

MARCH, 2015



VOLUNTEER DEPT. UPDATE

March Featured Volunteer– Legacy House



Linda Ratner

Linda has been a faithful volunteer for 13 years. She was at Legacy House during its opening weeks. In 2003 she began to assist in the Volunteer Office helping with data

entry and a variety of office tasks. In 2012, she switched back to volunteering primarily as a greeter at Legacy. She also assists with Camp Mariposa and other events. She designs and prints the birthday cards sent to volunteers. Her husband, Ronald, took pictures at special volunteer events for several years. She and her husband enjoy travel and trying out new restaurants.

At Legacy House, Linda is very friendly and diligent as she always checks in with Kathy Canada to make sure the patient list is updated. She is helpful with those "extra tasks" such as Holiday decorating.

Linda, thank you so much for 2300 hours of volunteering. We appreciate you!

Upcoming Events

March 6—Pet Peace of Mind training for volunteers to help care for patient pets. Boardroom 1:30 pm

March 9—Sewing Workshop, Room C, Elliott Center 9a to 12 pm

March 10—Bereavement Training in Boardroom.

March 24—Volunteering for Vets at End of Life, by Susie Lyons, 9:30 am, details on back. Annual Pt. Support In-service class, 10:45 am

April 1- Belleview/Summerfield Annual Patient Support In-service. 10:30 am see back.

April 14—Annual Awards Lunch, see below.

April 20—Annual Patient Support In-service class 9:30 am and "Ask the Expert" session with chaplains and clinical professionals at 10:45 am

Significant Seven:

Volunteer Needs: Employees can volunteer in an area different from their job description.

- 1) NEW POSITION: Greeter at Estelle's House starting mid-March. 21 new positions!
- 2) Computer Maintenance Assistant for the IT Dept.
- 3) Equipment Assistant at Accent Medical
- 4) Phones and data entry for Philanthropy Dept. at Legacy.
- 5) Patient Support, many current openings for patient visiting or Transitions. Patient Support class required, next class 3/27.
- 6) Thrift Store Associates for all stores; greatest need at Silver Springs Shores store.
- 7) Phone Volunteers at Legacy and Kitchen volunteers at Legacy and Tuscany

For more info, call the Volunteer office at (352)873-7441 or email:

Coco was a lucky dog to find a forever home with Ken through our Pet Peace of Mind Program thanks to a partnership with Marion County SPCA.



Volunteer Awards and Recognition Lunch

Thanks for having a Hospice Heart!

April 14, 2015



Invitations have been mailed to volunteers who had active service hours last year and who started before June 30, 2014. A list of those being honored for years of service or hours was sent with the invitation. .



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Thrift Stores Impact our Community

The Hospice of Marion County Thrift Stores often provide much needed household items, sheets, towels, gowns, or even furnishings for patients. Recently as part of the United Way Day of Caring, our stores helped to furnish a mother/baby room for the local Domestic Violence shelter. Thrift Store donations furnished the room and employees painted and decorated.



2015 Focus—Growing our Support for Veterans



1) **New Music for Pinnings:** The special red CD players are now in the Hospice Houses or available at the office for check out for providing the National Anthem and Service Hymns for the Pinning Ceremonies thanks to John Pockalny and his great group of Veteran volunteers!

2) **Special Vets Training for All Interested:** On March 24, all volunteers interested in assisting veterans in any capacity are invited to attend "**Volunteering for Veterans at End of Life**" presented by Susan Lyons, Palliative Care Social Worker Coordinator for the Veterans Administration at 9:30 am in the Elliott Center, rooms A&B. You do not have to be a veteran or a current Patient Support volunteer to attend. She will discuss special challenges Vets face at end of life, how volunteers can help, and how you can assist vets to access special support services for veterans. Please call (352)873-7419 to sign up by March 18th so we can know who to expect. Coffee, fruit and cinnamon rolls will be served.

Calling all Patient Support Volunteers:

Spring means its time for our Annual In-Service

Every year (and yes, its every year) volunteers who visit patients in any location or program are required to complete a review of basic Information and a competency test. To make it easier for the volunteers, we are offering the training at three different times, plus anyone who cannot attend one of these times will receive a packet and test to do at home. Call 873-7419 to reserve your spot. Required if Patient Support Orientation was before 6/14.



March 24—In-service Session will be offered after the "Volunteering for Veterans at End of Life" training from 10:45 to 12 noon in the Elliott Center, Rooms A&B at the Admin. Building.

April 1— In-service Session will be offered at the Belleview Public Library, 4 minutes west of 441, north of the intersection of SE 132nd St. Rd. and 484. (13145 SE Hwy 484) from 10:30 am to 11:45 am for volunteers living in the Villages, Summerfield and Belleview.

April 20—In-service Session from 9:30 to 10:45 am followed by 11 am to 12 pm "Ask the Expert" with chaplains and professional clinical staff. Elliott Center, Rooms B&C at the Admin. Building.

Transitions Program Announcements:

Monthly Caregiver Support Group: March 10, 2015

We meet the second Tuesday of EVERY month 11:00am-1:00pm at Hospice of Marion County Education Center to discuss the challenges of caregiving and offer support to participants. Call Donna at 352-854-5200 to sign up.



The next Transitions Caregiver Lunch is on April 21 at Grace Episcopal Church. Door prizes are needed. Contact Donna if you would like to attend or drop off a door prize by April 14.