



# Volunteer Update

August, 2016

## Featured Volunteer—Brandley House

Nominated by Daun Layman

Elaine Metz volunteers at Brandley as a Greeter two times a week. A volunteer since 2007, she greets on Sunday afternoons and Tuesdays from 6 to 8 pm, which is much appreciated, as there is a staff change at 7 pm. She also picks up extra shifts when others are out of town. She has visited at Brandley and Summerfield Suites, sometimes with Tashi, her friendly dog companion.

In addition she volunteers once a week also at the Belleview Store and averages a total of 50 hours a month for Hospice of Marion County.

Bobbie Vowell, Brandley Team Assistant says of her, “Elaine is great to work with. She is quiet and unassuming, but she is very friendly and professional.”



Elaine Metz

## Save the Date

September 30—Volunteer Fair. See the enclosed invitation with all the details!

October 6—“An Evening with Patsy Cline” at the Reilly Arts Center hosted by the Philanthropy Dept. Call now for tickets at (352)-291-5143. Details to come.



Summer vacation time is upon us. Nancy returns from Massachusetts on Aug. 2, Connie is out from Aug. 5 to 8, and Daun is away from Aug. 9 to 16. Please let our office or your supervisor know when you plan to be out of town.

## Sylvia's House Completes Facelift

After about 6 weeks of renovations, Sylvia's House re-opened for patients on July 12th. The kitchen received a makeover, as did the patient bathrooms.

Linda Miller who volunteers on Tuesdays and Fridays is pictured at the new desk for Greeters.



## Transitions Welcomes Patti Mercado

Patti Mercado joined the Transitions Department in June as their new Social Worker and is getting acquainted with the clients and volunteers. She enjoys helping our Transitions clients connect to community resources and is getting to know our volunteers, too!

Remember the Transitions Caregiver Group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11 am to 1 pm in the Elliott Center and is open to all caregivers.



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*“To the world, you may  
just be one person, but  
to one person, you may  
be the world.”*

*Josephine Billings*

*Thank you for taking  
time to volunteer!*

## **NEW Volunteer Needs: Call 873-7441 for details!**

**IT Dept: Clean keyboards and monitors once a week in Admin. Bldg. for several weeks and then as needed.**

**Accent Medical: Assist with scanning items for staff on days of their Team meetings from 10 am to 1 pm in Admin. Building.**

### **ONGOING Volunteer Needs:**

Summerfield Suites Kitchen Help: 1x or 2x/week for 2-3 hours

Home Patient Visitors: Due to the summer exodus of volunteers, there are an abundance of unfilled requests. Our next training for new patient visitors is August 19. Please join us if you are willing to share at least 2 hours a week with a patient or Transitions client.

Bereavement Dept.: Three openings for morning phone and mailing help for weekly or bi-weekly schedule.

Thrift Store Volunteers: All of the stores need help, especially on weekends. So if you have considered serving at a store, give us a call.

## **Hospice in the Community**

Aug. 4: Hampton Manor Deerwood Open House and Silent Auction for Hospice of Marion County. Ribbon cutting for new wing at 4:30 pm, open til 7 pm. Volunteers and community welcome!

Aug. 9: Belleview Chamber of Commerce, Jessica McCune, “Debunking the Myths about Hospice.” 8 am

Aug. 9: Trinity Villas, Beverly Cloud, “Is it a Senior Moment or Something More Serious?” 2 pm

Aug 10: Master the Possibilities, On Top of the World, Jessica McCune, “Having the Conversation — Advance Directives.” 10 am

Aug 13: NAPW at Ruby Tuesday, Amy Chadek, “Palliative Care vs Hospice Care” 12 pm

Aug. 18: Rotary Silver Springs, Jessica McCune, “The Importance of Advance Directives” 12 pm

## **Holiday Decorating Project at Jasmine Store**

The Christmas Tree "Elves" of Thrift Store 2 are in need of 1-3 foot Christmas trees, garlands, wreaths. This volunteer team will be meeting on Aug. 3 at 12:30 at the IHOP on Route 200 near Legacy House. On Sept. 6, they will meet in the Elliott Center Room A from 1-3:30. Anyone who wishes to donate or help with the project are invited to bring their items or they may be dropped off at the Jasmine Store marked for Christmas Project. Your help and support is appreciated.

## **Faithful Friends at Jasmine Store by Donna Bailey**

I want you to meet "Abbott" and his owners Bob and Louise. Bob is legally blind and Abbott is his faithful service companion. Every Saturday Louise shops at our Jasmine Store while Bob and Abbott sit on the bench just outside the door.

We save little stuffed animals to give to Abbott to play with and he looks forward to that toy every Saturday. Bob and Abbott can be found on that bench greeting folks as they go in and out our store. Abbott loves the attention and Bob gets the chance to tell how much he loves his companion to his new-found friends.

