

volunteer Connections



**Volunteer
Voices** by Ann Lavezzo
Volunteer Coordinator

Winter 2010

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe 2010 is here -- we received our first patient at the Burnett-Calvert Hospice House. 2009 marked many changes including the completion of the house, opening of the new *Shoppe for Hospice* and the welcoming of new employees, volunteers, and board members. But by far, the biggest adjustment came in 2009 when Lynn Bonde announced her March 5th departure from CH after 12 years of service as our Executive Director.

When I came to work at CH in 2002, I was the 17th employee and the dream of creating a hospice house was just a dream. Over the years I have watched CH morph and transform into an organization of 52 employees, with a beautiful hospice house and the support of around 300 volunteers. Lynn has been instrumental in the growth of this organization. She has also supported the volunteer program 100%, allowing it to grow with the organization and never stifling my ideas -- we recently launched Legacy and Vigil Volunteer programs. Thank you Lynn, for your support and for the many contributions you have made to the organization. While Lynn will move on from CH, the organization will continue to thrive and we'll keep the "Lynn Bonde" enthusiasm alive.

I hope all who attended the Holiday Party had as much fun as I did. Special thanks to the staff for helping me pull it all together. We enjoyed festive music, gifts, door prizes, and great food by Expressions Catering.

Mark your calendar now for April 10, which will be our Volunteer Appreciation

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Marilynn Rowland was presented with the Hospice and Palliative Care Network of Maryland's "You Make a Difference Award" at the Volunteer Holiday Party at Calvert Pines in December. "She has been a fantastic family service volunteer, visiting patients in their homes and at nursing facilities," said Ann Lavezzo, Calvert Hospice Volunteer Coordinator. In 1995 Marilynn was new to Calvert County.

"Hospice had such a good reputation, I decided to get involved," said Marilynn.



Marilynn is playing Scrabble with a patient and posing for one of our publicity photos taken a few years back.

*Volunteers make the
difference at Calvert Hospice*



Help Wanted

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities please email Ann Lavezzo at alavezzo@calverthospice.org with the appropriate **"REFERENCE"** in the subject line or call 410-535-0892 or 301-855-1226.

Hospice House Volunteers

Need individuals who have completed their 33-hour volunteer training to help at the Hospice House. Email subject: **"HOUSE"**

Hospice Office Front Desk

Seeking friendly, detail-oriented volunteer receptionist with good phone skills and strong people skills. One day a week on a permanent schedule, you choose day of week and time slot. Answering the phone is a must. Call or email Ann with **"FRONT DESK"** as subject for available days.

Special Event Coordinator

Seeking dedicated and fun person to coordinate outreach and development events on an as needed, per event basis. This includes attending planning meetings, necessary coordination and attending the event. Email subject: **"SPECIAL EVENTS"**

Shoppe Coordinator

Coordinate and maintain volunteer shoppe schedule and make calls when needed. Email subject: **"SHOPPE COORDINATOR"**

Shoppe for Hospice

Seeking persons with retail experience of any kind or just a desire to work in an upscale boutique-type store. Email subject: **"STORE"**

Legacy Program

Volunteers needed to meet with families to plan projects and collect memorabilia. People also needed to help design, assemble and oversee projects. Email subject: **"LEGACY"**

Mardi Gras

Saturday, February 13
9am at Asbury-Solomons Island
Help decorate for the annual Mardi Gras event. Email subject: **"MARDI GRAS"**

Bridges

Thursdays, March 18 - May 6
Trinity UMC, Prince Frederick
Help support grieving children and their families. Email subject: **"BRIDGES"**

Scrapbook Crop

Saturday, April 17
Emmanuel UMC, Huntingtown
Assist with event needs. Email subject: **"CROP"**

Robbie Miles Run/Walk

This Spring
Need event organization assistance and volunteers at the event. Email subject: **"ROBBIE MILES"**

Camp Phoenix

July 7-9 and August 5-6
Be a Buddy at camp and support grieving children. Email subject: **"CAMP PHOENIX"**

Special Mention

Debbie Arthur and Brenda Attick

Brenda and Debbie made preparations in the Hospice House kitchen, putting a meal plan together and getting needed items.

Professor Debbie Wyvill

Debbie teaches "Living with Death & Dying" at the College of Southern Maryland and has connected with Hospice, recruiting students to volunteer.

Sarah Callahan, Marilyn Fawley, Michael Horstkamp and Carrie Raphael

The above helped make the Hospice House a home away from home, lending a hand with decor.



Happy Birthday

JANUARY

Esther Anthony
Susan Anthony
Maureen Aubrey
Diane Couchman
Peter Gips
Barbara Hunt
Sandy LoJacono
Rebecca Moore
Marilynn Rowland
Sheri Tardio

FEBRUARY

Lisa Arsenault-Nepa
Vickie Bliss
Sherry Britton
CeCe Buck
Shirley Elliot

Bridget Kelly
Doug Lauver
Mary Ann McLoone
Jeanine Paxton
Jo Ruggieri
Janie Stutzman
Evelyn Turner

MARCH

Sarah Blair
Greg Ciesielski
Cathy Collins
Sue DaCamara
Andrea Daniels
Betty Gowland
Mark Guiffrida
Diane Harahush



Kathy Hutchins
Debbie Jones
Lori Keese
Joan Kocen
Michael Parrish
Jeanie Rupard
Karla Sisson
Meghan Toffey
Tracy Walker
Jay Webster
Leanora Winters
Debra Wyvill



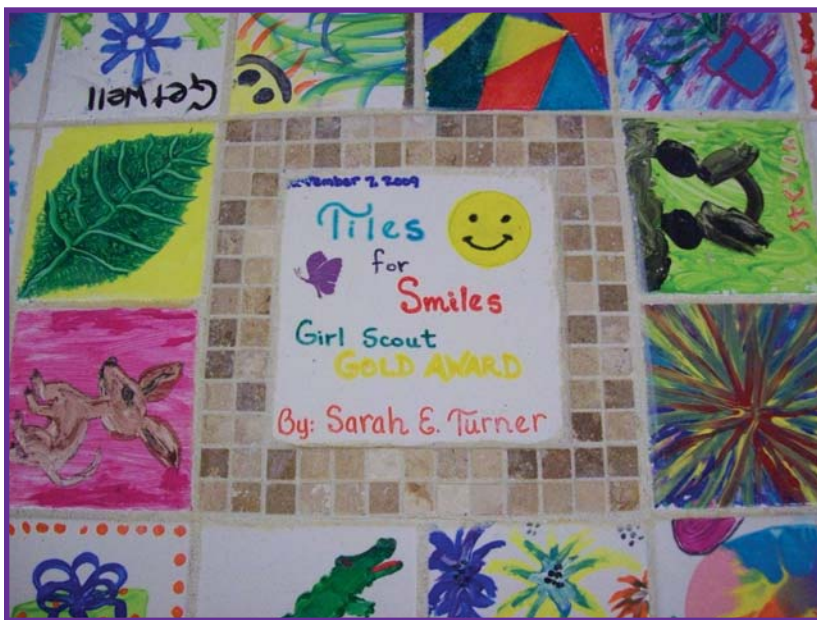
Thank You

Special "thanks" to Huntingtown High School's AP Art Class, who decorated the boxes above for our infant bereavement program. The boxes are given to those who lose an infant in the Birthing Center at Calvert Memorial Hospital.



Tiles for Smiles

Sarah Turner, pictured left, held an event to decorate tiles for two tables to be placed in Ryan's Playroom at the Hospice House. The event was held as a part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. A completed table is pictured below. The tables are sure to bring smiles to children who will use them when they are visiting a family member in the Hospice House.



Bears to Bring Comfort to Hospice Patients & Those Grieving a Loss

Bears were decorated at the Second Annual North Beach Community Center Share-A-Bear Event and then donated to Calvert Hospice. Pictured are Kathy Shannon, Program Assistant; Sarah Kidwell; Becky Samler; Janet Bewley; Ann Russ; Sheila Poole; Sally Donaldson; Grace palmer; Edith Seipp; Hannah Doyle; Marika Starka and Treva Etchinson. Calvert Hospice gives bears to patients and grieving adults and children.

Thanks to all who contributed to the 21st Annual Festival of Trees in November. The event is made possible by volunteers like you!

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Return Service Requested

Luncheon, at Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick at 11:30am.

Thanks to all the volunteers for a successful Festival of Trees event! I am always amazed when I watch how volunteers work so long and hard out of the goodness of their hearts. Everyone did a wonderful job, and as you know, without the volunteer's hard work it wouldn't be a success.

With a heavy heart we must sadly say goodbye to three of our valued volunteers; Ron Elwell, Dorothy Ordwein, and Ruth Showalter. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. They are irreplaceable and will be sorely missed.

I appreciate all of your hard work in 2009. Let's make 2010 a year to remember!

Ann

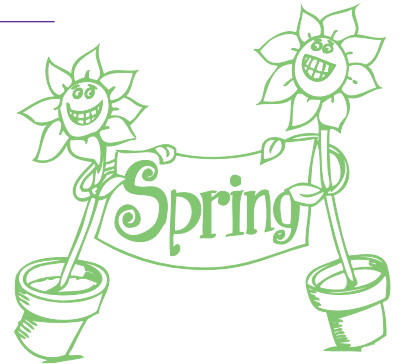
Save the date!

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, April 10

11:30am at Calvert Pines

Look for your invitation in the mail.



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