

Volunteers Matters

A Publication for the Volunteers of Hospice Ministries



Fall 2010

HOSPICE MINISTRIES' FALL YARD SALE.



Early on a nippy October morning, volunteers gathered to pull out items for the Hospice Ministries' Yard sale. Johnny Logan, from our Finance Department (right) and volunteer, Susie Cook, served as cashiers for the sale.



Volunteers Mary Clare Hogan, Rebecca Allen, Dixie Myrick and Bethan Read handled the book and silk flower arrangement sales for customers.

Mary Clare Hogan, Rebecca Allen, customer, Dixie Myrick, Bethan Read and customer.



Volunteers Bethan Read and Rebecca Allen are seen in the photo to the left, taking a break while waiting for customers to pick up some of the furniture they had bought.

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The sale would not be complete without the salesmanship of volunteers Alice Rice (left) and Mary Clare Hogan (right).

Paul Kennedy, Aaron Akers, Jeri Flinn, Bob Schroeder in back ground with Alice Rice and Mary Clare Hogan in foreground.

Mary Clare and Bob Jones investigate one of the items for sale.



Volunteers, Bob Perry, B.B. Watson and Bob Jones help load up furniture for customers in their trucks.



Susie Cook and Johnny Logan answered questions from customers and kept up with the inventory. By the end of the sale Hospice Ministries' Volunteers had made over \$2,500.00 from the Yard Sale.



Thank You to all who brought items to sell, manned sale areas and bought items. A special thank you goes to **Lana Geissing** who appeared on *WLBT-TV's Early Morning Show* to talk about the sale. Other Volunteers not pictured, who helped with the Sale were **George Hill, Mayra Prado, Sandy Crook, Lem Smith, Aaron Akers, and Paul Kennedy.**

Faith In Action's "Joys of Volunteering"

Clinton Ministries' Alliance Group met with Faith In Action Coordinator **Richard Brogan**, to discuss the "Joys of Volunteering" Seminar held in Clinton on November 7th.



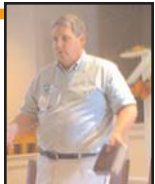
Seated left to right are: **Rev. James Graves, Rev. Richard Brogan; Rev. John Reeves, Providence Presbyterian Church; Rev. Fredrick Williams, Mt. Hood M.B. Church; Father Paul Yeager, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church; Rev. Mitchell Hedgepeth, First United Methodist and Greg Gearhart from Northside Baptist Church.**



Reverend Brogan opened the seminar with an opening prayer and a Thank You to the attendees.



Guest Speakers were **Rev. Barbara Taylor** from **Conway United Methodist Church**, who gave a talk on "Connecting with the God Energy in You" and **Rev.**



B.B. Watson, Chaplain from Hospice Ministries, who gave a talk on "Giving a hand to lift up while helping out". Both speakers gave very touching and inspirational talks.



A panel of active volunteers related heart warming stories on what volunteering has meant to them. The panel literally glowed with love as they retold their stories of how volunteering has touched their hearts.

L to R : Sam Simmons, Bradley Pope, B.B. Watson and Leo Heller.

A special Thank You goes to **Susan Meadows** from **Northside Baptist Church** for furnishing refreshments for the program.

Hospice Ministries' OPEN HOUSE

On Tuesday, November 30th, **Hospice Ministries**, celebrating over 21 years of providing care and compassion to our community, opened our doors to welcome and thank our neighborhood friends, businesses, hospitals, nursing homes, and retirement facilities.



Our guests were greeted by our Executive Director, **Belinda Patterson**, and our staff members as well as our wonderful volunteers.

Chris Sevel, Belinda Patterson & Larry LeFoldt.

Volunteers **Susie Cook** and **Dorothy Clare Glover** provided the lovely background music during the entire event.



Kim Gray & Alice Rice

Volunteer **Alice Rice** served the punch. Seen here serving **Kim Gray** from our Referral Department.



Pianists Dorothy Clare Glover & Susie Cook.

Attendees of our Open House : Sherri Franklin, of Jaquith Nursing Home; Karen Denham, HM Referrals and Marc Lewis, of Jaquith Nursing Home share a moment.



Social Workers from St Dominic's pictured below with Hospice staff members included; (L to R) Jean Rose, Verina White, Donna Evans, Sherri Odom, Rhonda Scott, & Lauren Ellington.



Tours were offered to our guests throughout the evening, beginning with our lovely chapel. The tours gave everyone who had never been to our Inpatient facility a visual of our beautiful surroundings, the gardens, patient suites, day room for families, dining service area, and of course the opportunity to meet many of the staff members.

This was a beautiful, enjoyable evening and a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season!

Volunteer Anita Jeminson chats with Mayor Gene McGee and volunteer Alice Rice



Mary Marbury, and Sue Ann Ming, from UMC talk with Karen Denham, Referral Liaison from Hospice.

Rev. Dr. Don Fortenberry, Dr. Gerry Ann Houston, and volunteer Robert Miller



Hospice Board member, Rev. Sherry Travis, Jeff Eades from The Blake and Hospice's Executive Director, Belinda Patterson.

Mandy Smith, VA Hospital, Kevin Jones, of Lincare Infusion, & Shalonda Carlisle, Jackson Public Schools



Apphia McCullough, Select Hospital; Melanie Field, Hospice Ministries Referrals; Shannon Canard, CEO, Select Hospital.

Monica Davis, Coram Infusion; Melanie Field, Susan Perry, Sharkey Issaquena Hospital.



Lynn Hite, CMMC, Karen Denham, Myra Lawson, with Martha Nickson, CMMC & daughter.



Volunteer Linda Chase with Janie Reynolds of the Development Department of Hospice Ministries



Karen with Terra Watkins, CMMC and Anita Jeminson



Jimmy Moss of J.A. Moss Construction with volunteer Robert Miller and Mike Harris also from Moss Construction.

Volunteer Happenings for Fall 2010



Labor Day Treat Bags

Volunteers gathered to create the Labor Day treat bags for our patients in September. Back row : **Bob Perry, B.B. Watson,**

George Hill. Front row: Kathy Hilton, Martha Jones, Jan Marts, Susie Cook, Lana Geissinger, Mayra Prado and Ellen Ford. The Troubadours sang patriotic songs to the patients as the treat bags were delivered. From left to right

Troubadours: **Ellen Ford, Janie Thatcher, Mayra Prado, B.B. Watson, and Nash Nobel.** Troubadours try to sing to patients once a month. If you would like to join in the singing call Jeri.



Fall Festival Treat Bags

Volunteers **George Hill, Vangie Hughes, Terri Spurk, Lana Geissinger, Kathy Hilton** and **Bob Perry**, working under the direction of **Susie Cook**, met and created Fall Festival Bags for the Inpatient Facility.



Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes



An assembly line of volunteers worked on the Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes for all of our patients. The group also learned a 'Blessing' song under the guidance of Troubadour **Ellen Ford** and sang to the inpatients as they delivered the boxes.



Volunteers included: **Julie Cockayne, Debra Collins, Mayra Prado, Vangie Hughes, Susie Cook, Terri Spurk, Carol Richardson, Jennifer Barnes, Delores Barlow, Alice Higbee, George Hill and Ellen Ford.**

Talk at St. James Church

Retired physician inpatient volunteer **John Gibson** gave a talk at **St James Church** about

his experiences volunteering at Hospice Ministries. After his talk Volunteer Services Coordinator **Jeri Flinn** talked about Hospice Ministries and the Volunteer program. Jeri would love to come to your church to give a talk about volunteering or Hospice Ministries. If you think your church may be interested, give Jeri a call.



Volunteer Panel at October Training Class



Volunteers offered their advice and stories to the last Volunteer Training class in October. Volunteers on the panel included: **George Hill, Carol Merchant, Jan Marts, and Delores Barlow.**

Saturday Gardener's Day

Once a month our Lead Gardener **Bethan Read**, gets the Saturday morning crew together to work in our gardens. "There is always so much to do, and there are just a few of us on Monday, so we need another day to help with the work load," said Bethan. The gardens are an important part of Hospice Ministries, a favorite area with

our patients and families. "At the present we only have four and sometimes five people working in the gardens on Monday mornings. We need more help to keep the gardens at the level they need to be." Bethan continued, "So when we get a little help from the folks on Saturday Garden Day it makes a big difference." If you would like to join the gardeners on Monday or on Saturday Garden Day please give Jeri a call. Keep an eye on the web page for the next Saturday Garden Day.



Bethan Read, Anita Jemison & Virginia Green

Beta Sigma Phi gives to Hospice

The Jackson Chapter of **Beta Sigma Phi**, XI #7782, has donated projects and time to **Hospice Ministries.**

President of the Jackson Chapter, **Anita Jemison** is seen in the photo to the right with donated items for the pantry for home patients. Anita became so interested in Hospice that she joined our volunteer staff and now works on every project she can. In the photo below Anita (on the right) is seen with other members of **Beta Sigma Phi** with the Christmas wreaths they created for each patient's door. They wished to give each patient a Christmas feeling for the holidays.



Anita Jemison, President of Beta Sigma Phi in Jackson



Beta Sigma Phi helpers were:(left to right) **Ginny Phillips, Dot Gillon, Anita Fairchild, Evelyn Ussery, Sonya Lee and Anita Jemison.**

Hospice Ministries' Memorial Service 2010

For the first time Hospice Ministries added the beauty of harpist **Kristi Flake's** music to the annual Memorial Service held in our Chapel.



Kristi Flake playing beautiful harp music.

Soloist **Tim Rigby** from St. Matthews' United Methodist Church, along with accompanist **Sherribeth Farmer** provided inspirational melodies to sooth tender hearts.



Soloist Tim Rigby accompanied by Sherribeth Farmer.



Delores Grisham

Delores Grisham (In-patient CNA) lites the candles during a beautiful rendition of "**Remember Me**" by Mark Schultz.



Chaplain Duewayne Tullos read his original narrative "**My Friend Grief**" and Volunteer **Karen Delatte** read the poem "**Now That I Am Gone**" during both services.



Karen Delatte



Duewayne Tullos



Barbara Taylor

Reverend **Barbara Taylor**, Hospice Ministries' Bereavement Department, brought a touching message of hope, offering encouragement to those seeking healing and renewal.

Because every department of Hospice Ministries is involved in some way with the care of patients and families,

representatives from multiple areas shared their love openly through service attendance and participation including: Administration, Bereavement, Chaplain, Community Education, Finance and Nursing.

Participants included, **Nash Nobel** (Chaplain) who played the opening piano music before both services and opened the services with a prayer. **Rosa Cockerill** (In-home RN), **Karen Denham** (Referrals), and **Johnny Logan** (Finance) gave inspirational readings during both services.



Karen Denham



Rosa Cockerill



Johnny Logan



Nash Nobel

A very special moment took place at the end of the service when the family of **Mrs. Mary L. Stubbs** arrived to present Hospice Minstries with a beautiful, framed copy of the poem, "**The Oak Tree**" to be hung in a place of honor at the facility.



Family of Mrs. Mary Stubbs with Rev. Barbara Taylor .

A heart-felt thank you to everyone who made the memorial service a huge success. You are *ALL* appreciated!

To say it takes a village is very close to the truth and I want to express my thanks to everyone who helped and attended our services.



We say good-bye to a good friend and co-worker, Dallas. He always was there to lift the hearts of our patients and our staff. We will miss his friendly wag and gentle nudge to be petted. A tireless worker who filled the hearts of all. Thank You Dallas for your years of service... touching others where we could not.

We will remember you always,

From all of us at Volunteer Services.

Volunteer Calendar of Events for Winter 2010-2011

January 2011

Ridgeland:

Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011
10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Take Down Christmas Decorations

Day Room

601- 898-1053 ext.258



Sunday, Jan. 16th, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 pm.

** Pot Luck Volunteer BIG Get Together & Quarterly Meeting with Inservice:*

DayRoom

Refreshments are needed 601- 898-1053 ext. 258 *RSVP

** Please RSVP*

February, 2011

Ridgeland:

Saturday, Feb.. 5th 8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
& Feb. 6th 12:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Volunteer Training

Formal Board Room

Call if you are interested in being on the panel.

Thursday, Feb. 10th

McClellan Gala

Call 601-206-5525 for more information

Saturday, 12 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Valentine Baggies

Dining Room

Bring cookies, & candy

601- 898-1053: 258



Brookhaven & McComb:

February is **Annual Soup & Cornbread** Month.

Please bring homemade soup in sealed container ready for delivery to McComb or Brookhaven Office.

601-853-1063 for more information.

March , 2011



Ridgeland:

Saturday, March 5 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. *(May change check website.)*

Gardeners' Day

South Courtyard

Come join our Saturday garden day to work in the Hospice garden with Lead Gardeners.

601- 898-1053 ext. 258

Saturday, 12 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Day Bags

Dining Room

Bring cookies, & candy

601- 898-1053: 258

Brookhaven & McComb:

March 3rd 10:00 a.m.

Quarterly Meeting

Brookhaven Office

Hospice Ministries'

Eleventh Annual Golf Tournament

Annandale Golf Club

April 19, 2011

Mark Your Calendar!

Not for Profit- Tax deductible

Beautiful Golf Course, Great Food, Great Fun,

Prizes and

THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A SPECIAL CASH DRAWING. DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

For more information about tournament or questions about becoming a sponsor call:

601-898-1053 or email Janie at jreynolds@hospiceministries.org

Ways to Cope with Grief Individually at the Holidays



It's holiday time and the world is filled with music, tinsel and glitter. Everything seems to sparkle and there is always so much to do! It is a festive time of year, filled with joyous occasions and family gatherings. But some of us may feel over whelmed, lonely, lost... because of the loss of someone we loved.

Individuals who are grieving may need to be extra gentle with themselves during the holiday season. The following are some suggestions to help you through this time:

- * When others offer help, accept it. The holidays are a draining time of year for most people and those who are grieving are already short on energy.
- * Nurture your spiritual being.
- * Take care of yourself. Avoid overindulgence in alcohol, tobacco, caffeine and sweets. Grief takes its toll on one physically, as well as emotionally. Eating nutritious food will help to avoid further stressing the body.
- * Do something special for yourself. Buy yourself a gift in memory of your loved one, perhaps something you think they would want you to have. Pay someone to clean your house. Get a massage. See a good movie.
- * Allow yourself time to cry.
- * Allow yourself to be alone when you would like to be. Many people who grieve feel guilty about wanting to "cocoon" during the holidays, but it may be seen as a natural way of helping us slow down when grief is taking its toll on us.
- * Decide with whom to spend your time. Spend time with those people who are able to be supportive. Decrease the amount of time spent with unsupportive friends and family.



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*Life is a gift
given to share with others
but for a brief moment.
Through sharing this gift,
we learn about the process of dying.
We learn what is most important in life.
Our conversations take on new meaning.
Our body, mind and soul
bond in companionship.
And the process of living and dying
touches us and those around us, forever.*

***At Hospice Ministries we believe that every human being has the right to a quality end-of-life experience.
For each person, no matter the time left, Life MattersSM***