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Excitement Abounds as Hospice of Dayton Closes the Year

2011 has been marked by an extensive refresh project of the facilities at Hospice of Dayton. As the year draws to a close, construction will be completed for Phase I. Volunteers coming to the December 12 Holiday Luncheon, sponsored by the Hospice of Dayton staff, will see a changed facility. Please see invitation on p. 2.

Volunteers will be greeted with newly remodeled patient rooms, easier way finding, a renovated Community Room, new offices for Human Resources and Education in Shaw, a new Shaw entry, a lower-level Shaw atrium with grand piano, a new visitor entrance, a family, child-friendly family lounge, and most exciting of all, an entire hallway for the new volunteer workroom, and Volunteer Services offices.

NEW WAY FINDING

Instead of numbered hallways of the past, the patient hallways are named after trees. In Shaw there are the Buckeye, Maple, and Ginkgo, and in Colp, Poplar and Oak.

At the entrance of each hallway is a soothing light, simulating clouds. All hallways have matching color schemes of carpet, wall paper, and pictures to distinguish them. There is a soothing effect of carpet and tile in a design simulating a flowing river.

NEW LOGO

Interbrand Design Forum debuted the new logo this summer. Shown at the top of this page in the newly designed masthead for Volunteer Vision, this logo will have variations of the logo in the counties we serve.

Departments are in the process of updating all publications with new logo, color palette, and fonts. Publications have a new look and design in keeping with the brand image.

Volunteer workroom on right and offices on left, viewed from entrance.

CAREER WEAR

As part of the campaign to introduce the new logo, staff are wearing shirts, blouses, polo shirts, sport coats, and jackets with the new logo.

Volunteer ambassadors and receptionists will be sporting the new logo on navy jackets.

Ambassadors & Receptionists are asked to come to Volunteer Services, Linda Corey Simpson, for sizing of their new jackets when they are here for their shifts October 31-November 11.

NEW VOLUNTEER SERVICES WORKROOM, OFFICES

The new Volunteer Services hallway is still under construction with a December 15 completion.

The Volunteer Workroom will quadruple in size with work stations for all the packets assembled – Admissions, Patient Handbook, Crisis Care, and Pathways of Hope. More space will be available for making crafts, the kits for nurses, and the hospitality kits. Storage will increase for all the supplies.

The Volunteer staff will have expanded offices, one adjacent to the workroom and four across the hall.

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Director's Discussion

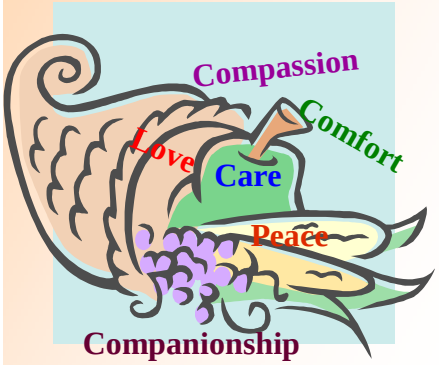
Miriam Morrison, Director of Volunteer Services

Life's Harvest Fills Cornucopias For Patients, Families in Hospice Care

Growing up in rural Michigan amidst a patchwork of farms as a PK (preacher's kid) and visiting my grandpa's farm near Fostoria, Ohio, in Wood County, I saw the entire cycle of life through spring planting to harvest. I watched corn grow from seeds to rich green foliage and then to maturity with dry, golden brown stalks with the ears of corn ready for harvesting.

Grandpa felt gratification for a good harvest, because it meant food for many people. He always felt especially grateful when he heard that some of his grain ended up feeding hungry people around the world.

Like my grandpa, you plant seeds, too. Your seeds are those of love, care, comfort, compassion, companionship, and peace, not only for the patient but also caregivers.



Caregivers with a loved one in hospice care need support. Sometimes caregivers live at a distance and driving back and forth from their homes to the loved one can take a toll. They hold down full-time jobs and have family responsibilities.

As many of you know, my father was in hospice care in Columbus, Ohio, before his death September 21. For seven months, I became a caregiver of my father and mother almost every weekend, often Thurs. night through Sunday night, driving to the office on Monday morning at 6:30 a.m. This gave my sister some much-needed respite. When we couldn't be there, we had volunteers sit with my father in the skilled care facility where he lived for the last three months. This made such a difference in his life and ours. My father and our family reaped a full harvest.

From the soothing words of author Ken Nerburn,

Care for those around you.
Look past your differences.
These choices are no less than yours,
Their choices no more easily made.
And give, give in any way you can,
Of whatever you possess.
To give is to you.
To withhold is to wither.
Care less for your harvest
Than for how it is shared,
And your life will have meaning
And your heart will have peace.

Thank you for sharing your harvest and for giving patients like my father love, comfort, care, companionship, compassion, and peace. What a difference it makes to caregivers like me!

Volunteers Support 5K Remembrance Walk

Volunteers, grab your tennis shoes and walk in the 5K Remembrance Walk on Saturday, November 5, and support patient care with your donation for this fundraiser. Walk in memory or in honor of a loved one in hospice care.

Jay and Miriam Morrison are pleased to sponsor the Volunteer Services Team for volunteers, friends, and VS staff. All those who walk will receive a special t-shirt to wear on the walk.

As a thank you to all who walk and donate to this fundraiser, the Morrisons invite you to a cookout at their home in Washington Township following the walk at 12:00.

Checks for your donation should be payable to Hospice of Dayton Foundation and given or sent to Miriam Morrison, Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Avenue, Dayton, OH 45420. All donations for our team will be submitted together.

RSVP to Miriam Morrison, 256-9507 x1160 before Friday, October 28. Cookout details will be sent to those who walk and donate.

Hospice of Dayton Staff invites volunteers to the

Volunteer Holiday Luncheon

Monday, December 12
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Community Room
Invitations coming in November

Volunteers to Help Occupational Therapists Serve Patients

Hospice of Dayton now offers occupational therapy to patients. Two occupational therapists, Angelene Moore and Casey Haper, joined the staff to provide occupational therapy (OT) services. They are collaborating with Volunteer Services in training volunteers to help with their services to patients.

The purpose of Occupational Therapy is to help people participate in the activities they want and need.

"These are the ordinary and familiar things that people do every day," said Angelene Moore.

The goal of therapy is determined by the patient and family, because everyone has his or her own unique needs and priorities. For those persons with a life threatening illness, occupational therapists are uniquely qualified to assist with the continued engagement in meaningful daily occupations within the hospice community of care.

Occupational therapy services are designed to assist patients in achieving a maximum level of independence and quality of life. Some examples of interventions include:

- Caregiver training
- Management of activities of Daily Living such as toileting, bathing, and dressing
- Home safety and fall risk reduction
- Functional ambulation and transfers
- Environmental modifications and/or the use of assistive technology
- Wheelchair or medical equipment evaluation and selection
- Engagement in patient determined leisure pursuits and meaningful activities, in which volunteers help.

The Volunteer Forum on February 2 will have a presentation by Angelene and Casey on occupational therapy. Volunteer Services will introduce opportunities to serve in OT.

Occupational Therapists Casey Haper and Angelene Moore hold the therapeutic robotic seals

Robotic Seals Join Hospice of Dayton Care Team

The newest members of our animal assisted therapy program are not really pets, but therapeutic robotic harp seals. Very cute and cuddly, these seals have a calming effect on and elicit emotional responses in patients. They have tactile sensors and respond to petting by moving their tails and opening and closing their eyes. They also respond to sounds and can learn a name. They can show emotions such as surprise, happiness and anger, and produce sounds similar to a real baby seal. These robotic seals were developed for therapy when animal assisted therapists are not available. Studies since 2008 in Danish nursing homes have found that these seals soothed dementia patients and helped them communicate. When introduced to the first Hospice of Dayton patient by Angeline Moore, the patient, who had not moved her arms or unclenched her hands, did both as she stroked the soft baby seal. Hospice of Dayton employees are voting on names for these seals at this time.

Alzheimer's Association Sponsors Family Forum

Volunteers who serve patients are invited to attend the Annual Family Forum, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, on Thursday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. at Kettering Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3939 Stonebridge Road (Corner of W. Stroop Rd. and Southern Blvd.).

Presenter for the evening will be G. Allen Power, MD, Eden Mentor at St. John's Home in Rochester, NY, and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Rochester. He is the author of ***Dementia Beyond Drugs: The Culture of Care.***

To register for this program, volunteers should call the Alzheimer's Association at 937-291-3332. The cost of this program is a $10 donation per family and will be reimbursed when the receipt is submitted to Miriam Morrison.

Spotlight on Volunteers

Each quarter volunteers and their special services will be highlighted for Hospice of Dayton and Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties

Tom Hand Composes Song for Hospice of Dayton

"Theme for the Hospice of Dayton" is the name of a song created by Tom Hand and will be part of his first CD, "From Mind to Hand" with 15 other original compositions

Tom became a volunteer in 2011. He has played the piano for over 50 years. He plays and sings a very wide range of music including, classical, blues, rock, ragtime, folk, ballads, new age, country, gospel and swing. He is an engaging and fun entertainer with a comedic wit, great voice, and impressive keyboard skills

"I'm just the Thursday Night Piano guy," said Tom with a twinkle in his eyes as he reflects on playing the grand piano in the Great Room each Thursday.

Tom has been instrumental in securing two new grand pianos, one for the Great Room and one for the new Shaw lower level atrium. As a result, the holidays will have wonderful piano music in two areas now.

He is semi-retired from the facility management profession, giving him more time to share his music and entertain at different venues.

Belinda Post Touches Lives as an Ambassador

A volunteer for eight years, Belinda Post was one of the first ambassadors when the volunteer services staff started the program in 2003.

Belinda retired as secretary for Central Presbyterian Church in Miami Township after 20 years in 2002.

"I had been looking for something meaningful to do in retirement," said Belinda. "I saw the care Hospice of Dayton gave my mother in 2002, and I wanted to help in any way I could."

In the beginning she served as ambassador on one shift. She said she is drawn to the patients and now serves two days a week for 10 hours.

"Just being with people touches my life," said Belinda. "One memorable visit was when I helped a gentleman downstairs to see his wife, who had not opened her eyes for days. When he stroked her hand, she opened her eyes, and they had a special moment. And that gave me a special moment, too."

Volunteer Opportunities

Operation Organize

"Many hands make light work."
Your help is needed to organize the outpouring of craft donations from the Dayton community after the article in the Dayton Daily News.

WORK DAYS
9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15
Thursdays, Nov. 3, 10
Whatever time you can spare will be appreciated. The empty tubs are ready. We just needs your hands.

Please call Linda Corey Simpson, 256-9507 x1163, and let her know which day you can help organize.

Heirlooms to Open At Centerville Location

The Upscale Resale and More Shop has a new name, Heirlooms, and is expanding to a second location in Centerville, scheduled to open November 17.

Located at 461 Miamisburg-Centerville Road (Rt. 725) near the Melting Pot, Heirlooms will share the building with the Centerville Team Station where the south Quality of Life Teams (QLT) meet.

Volunteers interested in helping price items, serving as a clerk, and selling online are asked to call Linda Corey Simpson, 256-9507 x1163.