

OCTOBER, 2014



VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Oct. Featured Volunteer—Specialty Pt Support



George Van Hoorebeke

George has been volunteering for about 3 years and has become our “go-to” volunteer for Veterans Pinnings at Legacy. He volunteers weekly in the kitchen on Friday afternoons assisting Chef Francine or Jose. George also provides respite to patient families in the SW Ocala area.

John Pockalny, our Veterans Pinning Coordinator, states, “George goes out of his way to make each veteran feel special when he performs the Veterans Pinning Ceremony. George has uniquely incorporated playing the Anthem of the Service Branch being recognized when he presides at the pinning ceremony. He also assists with group pinning activities at local health care facilities on Veteran’s Day. George is an Army Veteran. Thank You for your dedication.”

Kari Moncada, Social Worker at Legacy House expressed her appreciation this way, “George is always willing to help us, even with last minute requests. His presence for our patients at Legacy House is such a help for our patients and they always compliment his service.” Thank you, George for your great example of going the extra mile for our Veterans!

Volunteer Dept. Hiring for Help with Programs & Houses

A new 24 Hour a week staff position is being added to the Volunteer Dept. Scheduling and coordination of Hospice House Volunteers and 11th Hour Vigils will be a primary responsibility. This employee will also assist new volunteers to get started on their assignments and work with coordination and training of volunteers in specialty programs.

Applications available online at www.hospiceofmarion.com/careers starting October 6 for two weeks. John Pockalny will be continuing in his role with the Veterans Pinnings and assisting the Volunteer Dept. in a PRN capacity. Hopefully we will be able to announce our new Volunteer Dept. team member next month.



Volunteer News:

We heard recently that Lillian Vachon, a long-time volunteer who helped start the Veterans’ Pinning Program passed in Maine. We will miss her!

Several dedicated volunteers have resigned to move or are becoming Emeritus: Dovie Schneider who is moving to Jacksonville and worked in 11th Hour Vigil. Ernestine Boclair who served 15 years at Jasmine is retiring to Emeritus status. Monica Weaver who was a patient visitor retired to Emeritus status in August.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 1—Pet Peace of Mind Meeting at S.A.F.E.

Oct. 11—Camp Mariposa for bereaved children

Oct. 12, Annual Jasmine Store Jewelry Sale 12-3 pm

Oct. 16— Veterans Webinar, See back side for details.

Oct. 17—Patient Support Fall meeting, Rooms B&C, 10 am See enclosed flyer.

October 20—Spiritual Care Volunteer Screening with Chaplains, Room C at 10 am by invitation.

Nov. 1—Steel Horse Stampede, Sharla is lining up volunteers or call 854-5218 to be a rider.

Nov. 8—Steps of Remembrance at Sholom Park, Sharla is lining up volunteers. Come to remember loved ones, \$10 minimum donation. Call for info or sign up 854-5218.

Nov. 10—Jim Towey speaker on “Lessons I Learned from Mother Teresa.” 2-4pm Elliott Center. Call 854-5230 to sign up. See flyer enclosed.

Nov. 11—Veterans Day!

Nov. 14—Workshop for Sewing volunteers.

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Volunteer Openings—Call 873-7441 for more info

- **Transport volunteers are urgently needed.** If you are a current patient support volunteer who is willing to add transport, please let Nancy know.
- **Want to become a patient support volunteer?** If you would like to give a few hours each week or as needed to become a Patient Support Volunteer, we really need about 20 more volunteers to meet the current backlog of nearly 40 Hospice and Transitions requests. The next patient support orientation is Wednesday, October 22nd. Please call Nancy at 873-7441 to let her know of your interest.
- **Volunteer with hair dresser/barber** background to cut hair of patients in Hospice Houses.
- **Painter for Summerfield Suites** to assist with preparing units for new residents.
- **Mail Couriers**—we need at least one more morning volunteer to fill morning openings to drive the mail to all Hospice Houses and Thrift Stores. We also need 2 afternoon couriers to drive mail to post office.
- **Like to Sing?** Journey Singers need sopranos, tenors and baritones. On Wednesdays, they practice or provide soothing music at Hospice Houses.

Last Month to Participate in Cookbook Project

Thrift Store employees and volunteers have organized a Hospice of Marion County Cookbook project. You can publish some favorite recipes and share food memories of your loved ones by contributing to this tribute cookbook. This will be a beautiful quality cookbook and will be published in time for Easter & Mothers Day.

Recipe submission forms are available for sale at any Thrift Store and the Admin. Building.

When you purchase a recipe submission form, you will be underwriting the cost of printing and will receive a 10% discount on purchase of the cookbook. Recipe forms will be \$6 to submit a recipe or \$20 for 4 recipe forms.

Welcome to New Store Thrift Store Manager

Kathy DeFalco is now the manager of the Silver Springs Shores store so stop in to congratulate her and shop in the re-arranged store. Marilyn Hudman has graduated to volunteer status! Remember to present your badge for your discount.



In Collaboration with the Department of VA and [Soldier's Heart, We Honor Veterans](#), we invite you to attend a *free* webinar: **Caring for Vietnam Veterans at the End of Life**

Thursday, October 16, 2014 2:00-3:30 pm ET in the Elliott Center, Room C, Admin Bldg.

The Vietnam War was the longest and most unpopular war in which Americans ever fought. Many of these Veterans have experienced long-term medical and psychological health issues that may be present when providing end-of-life care.

Learn from an expert panel of speakers about the unique health care needs, clinical challenges and psycho-spiritual approaches for caring for this very special group of Veterans. Call the Volunteer Office at 352(873-7419 to sign up to join staff members for this informative webinar.

Hospice of Marion County Volunteer Dept. in our Community

On Wednesday, October 1, Connie Storms will be at the Royal Dames Fashion Show to benefit Hospice to help with the event to benefit Hospice and recruit potential volunteers.

On Thursday, October 2, Nancy LaSelva will be accompany Lisa Varner to make a Hospice presentation on Hospice at First United Methodist Church In Dunnellon.

Saturday, October 4, Connie Storms will be at the Blessing of the Pets at Grace Episcopal church in Ocala to represent the Pet Peace of Mind program.