

MARCH 2010

Volunteer SCENE

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR HOSPICE OF HAVASU VOLUNTEERS



St. Pat's Day Party!

Wednesday March 17th from 2-4
at the London Bridge Road meeting
room.

Try your luck and register to win a
pot of gold!!

Refreshments provided...remember
to wear green or you will get a
pinch!

Please RSVP to Volunteer
Services by Monday, March 15

Sewing group stitching away

The Volunteer Sewing Group is off and running. The group meets on Monday mornings 10-11 am or Thursday mornings 9-10 am in Volunteer Services to share ideas and pick up patterns and fabric. All volunteers welcome. The group is in need of donations so empty out those old

boxes and closets and bring us supplies we can remake and recycle for HOH patients. The group will be making such items as walker caddies, adult protective clothing (bibs), lap quilts, bed jackets, etc. Also, if you knit or crochet you are encouraged to participate.

Items needed:

- micro fleeces and flannels, anything soft
- woven cottons or cotton blends
- denims and cordoroy
- polyester batting
- old T shirts
- cylinder shaped pillows in foam or polyester
- small zippers
- large buttons, one inch or more
- velcro, all sizes and shapes
- thread (any color)

Donations can be left at the main office with Denise or Jennifer. Please donate only clean/laundered material.

Bring music to others

If you like to sing or play a musical instrument and are interested in sharing your talents with patients/families, contact Volunteer Services.

Currently, there is not a formal entertainment group, but several volunteers have offered to consider specific engagements i.e. for birthdays.

Continuing education for March ...

Please find enclosed the Continuing Education for March; review the information, complete the quiz, and return the quiz to Volunteer Services by March 30.

Share your story with volunteers

Beginning with the April newsletter, a new forum for volunteers to share their positive Hospice experiences will be introduced. STOREY BOARD will showcase short stories submitted by volunteers. If you have a heartwarming, uplifting story you would like to share, please call Volunteer Services for instructions on how to submit written material. All articles will be published with no names used.

Care Calls available

Last month training for a new direct patient service, Care Calls, was provided. This service provides a scheduled call to patients to check on them, give reminders, have a friendly chat, etc. If you can spare just 15 minutes a day and enjoy a phone conversation, contact Volunteer Services.

New volunteers

Bob Fone is a returning volunteer and new volunteer Peggy Clark is not pictured.



Sandra Cadman



Barbara Haessly

Volunteer updates

Thanks to all our hard-working volunteers at the busy Resale Store!



Volunteers Needed!! Volunteers are needed for all meal shifts, to answer phones at front desk, and laundry. All volunteers must have a current TB test and to

help with meals, you must have a Food Handlers card. If you can help or need more information, please call Jennifer or Denise in Volunteer Services And as always, a big thank-you to the Polodori House volunteers.

REMINDER: ALL CLIENT CONTACT REPORTS ARE DUE TO VOLUNTEER SERVICES WEEKLY.

Gift of Presence team on duty

Congratulations to the Gift of Presence team! This group of volunteers received training to sit with actively dying patients and their families.

The team completed their first assignment at the Polidori House and the staff and family were impressed.

This service is a true Gift!

Thank-you G.O.P. volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of this unique team, please contact Volunteer Services.

Valentine thank-you

For those of you unable to attend the Valentine Sweet Potluck...we had a love-ly time complete with chocolate heart shaped ice-cream cakes from our volunteer Derek Schober, owner of Coldstone.

A big thank-you to Derek!

And thanks to those volunteers who shared

their homemade treats; the word of the day was "Yummy".

March Birthdays

Sue McCabe - 03/08
Dwight Belknap - 03/09
Janice Fortney - 03/12
Sharon Fisher - 03/16
Pamela Meyers - 03/18
Barbara Foley - 03/20
Heidi Gray - 03/21
Joyce Lundstrom - 03/30

Organizational change listed

The Volunteer Services department at Hospice of Havasu is now part of the Human Resources organization. This change has been made to take advantage of the common efforts and goals of all staff at Hospice of Havasu, ultimately providing exceptional care for our patients.

Mike Lerch is the Human Resources Director who looks forward to meeting all of the wonderful volunteers making a difference in the lives of our patients and families.

Luncheon set

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week and to honor Hospice of Havasu volunteers the Annual Recognition Celebration will be a luncheon Saturday, April 24th from 11am to 1pm at the London Bridge Convention Center. Invitations will be mailed.

RIO needs help

This year's Hospice of Havasu Happening event theme is "Rio" and involves a mask decorating contest open to the community. The decorated masks will be submitted at a special table set up at the Resale store March 2-18. If you can spare a couple of hours to help at the table, please contact Volunteer Services ASAP. The table will be set up during regular store hours.