>	

We are glad you are a part of the hospice family!



## Congratulations!

The Hospice of the Carolina Foothills Good Samaritans have received the 2008 Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. As a group, they are responsible for "opening the door" to hospice care in their church community. Through their hard work and commitment, we have received personal care items, scrapbooks, aprons, and other items for our patients. They also invite us to educate their congregations on various end-of-life subjects. And they spearheaded the Campaign to build and name the chapel at the Hospice House. Congratulations, Good Samaritans. Great job!

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### Mission Statement

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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## Questions about the Hospice House?



Do you have questions about the new Hospice House in Landrum? Do you belong to a civic group or church that would like a presentation? If so, please call Diane Nelson to schedule a time. Presentations will begin in January, 2009.

## Hospice House Update

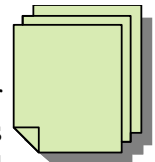
Can you believe we are coming to the end of the Hospice House construction phase?! Harper Corporation has done a great job staying on schedule, and a professional job of managing the project. I can't wait for you to see this beautiful building that will soon be so much more than a construction project. We want to give you an opportunity to see the Hospice House when all the construction hazards are out of the way and it is completely finished and outfitted with all the furnishings. I estimate this to be in early 2009.

We have heard many people say they want to volunteer at the Hospice House and we are so excited about this new volunteer opportunity at Hospice of the Carolina Foothills. There will be many jobs for volunteers to help with at the House, but we need some time to get settled in before identifying all of them. We are currently working to establish plans for volunteers at the Hospice House and will let you know when we are ready to put you to work!

*Alicia Sterritt*  
*Director of Hospice House*



## Change in Documenting Volunteer Activity Reports



There are numerous ways the patient name can be written on the Volunteer Activity Report. Your reports are an important part of patients' charts, and it has become increasingly apparent that we need to have a standard in place. And we need your help with this! So **please begin immediately** writing the patient name as follows: last name first, comma, then first name (e.g. Gilliam, Yvonne). And please remember that the name must be the legal name that is listed on the face sheet that is forwarded to you upon assignment. Please do not write nicknames or abbreviations on the line where you write the patient name. All documents submitted without the proper name or format will have to be revised to reflect the correct information.

We appreciate your help as we make every effort to meet the needs of our patients and to satisfy the various paperwork requirements. Please call Yvonne Gilliam or Diane Nelson if you have any questions.

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## NOVEMBER

- 4 Grief Support Group  
12 - 1 pm  
Hospice Center - Library
- 10 Volunteer In-service  
"Safety" 10 - 11 am  
Hospice Center - Noel
- 13 Grief Support Group  
8:30 - 9:30 am  
Dutch Plate, Campobello, SC
- 20 Grief Support Group  
6 - 7 pm  
Hospice Center - Library
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving!  
Office will be closed.



## DECEMBER

- 2 Grief Support Group  
12 - 1 pm  
Hospice Center - Library
- 3 Christmas Breakfast  
7:30 - 9:30 am  
Landrum First Baptist Church
- 11 Grief Support Group  
8:30 - 9:30 am  
Dutch Plate, Campobello, SC
- 18 Grief Support Group  
6 - 7 pm  
Hospice Center - Library
- 24 Happy Holidays!  
Office will be closed.
- 25 Merry Christmas!  
Office will be closed.

### November Birthdays

- Marlene Balog 1
- Nancy Durham 6
- Jim Johnston 8
- Carol Jean Vosborough 11
- Bill Kemp 18
- Michael O'Shields 26
- Frances Phillips 26
- Martha Champion 29

### December Birthdays

- Eva Price 1
- Cam Lawrence 7
- Ann Curtis 8
- Joseph Johnson 10
- Kylie Fauth 14
- Alice Schlaack 14
- Beverly Brunson 16
- Betsy Zeek 20
- Christa Powell 22
- Eugene Wyckoff 25
- Marianne Apple 26
- Hugh Youngers 26
- Pam Jolley 27
- Millie Bordyn 28



*Wishing you the best on your birthday!*

### Mark Your Calendar!

Patient Companion Volunteers, please mark your calendars for the "Safety" in-service on November 10 at 10:00 am. Doug Brooks, RN, Admissions Coordinator, will be the presenter. Hope to see you all there!

### Volunteers Needed!

The Bereavement Department is looking for seamstresses to assist with a craft project. If interested, please call Wendy McEntire ASAP at 828-894-7000 or 1-800-617-7132.



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