

volunteer Connections



Volunteer Voices

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I've been with Calvert Hospice for almost 8 years now. I've seen a lot of changes as the organization has grown and programs have expanded. I was recently given the opportunity to do some growing of my own - my new role at Hospice is Director of Volunteer & Community Services.

While I'm still very involved in the volunteer program, I'm now also overseeing the Hospice marketing team. Those of you who were at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon received Calvert Hospice business cards. We would like to provide them to all volunteers as a way for each of you to market Hospice when you're in the community. They're a great tool to use when you're approached by someone who could utilize one of our programs. Please email Janel Muir, our Media Manager, at jmuir@calverthospice.org if you did not make it to the Luncheon and would like some cards or if you have run out of cards. Remember to also contact Janel if you would like a volunteer badge.

Many of you have now spoken with or met Karen Flatley, the new Assistant Volunteer Coordinator. She will be helping with volunteer related tasks, enabling me to branch out into other areas. I'm so happy to have her on board and I'm sure you all will find her to be very helpful.

Some of you have also met our new Event Coordinator, Jill Morris, who just coordinated her first event - the Robbie Miles 5K. Thanks to those who helped make it a success and keep our mission going strong.

Ann

Fulfilling an Inkling

Karen Flatley, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator



My first introduction to Calvert Hospice was through the Festival of Trees. My family and I had just moved to the area in early November and had heard about the event through new friends. Having young children and always looking for an inexpensive outing, we thought we would try it. We managed to find our way "down south" to Patuxent High School and were absolutely stunned by the beautiful display of trees. It was then that I found out more about hospice and its' contributions to the community. From that point

on, the Festival of Trees became a yearly event for our family.

Over the years I learned more about the programs that hospice offers and contributed in my small way by making crocheted angels for the hospice table at the festival, participating as a vendor and donating bears to the Share-A-Bear program through the preschool I co-directed. I always had an inkling to do more though. Many times, I looked into the training but could not commit for one reason or another until finally, in January of 2009, I signed on. The training only confirmed that I was in the right place at the right time. I then went on to do Camp Phoenix, Bridges, Family Services and special project activities.

A year later and I am now fortunate enough to be able to work with the people who have made Calvert Hospice what it is today. I look forward to contributing to the organization as a staff member and working with each and every volunteer as this organization continues to touch lives in the community.

*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.

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 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. Email subject: "FRONT DESK"

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"

Camp Phoenix

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



Introducing Jill Morris



Jill Morris, pictured left prepping for Robbie Miles, is the newly hired Event Coordinator. Some of you met Jill at the 5K, and others will meet her at future events and special projects. Jill looks forward to meeting everyone and is so appreciative of our volunteers' enthusiasm for Hospice events.

Happy Birthday



APRIL

Nancy Caton
Jeanne Coonan
Vince Goeller
Dorothy Locy
Dolores Morgan
Jackie Rainwater
Alice Rohrer
Laura Shoener
Vivian Wright

MAY

Cindy Bossert
Katzi Carver
Dorothy Clarke
Betty Cornwell
Rachel Davidson
Kelly Fischer
Donna Gates
Jeanne Geissdorfer
Betty Reynolds
Mary Thulin
Ann Wolfgang

JUNE

Keah Adair
Janet Allyn
Terry Andrews
Jillian Aranda
Barbara Burnett
Kimberly de Gren
Ellen Fisk
Florence Ford
Jan Heaton
Judy Konicki
Marcie Kremer
Patty Mehosky
Diane Perez
Roy Preston
Mary Robinson
Kay Sefton
Kaitlin Sewell
Emily Woo
June Wurtz

Volunteer Luncheon Full of Magical Moments



The Volunteer Luncheon, held in April, was a celebration of all Hospice volunteers and their dedication to the organization. Congratulations to Nancy El Dieahy and Terry Andrews, pictured left, who received their 20 year pins - *thanks for your 20 years of service and more to come!*

Congratulations also to Cindy Bossert, Shirley Elliott, and Mary Ourlser who received their 15 year pins; Brenda Attick, Marilyn Fawley, Vivian Wright, and June Wurtz who received their 10 year pins; and Julie Brinley, Valerie DeToto, Jessica Turner and Sarah Turner who received their 5 year pins.

The magical moments continued after the recognition of volunteers with a show performed by Anthony Ware. Special thanks to him for his mystifying and humorous performance. Also, thanks to Dave Walton for providing the balloon animal decorations. Thanks again to all of our volunteers - you truly make the difference at Calvert Hospice.

Special Thanks to the Artists at Huntingtown High

Students from Huntingtown High School's AP Art Class have been great supporters of Calvert Hospice throughout the school year. We've relied on them for special art projects, such as boxes for our infant bereavement program and signs for special events.

"It's really an honor to know youth in the community have an understanding of Hospice," said Ann Lavezzo, Director of Volunteer & Community Services.

Thanks to Joe Gridley, Shaina Hensen, Christa Allen, Tara San Tarmes, Liz Swigert, Christine Zernikow, Patricia Brooks, Michelle Fuller, Katrina Kissell, Billy Hayden, Gavin Ellenwood, Maddie Gray, Shelbie Stahr, Kelsea Harris, Amine Ciuba, and Katie Jennings, who are pictured above and to the other members the AP Art Class not pictured.



Paperwork Reminder

All time/mileage sheets, progress notes, and sign-in sheets for special projects should be turned in within one week of completion.

Forms are available at www.calverthospice.org.

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Betty Gowland, pictured left, is a true multi-tasker. She volunteers at the Hospice office on Thursday mornings, answering phones, folding brochures and helping with any other needed tasks. Betty brings her knitting needles along to the office, utilizing free moments to make blankets, which, upon completion, she donates to the Hospice House. What a giving heart and inspiration to us all!

Office
Volunteers
Needed

If you have a few spare hours on a weekly basis, give us a call!



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