



Volunteer Update

February, 2016

Featured Volunteer for Transitions

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Tom Howard wears many hats for Hospice. He is part of the team that helps educate new patient support volunteers, he does Veteran pinning's, Speaker's Bureau, occasionally helps with parking cars at various events, plus he visits patients and Transitions clients. He is always willing to add new assignments to his portfolio of duties at Hospice and he just started being an Ambassador for Camelot Chateau.

We are honoring him for his support and concern for a Transition client that he is visiting. He is never shy about asking what his mission is and always advocates for the patients/clients that he visits. Recently he had a client with a dog and brought this to the attention of Donna Shaffer.



Tom Howard

He knew the caregiver was having a hard time caring for her loved one and the large dog at the same time, so Tom approached Donna and together with Connie Storms and SPCA placed the animal in a foster home.

Donna says about Tom: **"He always looks at the big picture to see what he can do to help the client, caregiver, and family . . . including the 4-legged family members. Tom always goes above and beyond in every situation"**. Tom is a great cheerleader to other volunteers and is always willing to help a new volunteer learn the ropes. Tom we salute you!

February Events

Thurs. Feb. 11, Brandley Greeter Meeting, 1 pm



Thurs, Feb. 18 Sewing Workshop, 9 am to 12 in Admin Building, Rm. C.

Fri., Feb. 19, Patient Support Orientation for those who are interested in starting any patient support assignment, 8:30 am to 2 pm, Rm C.

Sat. Feb. 20, Day of Caring, See back.

Save the Date

March 1, 11th Hour Vigil Training/refresher at 10:30 am in Rooms B&C.

Hospice of Marion County is Growing—New South Team

The number of patients served by Hospice of Marion County is growing and we have had a daily census around 420 for quite a while. The East and West field teams are serving 120 patients which is a heavy workload for the staff and long meetings when they review each patient.

Starting on February 15, we will have three field teams: East, West and South. The South Team will be housed in the back portion of the Brandley House building on the side closest to Summerfield Suites. The new South Team will serve patients south of Sylvia's/Estelle's House, which

includes Summerfield and Belleview. Nancy will tell patient support volunteers if there is a team change.

Mary Ellen Poe and Daun will meet with Brandley Greeters about the changes that affect greeters on February 11 at 1 pm.

We are growing to better serve more patients!

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Day of Caring



Hospice of Marion County is participating in the United Way Day of Caring on February 20 by painting the hallway at the Domestic Violence Shelter. Please call Karen Haven at (352)854-5218 if you would like to help.

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Transitions Notes:



Monthly Caregiver Support Group:

Support group meets the second Tuesday of EVERY month 11:00 am-1:00 pm in the Elliott Center, Admin. Bldg.

Volunteer Needs:

Bereavement Office Volunteers for Tues., Wed., Thurs. from 10 am to 1 pm for phones and light office work

CCPC needs a phone and office relief volunteer, several half days to train, then 1 or 2 full days a month on Mon. or Fri.

Thrift Stores—especially Shores and Six Gun Store

Hospice Houses: Legacy Kitchen, Greeters--Brandley/Sylvia's

Patient Support/Transitions Volunteers: Especially for respite care and in outlying areas.

Last Call for Volunteer Hours in 2015

Please turn in Time and Travel forms and Progress Notes for 2015 within the next week. Its time to finalize the hours for 2015. Remember if you do Patient Support you should record each interaction with the family. If you fill out a progress note, you do not need to record your time and miles on any other form. If you need new Progress Notes, call Nancy, and she will send them to you.

In February, we will be tallying up hours and information about 2015 in preparation for our Awards lunch. So far there are 22 volunteers with over 500 hours and our hours total for 2015 is over 96,000!

2015 Hours/Miles Reports

Please call Tami at 873-7441 if you want a 2015 report with hours and miles driven on behalf of Hospice. You may use it for your schedule "A" when you file your taxes.

Pet Peace of Mind News

Paddock Park Animal Clinic has gone above and beyond in assisting us with our Pet Peace of Mind program in so many ways. Please thank them if you use their services for your own pets.

The Pet Peace of Mind program needs bags of adult dog food and treats, as well as bags of adult cat food. Drop off at the volunteer office or send through interoffice mail. Small and medium bags only.

Hospice in the Community

Date, Location, Presenter, role

Feb. 2, Summerglenn Health Fair, Bob Corby, vol., Karen Haven, staff

Feb 6, Hoofin for Hospice/OTOW AM, Car Show, Spruce Creek South, PM, Karen Haven, staff

Feb. 9, Forest Library Presentation, Mike West, staff

Feb. 10 Marion Senior Services, Marion Café, Karen Haven

Feb. 11, Women's Club/Dunnellon Presentation, Karen Loerzel, staff

Feb. 18, Neighborhood Citizens of NW Ocala Presentation, Donna Shaffer, staff

Feb. 24, Ocala Palms Presentation, Donna Shaffer, staff

Feb. 25, Alzheimer's Support Group at Summerfield Suites at 11 am.. This is open to the community and will meet monthly.