



VOLUNTEER DEPT. UPDATE

Sept. Featured Volunteer–Patient Support Specialty



**Marie Gagnon
Transport**

Marie regularly provides transport for 3-4 assignments and also provides one time transport for urgent situations. In addition, she visits 6-8 Hospice patients or Transitions clients in their home, ALF, or SNF.

Janai, Social Worker from Estelle’s house wrote, “Marie’s support to our patients and their families is invaluable. Without her willingness to offer transport assistance, many needs of our patients and loved ones would not be met. An example of her generosity occurred when she responded to an urgent request to transport a deaf son to Sylvia’s House to see his mother who was dying. She also took a patient for several appointments so that he could get his full benefits. Marie’s assistance has helped me to provide patients and families with the best Hospice experience possible.”

Nancy LaSelva says, “Marie is a quiet force in an endless sea of requests. She continually keeps in touch and is always willing to do more.”

She volunteered in a Hospice in New York for years before coming to Ocala where she has served as a volunteer for over 2 years. A little known fact about Marie is that she loves to bowl and is on a team. Marie, we appreciate all you do to keep our patients and clients happy.



**Fall Volunteer Roundup
Hospice of Marion County
September 22, 2015
Lunch at High Noon
Elliott Center, Admin. Bldg.**

Volunteers will enjoy a western lunch and will dress the part in that day in jeans and western attire!

Speaker and author, Judy Flickinger will provide an inspirational message—“A Heartfelt Thanks from a Hospice Nurse.” She is author of Spirit Matters: How to Remain Fully Alive with a Life-Limiting Illness and in 2011 received Central Florida’s “Woman of Hope” award for her book and work as a Hospice nurse. Her book will be available for sale and signing.

Upcoming Events:

See backside for info on Community Walks.

Sept. 7 Labor Day, offices closed, stores open.

Sept. 14, Sewing Workshop in Rm. A. Call 873-7419 to let us know you can come.

Sept. 22: Volunteer Lunch, ‘Fall Round-up’ High Noon, Elliott Center. See left.

Sept. 25, Patient Support Orientation. If you’ve been considering adding patient visiting, now is the time! Call Nancy at 873-7441.

Oct. 1, Thursday, Sewing Workshop, Room C.

Oct. 5, Vintage Gala at Ivy House Fundraiser. See back.

Oct. 16, Patient Support Volunteers—“Creating Moments of Joy and Comfort” mini-conference. Breakfast & variety of sessions. 8:30 to 11:30 am Elliott Center.

Oct. 19—Transitions Care-giver Conference. See back for details.

Oct. 20, 11th Hour Training. 1:30-3:30 pm, Rooms B&C.

Oct. 24, Walk of Remembrance, Shalom Park.

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Volunteer Needs: Call the Volunteer office at 873-7441 for info.

MORE GREETERS NEEDED AT SYLVIA'S: As we add more shifts, we can really use your help. If you are available, please call Daun at 873-7441.

GREETERS also needed at Legacy. We would like to add a greeter at the desk from 6-8 pm. Night owls, please give a call to Daun at the above number.

CHEF ASSISTANTS: Legacy needs a Wednesday helper. Tuscany also needs 2 days a week.

PHARMACY and ACCENT MEDICAL need volunteer assistants.

PATIENT HOME VISITS: Call Nancy at 873-7441 as we have lots of open assignments.

SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE WHILE GETTING HEALTHY!

September 19, Walk to End Alzheimer's, 9:30 AM

Tusawilla Park-899 NE Sanchez Ave, Ocala, FL 34470, Hospice is fielding a "Transitions Team." Sign up by Contacting: Kaitlyn Campbell ~ (407)951-7992 or email kaicampbell@alz.org

Also email: dshaffer@hospiceofmarion.com so you can know where to meet & get Transitions T-Shirt.



October 3, Marion County Heart Walk, 8:30 AM

Baseline Road Trailhead-4225 SE 58 Ave, Ocala, FL 34481 **Contact:** marioncounty@heart.org 800-257-6941 X8018

Fall Fundraisers:

Volunteers are welcome to participate in any of our fall Fundraiser Events. Flyers are at the Thrift Stores or Volunteer Office. For tickets or pre-registration, call (352)854-5218.



October 5—Dress up in vintage party wear for the Ivy House Vintage Gala. Live Entertainment and dinner. Tickets are \$75.

October 24—Steps of Remembrance, A great way to remember loved ones, patients, or friends who passed. Registration is \$10.

Nov. 7—Steel Horse Stampede, bring your motorcycle and join us for the ride, \$18 per person.

Tami Bruner will be scheduling volunteers for the Oct. 24 & Nov. 7 events. Please give her a call if you would like to help at 873-7441.

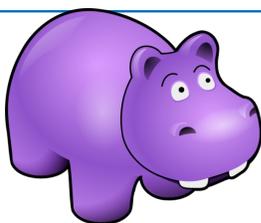


Transitions Program

Transitions serves Marion County residents who are not yet ready for Hospice or who have been discharged from Hospice. They receive case management and referrals to community resources from Donna Shaffer and Martha Dominguez. Volunteers provide transport, visits, errands, companionship and Veterans Pinnings.

A caregiver support group is held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 11 am. Volunteers are welcome!

Volunteers are invited to participate in the fall Caregiver Conference, with a theme of "It's a Jungle Out There" on October 19. Speaker Tom Rinkoski's topic will be "The Adventure Stories of Caregiving." Session is from 10 am to 1 pm in the Elliott Center. Call Donna at 854-5200 to sign up.



Be a HIPPA Helper! (Not a HIPPO Helper—but I got your attention!) Shred, Shred, Shred...Remember to shred any patient information on a One Time, 11th Hour Vigil, or regular assignment immediately as soon as it is no longer needed! If you see patient information that is laying out at a facility, hear someone discuss a patient in public, or have any other privacy issues, please talk to your Volunteer Supervisor or call the Volunteer Department!