



# VOLUNTEER UPDATE

## September Featured Volunteer—Tuscany



**Louise Thompsett**

Louise has been volunteering for over 9 years and has volunteered over 1,500 hours. She is a weekly Greeter at Tuscany and often takes extra shifts when needed.

Lynn Buky wrote this tribute to Louise. "Louise is always

cheerful and takes a personal interest in families who come to visit and is very understanding that they may be facing a difficult situation. Life experiences have endowed her with empathy for the heart-ache families are facing when a loved one is passing."

Louise and her husband, Percy, help make Thanksgiving and Christmas Day special for families and patients at Tuscany every year by assisting Chef Brandon with a family holiday meal.

She assists with fundraisers like the Steel Horse Stampede and sits with patients for 11th Hour Vigils. In addition to volunteering for Hospice of Marion County, Louise is on the Board for Prestige 55 and is Chairman of the visitation group at MRMC Hospital.

Thank you Louise for your dedication and kind-hearted service at Tuscany House!

### 11th Hour Volunteer Training, Sept. 16, 2 to 4 pm, Elliott Center, Admin Bldg.

Training will be provided for the 11th Hour Vigil Program for volunteers who started within the last 6 months. All 11th Hour Vigil Volunteers are invited to come for a refresher and to participate in the question and answer session. Call 873-7419 to register so we'll know who to expect.

### Share a Recipe and Support Hospice of Marion County



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 the Volunteer Lunch or any Thrift Store.**

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.

After publication, the entire amount of cookbook sales will be donated to Hospice of Marion County for patient care. We also need volunteers to help recruit business supporters to purchase ads to support the printing costs. Forms are for sale at the Thrift Stores or contact Cheryl Lazur at [clazur@hospiceofmarion.com](mailto:clazur@hospiceofmarion.com).

## Upcoming Events

Sept. 5—Fall Kick-off Volunteer Lunch, Elliott Center, 12 to 1:30 pm. Remember to come in your team colors or call 873-7419 to cancel if you cannot keep your reservation.

Sept 5—Reception for "Faces of Grief" masks. See back for details.

Sept. 6— Alzheimer's Walk. See back for info.

Sept. 16—11th Hour Vigil Training, Rooms B&C, 2 to 4 pm. See below.

Sept. 23—Workshop for Sewing Volunteers. Come sew or take items home to sew, 9 am to 12 pm, Rm C.

Oct. 17—Patient Support Volunteers please save the date for our fall education morning.

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## **Volunteer Openings—Call 873-7441 for more info**

- **Volunteer with hair dresser/barber** background to cut hair of patients in Hospice Houses.
- **Summerfield Suites/Tuscany Maintenance Assistant** to do light handyman work including replacing light bulbs, painting and assisting to turn around units for new residents.
- **Morning Mail Couriers**—we need two at this time to fill morning openings to drive the mail to all Hospice Houses and Thrift Stores.
- **Like to Sing?** Journey Singers need sopranos, tenors and baritones. On Wednesdays, they practice or provide soothing music at Hospice Houses.
- **Chef Assistants needed** at Legacy and Tuscany for several open slots for kitchen help.
- **Transport, Lifestory, Patient Care Volunteers** and **Transitions Volunteers** are needed. Current Patient Support Volunteers, if you can take a new assignment, please let Nancy know. If you would like to become a Patient Support Volunteer, plan to attend Patient Support orientation on Sept. 24th —call Nancy at 873-7441 to let her know of your interest.

## **Hurricane Readiness Reminder**

Hurricane season is upon us and we want to remind you that all volunteer assignments will be cancelled 24 hours before the onset of a major storm with over 35 mph expected sustained winds. When a tropical storm is expected, please contact your patients (if you have an assignment) to find out if they are staying or evacuating and tell them you'll contact them after the storm passes. We will keep our volunteer voice mail updated, so call (352)873-7419 for information when to return to assignments after the storm. We will also send emails to suspend assignments and to give the "all clear" to return to assignments.

If you can help with storm preparations or clean up, especially if you have EMS, military, or police background, please let Connie Storms know that you may be able to be on a Volunteer Disaster response team.



## **New at the Thrift Stores**

The Thrift Stores have started a new program to recycle small household appliances in addition to fabric, shoes and purses. Our Thrift Store recycling programs are expected to bring in \$20,000 to \$30,000 for Hospice this year.

Jasmine Store Jewelry Sale will be on Sunday, October 12 from 1 to 3 pm.

## **Hospice of Marion County in our Community**

On September 5 at 6 pm, a reception will be held at Brick City Center for the Arts, 23 SW Broadway in honor of the volunteers and employees who created the "Faces of Grief" masks. The reception will be part of the first Friday Art Walk which will be held at various businesses downtown from 6 to 9 pm. The masks are on display at Brick City Center for the Arts until September 26th.

On September 6, the local Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held at 9 am at Tusawilla Park. Call Lisa Varner at 854-5430 to sign up to be on our Hospice team.