



Volunteer Update

October 2016

Featured Volunteer—11th Hour Vigil

Nominated by Daun Layman and Nancy LaSelva

“Carolyn! Who can describe this Hospice hero??? She amazes me because she is willing to take the 2-6 am shift, night after night for our 11th Hour patients! She used to be an Operating Room nurse who worked nights. She has incredible endurance and loyalty to our Hospice patients. Somehow she learned how to get by on a smaller amount of sleep than most of us! She is a big help to me also, because she gives me an update on the patient which helps me assess needs for future shifts.”

Daun Layman

“Carolyn is always considerate of her home and facility patients. She arrives regularly with her paperwork and lets me know how her panel of patients/clients are. One example of Carolyn’s dedication was when a home patient needed extra visits and the caregiver was very overwhelmed. Carolyn, with her quiet and calming presence, stayed with patient and caregiver until she (Carolyn) felt she could leave. Her generous nature is inspiring and she does it with ease.” Nancy LaSelva

Carolyn, we are indebted to you for your dedication and compassionate heart to serve our Hospice patients!



Carolyn Tkacs

Save the Date

Oct. 4—Jasmine Holiday Décor Project meeting, 1:00 to 3 pm, Room A, Elliott Center

Oct. 6—“An Evening with Patsy Cline” at the Reilly Arts Center. Still a few tickets left, see back for details.

Oct. 11—Transitions Support Group, Room C, Elliott Center 11 am to 1 pm

Oct. 11—Bereavement Training 1:30 pm Monarch Center. Call 873-7456 to sign up.

Oct. 11—11th Hour Vigil Volunteer Enrichment, 2:30 –4 pm. See info to right.

Oct. 28—Pt. Support In-Service 9:30-11 Elliott Center, See info to right.

11th Hour Vigil Enrichment

Tuesday, October 11, 2:30 - 4:30 pm @ Elliott Center, Room A

“Anxiety, Agitation and Restlessness: Oh My!” A webinar presented by Joel S. Policzer, MD

Whether it’s your first time or you are an experienced 11th Hour Vigil Volunteer, we hope you will join us for this informative session. Please RSVP by emailing dlayman@hospiceofmarion.com or calling the voicemail line at 873-7419 to sign up.

Fall Patient In-Service—Helplessness & Hopelessness: The Volunteer’s Role in Finding Meaning

This webinar by Gary Gardia will help you learn how helplessness and hopelessness can prevent people who are ill and their families from living fully for the time that remains. This pre-recorded presentation will also include techniques to assist people to feel a sense of usefulness and helpfulness.

Three locations to attend: Oct. 28, 9:30 to 11:30 am Elliot Center.

Nov. 15, 9:30 am — 11:30 am Brandley House or Nov. 22, 9:30—11:30 am.

To register, call (352) 873-7419 and leave your name and what location you would like to attend. Contact Nancy @ (352) 873-7441 for further information.



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Volunteer Needs

Office: Data entry, filing, scanning, and phone volunteers needed

Summerfield Suites: Activities Helpers

Brandley & Sylvia's Houses Greeters: 1x/week for 2 or 3 hour shift

Patient Support Volunteers: Volunteers needed to spend time with patients, especially if you are willing to travel or live in outlying areas.

Bereavement Dept.: Phone and mailing help needed for 3 days a week.

Come to training on 11th to make bereavement calls from home.

Accent Medical Office: Assist with packets or to break down large packages of gloves, etc into smaller bags.

An Evening of Patsy Cline: Thursday, October 6, 2016, 7 pm, The Reilly Arts Center

This musical benefit for Hospice of Marion County will feature the timeless music of the 60's accompanied by the Jordanares. There are only a few tickets left for general admission at \$30. Learn more at: hospiceofmarion.com/patsy. For tickets call: (352)291-5143.

Hospice in the Community

Oct. 5, OTOW Master the Possibilities, "An Overview of Opioids," Mike Sever, 10-11 am

Oct. 10, Stroke Club @ MRMC, "Transitions," Donna Shaffer, 1-1:30 pm

Oct. 14, Brookdale Pinecastle, "End of Life Care/Palliative vs. Hospice Care," Beth Williams, 4-4:30 pm

Oct. 15, Del Web Stone Creek Fall Festival, Table hosts Clarise Walker and Susan Breithaupt, 12-4 pm

Oct. 15 & 16, Jeeptoberfest Fundraiser @ Market of Marion, 9 am- 4pm. Table hosted by staff and volunteers.

Oct. 18, Friends of Belleview Library, "HMC Overview and the Ted & Diane Brandley House," Rebecca Rogers, 10 am

Oct. 18, St. Joseph of the Forest Catholic Church, "Transitions Overview," Donna Shaffer, 11am

Oct. 19, Silver Springs Shores Presbyterian, "Monarch Center Overview," Amy Rath, 11am

Oct. 19, OTOW Master the Possibilities, "Your Story....Discovering your Journey through Grief to Healing," Jessica McCune 2 pm

Oct. 26, Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon, "Early Warning Signs of Dementia," Jessica McCune, 12 pm

Fall Volunteer Recruiting Campaign

The Volunteer Department is planning an expanded outreach to attract more volunteers, especially in areas where there are unmet volunteer needs. Volunteers from all communities are needed but especially in Belleview, Citra/Anthony, Dunnellon, Ft. McCoy/Salt Springs, Ocklawaha/Lake Weir Area, Marion Oaks, and Silver Springs Shores.

We are planning to offer two presentations:
Volunteer: Finding Purpose, Making Friends
Supporting Friends on their Final Journey

We hope that some of our volunteers will help us by sharing some of their experiences related to these topics at sessions in 55+ communities, churches, or community groups. In addition, we need volunteers to put up posters and talk to friends who might want to attend a presentation or recruiting event.

We also plan to offer orientation at Brandley House on Oct. 26 and make it available in outlying areas or on weekends.