



# Volunteer Update

January, 2019



## IMPORTANT!!!

### Feb. Active Shooter Drill at Admin. Bldg.

In February, HMC will host an Active Shooter Drill at the main Admin. Building on a weekday, 9 am to 1 pm. The date has not yet been determined. It will be sent out by postcard, e-mail and posted at stores. Please do not come to the main office on that day as there will be County Emergency Responders participating in the drill so entrances will be blocked. You may receive a call, text, or an email from the Emergency Call-out System that will state this is a drill.



### Save the Date

Jan. 3 and 8, Transitions Caregiver Mtg., Elliott Ctr., 11 am to 1 pm

Jan. 14, Sewing Workshop, Rm C, 9 am to 1 pm

Jan. 29, Pet Peace of Mind Training, Boardroom, 9 am to 10:30 am

To Be Announced: Memorial Garden and Circle of Honor Dedication next to the Monarch Center. Planned for late Jan. or early Feb. when it is ready!

## Featured Volunteer for Estelle's House

By Daun Layman

Once in a while you meet someone who is not afraid of difficult conversations. **Penny Berrill** is one of these people and is our January 2019 Featured Volunteer! Penny is extremely generous with her time and usually spends from 9 am – 3 pm Mondays and Tuesdays visiting patients and their families at Estelle's House. She is invested in the patient and spends extended time (minutes may stretch into hours) making sure they know they are not alone. She seeks out the family to see if there are any needs and is also willing to sit with patients in silence so they know someone is near.

She also faithfully visits Transitions clients and home patients on the East



Penny Berrill

team.

Here is what Estelle's staff observe about her:

Becki Steiner, TA: "Penny supports the families and is always willing to listen as they work through the grieving process. We are very lucky to have her."

Stephanie Barker, RN: "Penny is such a loving, caring personality and it is displayed every time she comes in. She even supports the staff and we know we can count on her. We hope to keep her forever!"

Penny, you light up the room when you enter the patient's area. Thank you for being a ray of hope for the patient, families and staff at Estelle's. Thanks for the shining star you are for HMC! Congratulations Ms. January!

## Hospice Welcomes New Staff



Mary Marsh joined the staff of the Volunteer Department just in time to welcome volunteers to the Holiday Luncheons. Daun, Mary, Connie and Nancy are pictured at the Summerfield luncheon.

Over 220 attended one of our Holiday Parties and enjoyed Illma Bennett's outstanding musical performance, a great lunch and meeting our new CEO, Rick Bourne.

Other departments at HMC are also experiencing changes. Debbie Ronaldo will be resigning and Deborah Frank will be the Interim Director of Quality Improvement and Interim Chief Compliance Officer. Paula Hill-Goates, who coordinated Bereavement, Social Workers & Chaplains, has announced a late January resignation. We wish these long-time employees all the best.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDS

**AFTERNOON MAIL COURIER.** Come by the main office and take mail to the post office at 3:15 pm. May also combine with afternoon office work. Give one or more days a week on a regular basis or be a sub.

### NEW OFFICE NEEDS -

**Medical Records Dept.:** Assist with scanning and auditing medical records, especially on Mondays or Tuesdays for 2-3 hours.

**Finance** needs scanning and filing volunteer, usually 2-3 hours once a week.

**Home Visits:** Transitions client and Hospice patient home visitors are needed.

**Brandley House:** Greeter regular shifts and subs needed.

**Legacy House:** Greeters, Telephone Assistants, and Patient Visitors needed.

**Estelle's House:** Patient visitors needed 1 day/wk.

Contact the Volunteer Office for info on any of these openings.

## Transitions Caregiver Support Group Facilitator Training in February

Volunteers Mark Croft and John Renyhart have been doing a great job as facilitators for Transitions Caregiver Support Groups.

Jessica McCune is offering training for others who would like to learn about being a caregiving support group facilitator on Feb. 6 at 9 am. Please contact her for details and to sign up: (352)854-5231.

## Turn 2018 Hours & Miles ASAP

Please send in any progress notes or Time and Travel records for activities in 2018 by January 10 to the Volunteer Dept.

If you want a record of your 2018 hours or miles, let us know and we will mail you the report after they are all entered on or after January 21st.



## Hospice in our Community - Speakers and Community Health Fairs

Jan. 8, "OTOW Master the Possibilities, Book Club, "Soul Injury" Film. Also referenced will be The Hero Within." by author Deborah Grassman, Jessica McCune, 10 am

Jan. 9, OTOW Master the Possibilities. "Reprise of the 35th Anniversary Celebration: Good Morning Marion County." *If you missed the Nov. 5 celebration, come view the video & share stories about HMC.* 1 pm.

Jan. 12, OTOW Annual Health and Wellness Fair, Circle Square Cultural Center, Volunteers and Staff for the Health Fair Table, 10 am to 1 pm.

Jan. 16, Joy Lutheran Church Joyful Hands Group, "Hospice Sewing Appreciation," Connie Storms, 10 am

Jan. 16, Fellowship Baptist Church, Seniors Group, "Supporting Friends on their Final Journey." Connie Storms and volunteers, 12 pm

Jan. 18, Del Webb Spruce Creek G&CC Health Fair, Horizon Club Ballroom, Summerfield, Volunteers and staff, 9 am to 12 noon

Jan. 23, OTOW Master the Possibilities, "35 Years of Volunteering: Friends, Memories, and Looking Forward," Connie Storms, 10 to 11 am

Jan. 24, Forest Public Library, "Is it a Senior Moment or Something More Serious?" Amy Chadek, 2 pm

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