



# VOLUNTEER VISION

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## Volunteer Services Honors Phyllis Clark for 25 Years of Service in Middletown

Phyllis Clark of Middletown was honored at the 2012 Annual Volunteer Banquet honored for 25 years of service on April 17. She joins a select few volunteers who have been honored for 25 and 30 years and will have a place of honor with a plaque in the Recognition Hallway for employees and volunteers at Hospice of Dayton.

Phyllis started volunteering with Hospice of Middletown in the early 1980's as a result of a hospice experience in Kentucky with her husband's father. She saw the compassionate care he received and was impressed that volunteers were part of his care team.

When Hospice of Dayton began to serve in the Middletown area, she started volunteering there. In 1993 Hospice of Middletown became an affiliate of Hospice of Dayton.

"In the early years we were trained to do more things," explained Phyllis, as she reminisced. "We bathed patients, did housework, and prepared their meals. This was before Home Health Aides."

Through the years, she has served as a visitor and caregiver to those in homes and nursing homes, touching hundreds of lives with her care.

Three years ago she recruited her husband, Marvin, as part of the Each One, Reach One program. They have helped in gardening at Lorelei's Place the last three years. In 2009, Lorelei's Place won the Middletown Beautiful Award for the landscaping, thanks to their gardening.

"Getting to know people and talking with them about their life and illness has been a great joy for me," said Phyllis. "Even today, I think about certain patients I served, and I feel

so blessed to have been part of their care."

In 25 years she has seen many changes as Hospice of Dayton expanded care services, especially in Franklin.

"Lorelei's Place has been a blessing to our community in Franklin and Middletown," she said. "Residents of our community feel fortunate to have it here for care when they need it."

Prior to retirement, she worked in a Mental Health Clinic in Middletown, coordinating the office and the volunteers. She and Marvin have one son and one granddaughter.



Phyllis Clark shares memories with Volunteer Services.

## National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Plans Volunteer Leadership Virtual Conference

For the first time in its history, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization has planned a virtual conference, *Ignite the Future*, for July 30-August 3. This conference is an online event, which offers all the benefits of an in-person conference

without the added time and expense of travel. This conference is designed to teach volunteer administrators how to best recruit, support and engage volunteers to insure maximum benefit to patients and families.



Thursday, August 2, is designed specifically for volunteers to enhance skills and participate in a national hospice event. Additional information and registration will be published in the Summer *Volunteer Vision* in July.

Mark your calendars now for August 2 for Ignite the Future Conference.

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## 20 Years



L to R— Helen and Vic Fornes, Katherine Brown  
Not pictured—Thomas Mann, Marjorie Sawyer

## 10 Years



1st Row—Mattie Watkins, Marcia Halsey, Alice Ditto  
2nd Row—Ed Graham, Helen Christian  
Not pictured Elizabeth Craddick, Carolyn Ireland, Karen Metro,  
Pamela Morris, Claire Rodehaver

## 15 Years



L to R—Valerie Schaefer, Marcella Roberts, Kandi Howard, Bernardine Lee, Virgil Rehg, Charlie Whitaker.  
Not pictured - Katie Armstrong, Jasmine Skees, Rose Wasky

## 5 Years

More pictures  
on p.4.



1st Row—Susan Tsui, LaVerna Schiermeyer, Marcy Beatty-Gray, Bert Shock, Sandi Landis, Meg Doherty, Brian Dean  
2nd Row—Teresa Schiermeyer, Rosa Gover, Lisa Dawson, Jay Morrison, Mary Sparkman, Cheri Spencer  
Not pictured—Nancy Andrews, Noel Ashbaugh, Tammy Block, Estelle Bunch, Sharon Carpenter, Shirley Coey, Doug Daegele, Denise DeWitt, John Gover, Judith Guenther-Adams, Mary Hailey, Lynda Hoffman, Kendra Kershner, Robert "Chip" Mues, Jane Robbins, Betty Schultz, Jim Soulati, Wilma Soulati, Rob Spaulding, Sue Spaulding, Darlene Vanatta



## Spotlight on Volunteers

Each quarter volunteers and their special services will be highlighted.

### HOSPICE OF DAYTON

#### Sandi Landis Volunteers To Give Care By Making Gifts, Visiting Patients

Celebrating five years as a hospice volunteer, Sandi Landis has touched hundreds of patients with the crafts she has made.



As part of the Gifts From Loving Hands program, she joins other crafters twice a month to make gifts and tray favors for patients.

Besides crafts, she has been a visitor and caregiver for patients in the north Dayton area.

"I volunteer at Hospice of Dayton to give back the care my mother and husband received here," said Sandi. "I enjoy talking with patients and helping make them feel special with my visits."

Sandi retired from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company after 23 years as an assistant to the Regional Manager and later worked in Property and Casualty.

She has two sons and three grandchildren and enjoys traveling.

### HOSPICE OF BUTLER & WARREN COUNTIES

#### David Slater Serves Visits Patients In Warren and Butler Counties

Volunteering since March 2011 has made a difference for David Slater and the patients he has served.

David was drawn to hospice volunteering after caring for loved ones in hospice care.

He has served as an ambassador at Lorelei's Place and a visitor to patients in homes and nursing homes.

Tuesday nights have special memories for him and one of his patients. He took him to restaurants, grocery shopping, the barber, and a special Joel Olstein event.

"I feel such great joy when I can enhance someone's end of life experience and have a wonderful friendship that touches me as a volunteer," said David.

David lives in West Chester and has worked in computers for 20 years for Xerox and other firms.



2012 Awards continue from p. 3.

3 Years



1st Row—Peggy Weller, Laurel Sylvester, Sandy Spencer, Cindy Schulte, Charlotte Pernik, Sarah Oros, Peggy Lakes, Diane Griffin, Helen Stacy. 2nd Row—Gary Pacernick, Jim Sauerbrey, Greg Williams, Ted Arseneau, Bill McMann, Rick Mosier, Francis Swope  
Not pictured—Eleanor Bernstein, LuAnn Berry, Pam Campbell, Susan Christman, Susan Cornett, Susan Dyer, Nicole Ehret, Gary Hartman, Sharon Howley, Justine Kelly, Matt Kelly, Brian Kest, Alice Kotte, Saagar Kuklarni, Maansi Kuklarni, Mollie Magee, Anna Mae Maurice, Pauline Micciche, Mary Lou Murray, Carl Nichols, Peter Odgers, Pat Otten, Dr. Ratna Palakodeti, Robert Patrus, John Petry, Lisa Pritchett, Nancy Scott, Gwen Seely, Ryan Shapiro, Matt