



APRIL UPDATE

April's Featured Volunteer—Diana Harris



Diana has been volunteering for Hospice of Marion County for 10 years with almost 4,000 hours of accumulated service.

Linda Freyman, Belleview Thrift Store Manager states, "If you have enjoyed the beautiful artwork painted on the walls of our thrift stores, you can thank our Diana Harris. She has been a cashier at the Belleview store for 10 years and recently

started to cashier at the Six Gun store once a week."

As a local artist, Diana has painted wall art at Hospice Thrift Stores and also painted murals of Marion County for the Walmart in Summerfield.

You would think after raising six sons she would want to take it easy. Instead she offers her time to Hospice of Marion County, her church, and to many community functions too numerous to mention.

When she does have time to be at home, she enjoys the three loves of her life—Lacy, Kassie, and Freckles, her three active Aussies.

Photos of her work at our Thrift Stores are featured on the reverse side.

Patient Support In-Service Workshop— April 14th

On April 14th, all Patient Support Volunteers are invited to attend the Annual In-Service Training at 9:30 am. Volunteers can choose to complete the training in person or by written course and sending in a test. For those who are unable to attend, the packets will be sent out in the mail the following week.

Living in the Moment—Understanding Memory Loss and Strategies for Visits with Memory Impaired Patients

At 10:30 am after the In-Service, David Huckabee, who works with the Alzheimer's Association, will be presenting a workshop on understanding the challenges faced by those with memory loss and ideas to connect with individuals with memory loss. We will have a discussion time for volunteers to suggest strategies that have worked for them and ideas to make a "fun box" to take with you. This session is open to any volunteer interested in the topic. Please contact the Volunteer Dept. at 873-7419 to register.

Hawthorne Village Patient Support Volunteer Lunch

In honor of our Patient Support Volunteers and all they do, Hawthorne Village is offering an Appreciation Lunch and Tour to Patient Support volunteers who would like to go to their facility at 11:45 am on April 14th. Please tell the Volunteer Dept. whether you plan to stay after the In-Service for the lunch so we can tell them how many to expect. Hawthorne Village is at 4100 SW 33rd Ave., Ocala.

April Events

- **April 8—Volunteer Awards and Recognition Lunch.** If you made a reservation, please bring your ticket and badge. Doors open at 11 am at the Ocala Hilton. Special handicap parking will be near the door, please park in upper lot if you are able to walk down.
- **April 14—Patient Support Annual In-Service & Education,** plus Appreciation Lunch, see below.
- **April 24—Sewing Workshop,** Room C from 9 am to 12 noon



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Photos of Diana Harris's Painting at our Thrift Stores



Summerfield Store

Tax Day on April 15 is Coming!

Did you know that if you itemize your return using Schedule A, you can take miles driven for Hospice as an in-kind tax deduction. If you need an hours/miles report from HMC, contact Sharla in the Volunteer Dept.

If you are a new customer to have H&R Block prepare your tax return, they will donate \$20 to Hospice of Marion County. Use code: 5922147 at H&R Block in Triple Crown Plaza near Walmart on 200, Call (352)291-1478.

Memory Unit Needs Volunteers

The Memory Unit of Summerfield Suites (located in the back portion of Tuscan House) is now accepting new residents. Volunteers will be needed to provide companionship and stimulating activities for the residents. Volunteers must complete Patient Support Orientation to be a Memory Unit Volunteer.

Volunteers who would like to learn about volunteering at the Memory Unit are welcome to attend a tour/training session on Wednesday, April 23rd from 10:30 am—12:30 pm & Wednesday, April 30th from 1:30-3:30 pm. Call 873-7419 to reserve a spot, since space is limited to 10.



Six Gun Plaza Store



Jasmine Store Dressing Room

We Love our Volunteers!

April 6 to 12 is National Volunteer Week. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all our volunteers! We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

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