



Volunteer Update

DECEMBER, 2017

SAVE THE DATE

12/5, Volunteer Holiday Lunch, see details to right.

12/6, Bereavement presentation, "Keeping the Holiday's Light" Monarch Center, 10 am Sign up at 873-7456. For any volunteer or community member about dealing with loss at the Holidays.

12/7, Volunteer Holiday Lunch in Summerfield, details on right.

12/8 Patient Support Training, Elliott Center Room C., 8:30 to 2 pm. See article on back about need for more home visit volunteers.

12/7 & 19, Transitions Caregiver Support Group, Elliott Center 11 am to 1 pm

No December Sewing time

Enjoy your holidays and make sure you let your supervisor know if you are not available. Merry Christmas!

Happy Hanukkah!

Happy New Year!

Looking forward to 2018:

1/8/18, Sewing Workshop, 9 am to 1 pm, Elliott Ctr. Rm. C

1/15 /18, Healing Pathways workshop for comfort touch, aroma experience and reflective listening. Must attend Pt. Support Training first. Call 854-5231 to sign up.

1/16/18, 11th Hour Vigil training, 9:30 am in Elliott Center. Sign up at (352)873-7419.

Featured Volunteer—Six Gun Store

Nominated by Dori Peplinski and Lois Funnell

"Lois Gwilt works several days a week, putting in many hours at the Six Gun store. She goes above and beyond her regular hours and will often do extra when asked. She is always there for the manager if she is needed on the weekends.

When you speak to Lois, the first thing you notice is her beautiful smile. She is happy, works with a cheerful attitude, generous, and a kindhearted person. Lois is conscientious



Lois Gwilt

in her work, always keeping in mind what is best for our store and customers.

She is flexible and will do anything that is asked of her. Sometimes, instead of recycling a nice item that is soiled or overly wrinkled, she will take the extra time to wash or rejuvenate it. Also, she processes linen that must be checked for stains, measured and prepared to put on the floor for sale. She does a beautiful job with them.

When new volunteers start and they are being trained to process donations, Lois patiently shares her knowledge and experience with them. Lois is a joy to have in our store."

Dec. 1 Deadline to sign up for Volunteer Holiday Lunch

Volunteers- Gifts of Comfort & Joy!

Choose the location/date that fits best:

Dec. 5, Elliott Center, Admin. Building, Ocala

Dec. 7, Trinity Lutheran Church, 17330 S UW Hwy. 441, Summerfield

12:00 to 1:30 pm

Special Holiday Buffett by Sharon's Catering

We will be celebrating the gifts of time and care our volunteers have provided over the years and a special Memorial Gift in recognition of E. L. Foster, Jr.: Former Board Member, friend, and supporter of Hospice of Marion County.

Please call us to let us know if you signed up and are not able to attend.

RSVP by Dec. 1 at (352)873-7419 or email: volunteer@hospiceofmarion.com

Please give your full name & which date to attend



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Celebrating Veterans Day



Ten Veteran volunteers presented Veterans Recognition Ceremonies for residents at ten facilities. Each veteran in attendance was presented with a certificate and a flag pin. The program is an outreach to local Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes to honor ALL of the resident veterans and 89 veterans participated.

Recently, veteran volunteers suggested we change the name “Veteran’s Pinnings” to “Veteran’s Recognition Ceremony” for honorably discharged Transitions Clients or Hospice Patients. They receive a special Veterans/Hospice partnership pin, an American flag, Florida flag and flag of their service, along with a certificate and short presentation of appreciation for their service.

Volunteers Needed:

Home Visits: Transitions client and Hospice patient home visitors are desperately needed. More patients want to be at home and are coming into Transitions and Hospice further along in their disease process. Currently 30 Transitions clients and 15 Hospice patients are waiting for a volunteer. Visiting just every other week for 2-3 hours will make a huge difference for them. If you had patient support training, just give Nancy a call to ask about current needs. If not, the Patient support class is held monthly—our next two classes are Dec. 8 and Jan. 19. Mentors are available for co-visits for new patient visitors.

Reflections holds outreach activities for residents of memory units. They need volunteers to assist with crafts and activities.

Parkers needed for Memorial Services and events.

Thrift Store volunteers needed especially at the Belleview Store, Silver Springs Shores Store, and Six Gun Store.

Holiday Décor at Jasmine Store & All Stores

A dedicated team of volunteers created festive Holiday items which are now for sale at the Jasmine Store!

All the stores will have special Holiday displays.

Bring home some Holiday cheer to your home!



Hospice in the Community:

12/1, OTOW Master the Possibilities: “Managing Stress: Parkinson’s Caregiver Support Group” Jessica McCune and Larry Wood, 1 pm

12/2, Del Webb Spruce Creek (in Summerfield) Annual Craft Fair. HMC receives portion of proceeds. Nancy LaSelva and volunteers, 10-2 pm

12/6, Countryside Presbyterian Church Men’s Association, “Hospice 101” Bob Levenson, 8 am

12/6, OTOW Master the Possibilities, “The Truth about Herbal Medicines” Mike Sever, 10 am

12/7, Alzheimer’s Support Group, Monarch Center, 4-5 pm

12/28, Alzheimer’s Support Group, Summerfield Suites 11 am.

January is Volunteer Recruitment Month! We plan newspaper ads and presentations on “Volunteer: Make a Difference, Make a Friend.” Please call the Vol. Dept. if you know of a church, community center, etc. where we can speak or if you’d like to host a group!

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