Volunteer SCENE

OCTOBER 2010

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR HOSPICE OF HAVASU VOLUNTEERS

Safe forecast: No rain

Come one, come all!!! Hospice of Havasu is hosting a Fall Picnic with Employees and Volunteers invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for staff to thank the dedicated volunteers and interact with each other in a social setting. The event will be on Friday, October 22nd from 5-10pm at Rotary Park Ramada A. This promises to be a fun evening beginning with a potluck dinner followed by beach activities, volleyball, bocce ball, and a nearby playground for youngsters.

So bring a dish to share, your family, and any beach games you may have. Please RSVP to Volunteer Services ASAP. Volunteer Services will provide a Halloween treat. You are welcome and encouraged to attend; we look forward to seeing all volunteers!!

Remember: Return the satisfaction survey

As a reminder, a Volunteer Satisfaction survey was mailed to all volunteers in mid-September. Many have been completed and returned which is much appreciated. If you have not completed and returned yours, please do by the end of October.

We all scream for ice cream

Sweeeeet!! On September 23, the first day of Autumn, Volunteer Services hosted an Ice Cream social to bid summer farewell.

Again this year, all who attended enjoyed Cold Stone brownies and ice cream treats supplied by volunteer Derek Schober. The party was in rare form as 3 four-legged volunteers made an appearance. Furry volunteers Benson, Lili, and Sienna escorted their owners/handlers volunteers Ivan and Sandy Carver to the event which created a wave of smiles and giggles!! It was very "cool" in many ways.

And another thing.....many of you have been asking questions about Derek and the "missing" Cold Stone store. Although the store closed, Derek remains an active volunteer and reports no plans on moving out of the area. Derek is strong in his association with Hospice of Havasu/Volunteer Services and will continue to generously provide treats until his supply is depleted.....we all secretly hope he has an endless supply! So if you would like to enjoy some Cold Stone goodies, do plan to attend the Fall Picnic as Derek, once again, will be hauling his freezer around and making this event even better.

Businesses, others offer big support ...

Together we succeed....through the support of many community businesses, Volunteer Services is able to provide extraordinary care for patients/families plus staff and volunteers. Recently, though a conversation with one of our volunteers, the President of London Bridge Linens Gary Hettick, became aware of the craft/sewing group and of the specialty items this group makes for patients. Gary generously donated unused remnants of fabric for these projects and has offered to continue to do so!!!

Likewise, the enclosed coupon for the Bagel Bin came from volunteers Ivan and Sandy Carver, owners. They were gracious enough to extend this offer to staff as well.

One more time....take a look at the enclosed coupon from Chili's. If you are looking for a real good reason to have a meal out, check out this offer from Chili's and help them help Hospice of Havasu.

If the opportunity arises, please support and acknowledge these business/owners.

Need a massage? Here's how

BIG NEWS!!! Volunteer Services is pleased to announce a special offer to ALL volunteers.

Hospice of Havasu offers chair neck/back massages to employees/volunteers at a very reasonable price of $2.00 - with Volunteer Services paying the remainder of the fee for volunteers.

The massages are provided by Janet from Advanced Therapeutic Solutions, are given at the main office on Lake Havasu Ave., and are approximately 15 minutes in length.

Each month, dates/times are provided to Hospice of Havasu with several times reserved for volunteers. The November dates have not been determined, but if you would like be on the waiting list, call Denise or Jennifer; when the dates are available, you will be called and offered a time.

It is first come, first served, so call today!!!!!

I enjoy volunteering for Hospice of Havasu because ...

..of the caring that was given to my husband and me from all the wonderful nurses, aids, minister, and everyone else at Hospice during his illness.

I can never give back all that comfort but I will do what I can.

I'm so thankful that Hospice was available at that time of our lives.

..I enjoy serving my community and because the staff is wonderful.

...Very rewarding. I work/ volunteer at the Resale Store and it is interesting and we make sure we have fun and laugh a lot.

....I can "see" and "hear" the difference I am making. Whenever I get to a point that I think I stop because I've been here so long, then one of the group participants say "I don't know how I would have made it with the grief group and "thank-you for being here for us".

Then I stay a little longer and I feel blessed.

S.T.A.R.

(Special Thanks And Recognition)

S.T.A.R. goes to Teen volunteers. We recognize the dedication it takes to balance a hectic school schedule, family life, and extracurricular activities and still find time to volunteer every week!!

We appreciate all you do!!

Friends of Hospice plan craft sale Nov. 6

The Friends of Hospice will host its annual craft fair at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church on Nov. 6. All funds are donated to Hospice of Havasu to support programs for our patients and families. If you have any handmade items that you would like to donate to be sold, or if you want to prepare wrapped baked goods for sale, please contact Mary Lomberto at the main office, 453-2111. ALSO, if you can help at the fair on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or need further information, again call Mary. Let's help make the event a huge success!!

Parker golf tournament tees off on November 13

5 years running....Hospice of Havasu is once again hosting its annual fundraiser Golf Tournament at Havasu Springs Golf Course in Parker.

The date is Saturday, November 13 with a start time of 8 a.m.

If you are a golfer and interested in participating, please contact Mary Lomberto, 453-2111 for more information.

ALSO, 3-4 volunteers are needed to help with event by selling tickets, directing golfers on the course, etc.

Again, if you can help, please contact Mary.

TAKE NOTE: CONTINUING EDUCATION.

Now that the weather is cooler and our Winter Residents are returning, we will once again provide monthly Continuing Education Sessions instead of information sent with the newsletter. Please look for the times/dates and plan to attend. Also, in the future when possible, these monthly training sessions will include both staff and volunteers. This is a way to better utilize time and resources for everyone. And it would be greatly appreciated if you would RSVP for these meetings as a refreshment is provided.

OCTOBER: These sessions are in conjunction with September's topic "Violence in the Workplace". A local law enforcement officer will provide additional information and offer tips on how to remain safe. Location is London Bridge Meeting Room (next to Resale Store) and dates/times are: Wednesday, October 20, 4-5pm OR Friday, October 29, 8-9am.

NOVEMBER: Volunteer Services is pleased to announce that our volunteer Dr. Pam Meyers will be presenting 2 sessions on "Energy Work and How it Benefits Hospice Patients". The location is London Bridge Meeting Room; dates/times are: Thursday, November 4, 2-3pm OR Friday, November 5, 10-11am. Dr. Pam uses her skills/talents in this area to benefit Hospice of Havasu patients and her offer to share this knowledge is greatly appreciated.

If there is a particular topic you would like to have presented or if YOU have a skill/talent that relates to Hospice patients or staff and are willing to present, please contact Denise or Jennifer in Volunteer Services.

October Anniversaries

Connie Newton 2 years
Sharon Fisher 2 years
Gloria Langus 2 years
June Shaner 2 years

Welcome New Teen Volunteer Rylee McGuire

October Birthdays

Jack Pettit.....10/03
Ray Piles.....10/04
Barbara Paauwe.....10/07
Jean Higgins.....10/08
Nelda Van Engen.....10/09
Norma Jozsa.....10/10
James Meyer.....10/10
Peg Hulsey.....10/11
Gloria Langus.....10/13
Jo Stephens.....10/17
Sandra Shultz.....10/21
Penny Clark.....10/22
Sandy Johnson.....10/23
Jenny Wern.....10/23
Lynn Tanner.....10/24
Ginger Wright.....10/28