

Volunteer Matters

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Spring 2006



Spring brought in with a new group of volunteers

March not only welcomed Spring, but introduced a new group of volunteers to Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland.

The group was entertained by Brother Richard Brogan's talk on Spirituality and The Five Wishes Program. Full of laughter and wisdom, Richard shared how he started as a volunteer with Hospice years ago and how it has enriched his life.



Left, Brother Brogan discusses the Five Wishes Program with the training group.



A favorite part of the training is the volunteer panel, where active volunteers come and describe some of their visits with patients, or their duties as volunteers.

Panel members above are (L to R): Don Guillory, Jim Chastain, Billie Jinx Carroll, Michael Booth, and Jan Davis.

Each panel member recounted at least one story about an experience they have had while volunteering for Hospice Ministries. Whether their job was working directly with patients or administratively, it was always interesting and exciting.



Nurse Gerry Gray-Lewis talks with the volunteers on the importance of their role on the Hospice Team, and of how much the patients and their families depend on the volunteers for support.

Training:

The next training class scheduled for Ridgeland will be **Saturday, June 10th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** and **Sunday June 11th, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** here at the Ridgeland Center. The class has been expanded and divided into two days to cover all the material. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending, please give Jeri a call at 898-1053, ext. 258

A new Tree for Hospice Ministries, Ridgeland office.



Bill Moak of the Better Business Bureau is seen here planting a Japanese Magnolia Tree with Dick Brodbeck. The tree was donated by the Better Business Bureau to Hospice Ministries. Thank you for helping us beautify our grounds.



Tara's gift

Tara Craft, a Forest Hill High School senior, wanted to involve or benefit Hospice Ministries in her Advance Seminar Course at school. She had talked with a nurse who had worked with Hospice and was impressed with our mission and level of care. Tara decided she would create a project soliciting donations from Central Mississippi Medical Center for Hospice Ministries. "It was just a small way I knew I could help," she explained. She received donations and brought the money to Hospice Ministries one Saturday afternoon unannounced. We were surprised and very grateful for her thoughtfulness and creative spirit. Seen above is Tara, (left), giving her donations to Fredricka Baker, Inpatient unit clerk at Hospice Ministries.

To the right are the Bureau's staff responsible for the donation, (left to right): Jackie Warren, VP Operations; Bill Moak, President/ CEO; Mike Clay, Business Relations; Jean Beasley, Director of Membership; Lynn Adams, Business Relations



Team Leader; Lori Fortenberry, Director of Trade Practices; Dick Brodbeck, Membership Assistant; Angie Yates, Trade Practices Asst.; Agnes Madlock, Business Relations; Nellie Lewis, Business Relations; Mark Kemmer, Business Relations; and Isabel Cordua, Director of Support Services, Hospice Ministries.



Ridgeland's Volunteer Angel Awards for 2005

A group of 26 volunteers gathered to receive their awards for the year 2005. Volunteers represented different areas, including administration, patient care and gardening. With so many talented and truly wonderful volunteers, it was difficult to choose the best in each category.



Volunteers listening about new awards

Everyone sat patiently anticipating the big award of **"Volunteer of the Year."** This year's list of candidates was indeed long, and it was very difficult to choose a winner. Because of the extra obstacle of gas mileage for our volunteers, the category of *home patient care* was the area selected from which to judge. After working with the committee, a winner was chosen based on commitment, willingness, overcoming obstacles and number of hours volunteered.

Karen Spiers from Crystal Springs won this year's award. Karen has volunteered with Hospice in Ridgeland for several years and even though she had moved to Crystal Springs she never dropped her patients here. In fact she continued to see them, along with others from the Brookhaven office. Even though the cost of gas has risen dramatically over the year, Karen steadfastly continues to visit her patients with true commitment.



Karen Spiers, winner of the Volunteer of the Year award



Don Guillory (left) & John MacGregor (right), seen here with Jeri, won special "Star" awards for gathering over 1000 hours of volunteer work at the Ridgeland Center during the year.

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2005 Angel winners included

Best Angel in a Juice Cart Role:
Ella Weston
Best Angel in a Special Event Role:
Linda Chase & Colleen Holloway
Best Angel for Home Patient in a Male Role:
Bill Kopp
Best Angel for Inpatient Support in a Male Role:
Don Guillory

Best Angel for Home Patient in a Female Role:

Jinx Carroll

Best Angel for a Versatile Volunteer in a Male Role:

Hobson McGehee

Best Angel for Inpatient Support in a Female Role:

Helen Anthony

Best Angel for a Versatile Volunteer in a Female Role: **Patty Watson**

Best Angel in a Lead Gardener Role:

June Stevens

Best Angel in a Supporting Gardener Role:

Bob & Jo Jones, and Rebecca Allen

Best Angel in an Administration Role:

Bob & Jeannette Prescott

Best Angel in an Entertainment Role:

Blair Bingham

Best over All Angel:

John MacGregor

And Special Best Mentor Award:

Colleen Freeman



Jeri & June Stevens



Jeri with Jeannette & Bob



Sue Fields receiving her first Hospice pin.



Colleen Freeman receiving Angel Mentor Award from Jeri

Rose Donations & Garden Review

Beautiful antique roses have been donated to the Hospice Ministries Ridgeland campus and help is needed to care for them. If you are interested in working on this project please give me a call.

Our blooming season is in full swing. June Stevens has informed me that gardeners are needed to help in the maintenance of our gardens. If you would like to work with the garden crew, please contact me. The Gardens are a very important part of Hospice Ministries and help will be needed throughout the spring and summer. We furnish the water and lunch, so call if you are interested!





Easter Egg Exchange



Easter Egg Exchange Volunteers, Cookie Sampson and Patty Watson hold up the bright Easter baskets that were created for the patients

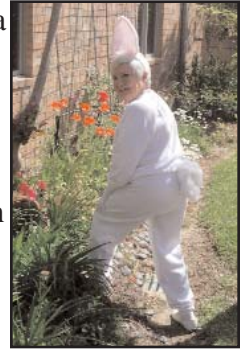
and their families at Hospice Ministries of Ridgeland for Easter. Items were donated by volunteers and **St. Matthews United Methodist Church** and **First Baptist Church of Madison**. Thank you so much for your support. We could not have made the baskets without you!

Our Easter angels included (L to R) Patty Watson, Elaine Coldfelter, Dixie Myrick, Cookie Sampson, Brenda Fuller, and Kathy Hilton. Thank you ladies for your time, cookies and creativity.



Easter Bunny Returns

Our Easter Bunny, (rumored to be Ella Weston) delivered the baskets on *Good Friday*. Our cameraman was lucky that afternoon and captured Ms. Cottontail escaping back into the court yard gardens . Thank You Ms. Cottontail!



A Special Thank You!



We would like to send a *Special Thank You* to **Jill Caldwell, Jill Smith & St. Matthew's United Methodist Church** along with **Carol Durey, Linda Edwards** and the ladies from **First Baptist Church of Madison** for their generous hearts and tremendous help in supplying the items for our Easter Baskets for our patients and their families. We could not have had such wonderful baskets without their help. Our patients were *thrilled* to be remembered.

Upcoming Events



Ridgeland Inservice:

May 27th: Flower Arranging with *Francis Morse*, Master Gardener, Flower show judge and Landscape Consultant

Ms. Morse will give an inservice on flower arranging on May 27th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room of the Ridgeland Campus. If you are interested in attending please give Jeri a call at 898-1053, ext 258. Space is limited. You will need to bring two containers, clippers & gloves.

Grooming the Bedridden Patient

Inservice for caregivers

Volunteer Patty Watson, using her professional barber skills, conducted an Inservice for caregivers on *Grooming the bedridden patient*. "Imagine, lying in bed for weeks , not being able to take care of you most personal needs," Patty starts off, reminding us of what is it like to be at mercy of someone else. "Remember how wonderful it feels to lie in the bath tub, to feel clean again?" she asked. "We can make our loved ones feel better with just a little kindness and gentleness."



Patty shows the class the proper way to wash hair with a bed tub.

Later with our Facility Manager Bob Schroeder, she showed us the proper way to shave a patient. Other ways to help are: bathe, manicure, gentle body rub, brush hair, and gentle foot massage. She reminded us to always ask the patient's health professional about any procedure you would like to do and get advice .



Fearless Bob Schroeder volunteered to be the patient for the class demonstration.



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The Heartstrings Gala 2006

The McClean Center held its fifth annual fundraiser on Feb. 16th at the home of Holley and Don Noblitt. Under the direction of co-chairpersons Vickie Lynn Adams and Tina Holliday and COUNTLESS volunteers, the McClean Center was able to raise over \$83,000.



Susan Pratt & Sally Fletcher

The event included a silent auction headed up by Becky Adams, an art auction coordinated by Kandy Sims and a raffle for jewelry items donated by Abdo's, Stein Jewelers and Nils & Angela's Gallery Jewelry. Robbie Carmichael, Rosemary Clark and Kathleen Terry organized the menu, which included many delicious foods prepared by The Friends of the McClean Center, and food items that were donated by local restaurants.

We offer a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers for helping us raise this money that will help us continue our programs, which are making a difference in the lives of children dealing with the death of someone they loved.



Volunteer &
Chair Silent Auction
Becky Adams



Volunteer Yolanda
Catchings & Brandon
Kennedy



Volunteer Jenny
Russell speaks with
Larry Sanders and
volunteer Kathy
Woodliff, far right.



Jean Nesbit with Volunteers
Rhonda Maloney, Scottie Russ
& Ashley Shelton



McCleean Center Staff Mary
Tarquinio & Jennifer Drews

“Life Changes: A Literary Competition”

Every spring The McClean Center hosts an art competition and a literary competition in alternating years. This year it was time for the literary competition, featuring the work of local high school students. Students submitted literary works in the form of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Chairperson Martha Summerford coordinated the event.



Winners of the 2006
Literary Competition

The volunteers who helped in the judging were: Dot Kitchings, Bee Donley, Lillian Cooley, LaFon Burrow, Mary Ann Bowen, Amy Granberry, and Josephine Haxton. The contest winners were announced at a reception at Hospice Ministries on April 23rd where John Maxwell read the winning entries. Winners were: Ashley Breeland, Allie Gaggini, Roxann Jackson, Allison Lozes, , Kaitlin Nelson, Hollie Rials, Kathryn Royals, Caroline Stroud, August Slater, and Kellis McSparrin.

McCleean Center & Hospice Ministries attend Jackson Prep's Volunteer Fair



Lyndsay
Simpson,
Alexandra
Franklin and
Catie Carrigan
pose with
Jeri from
Hospice
Ministries



Eight grader, Lyndsay
Simpson talks with
Mary & Jennifer from
McCleean Fletcher



Eight grader Lee Morgan looks over our
material on the Hospice table.

Beanie Baby Donations

Donations of new Beanie Babies are always welcome at the Center. They are used for a Christmas exchange for the children attending groups and since we have over 50 children attending, your donation is greatly appreciated. If you or your church group would like to collect these little stuffed animals and donate them to the Center, please give us a call 982-4405. We would be more than happy to give your church group a tour of our facilities and provide information about what we do to help children deal with the loss from a death of a loved one.





“Couture At The Inn”

The fashion show luncheon held at the Old Capitol Inn on April 6th.



Dot Ward with Pat Fordice

Dot Ward, left, Chairman, and **Mrs. Pat Fordice**, Honorary Chairman, pause for a moment during the “Couture At The Inn,” a fashion show and luncheon benefiting Hospice Ministries. High fashion from local boutiques, beautiful spring tablescapes from **The Pine Cone**, jewelry designs by **Cely Machado**, delicious food from **The Old Capitol Inn**, artwork by **Ann Barron**, and fantastic raffle baskets made for a fun-filled event.



Amy Head, emcee

Amy Head, left, owner of **Amy Head Studio**, and **Donna Russell**, former **Mrs. America** and currently a pharmaceutical representative for **Schering Plough**, served as emcees for the event.



Donna Russell, emcee



Barbara's Boutique model

Fashions were provided by **Barbara's Boutique**, **Fashion Post**, **High Cotton**, **Mon Amici**, and **Pret a Porter**.

An original watercolor donated by Ann Barron for a sealed bid auction is admired by **Barbara Harkins Dickard** of **Barbara's Boutique**.



Barbara Harkins Dickard of Barbara's Boutique



Cely Machado-Dufau, of Miami, FL, shows some of her exquisite one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry that were available for purchase. A designer for Saks, Machado-Dufau also sells her pieces at www.celydufau.com



Ladies enjoyed a garden party in the courtyard of the Old Capitol Inn prior to the luncheon and fashion show. Chances for raffle baskets were purchased and bids were taken on an original watercolor by Ann Barron.

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Enjoying lunch and anticipating the fashion show were (left to right): Belinda Patterson, Executive Director of Hospice Ministries, Sandy Norton, Ginny Williams, Sally Fletcher,



Mary Anne Lefoldt, and Lynn Hosemann.

Winner of the Decorator's Delight basket was **Peggy**



Macky. Included in her basket of goodies: coffee and advice from designer and “Trading Spaces” star **Laurie Smith**, a two hour consultation with designer **Gloria C. Jones**, accessories from, **Inside Story**,

Gloria C. Jones, **Annelle Primos & Associates**, **Persnickety's** and **Gail Pittman**, and decorating books from **Yellow Dog Books** and **Sonya Loper of Southern Living At Home**.



Modeling outfits for the Boutiques were members of the **Mississippi University for Women Modeling Squad** and local models **Bertha Gordon**, **Charlette Reeves**, **Brooke Engle**, **Jessica Perkins**, and **Mary Allen Olson**.





Flower Arranging for the Nursing Homes in Natchez

Volunteer Johanna Cochran has added coordinating flower arranging for our patients in the local Nursing Homes to her volunteer duties for the Natchez office of gown sewing, visiting patients and office assistant. Thank you Johanna for being able to wear so many different hats. If you are interested in helping, call her at 601-446-8000 and leave a message and Johanna will get back with you.



Volunteer Officer for Natchez

Volunteer Nancy Corley will be our new contact for volunteers in the Natchez office along with her duties of seeing patients and office administration. We are very grateful to have such dedicated volunteers helping in the Natchez office.

New Volunteer in Natchez

Sharon Smitherman has joined our ranks in Natchez as a volunteer. Friend of long time volunteer Dixie Lewis, Sharon felt she would enjoy working with Hospice. Dixie said she just knew Sharon would be a wonderful volunteer. Thank you Sharon for joining us!



Parkway Baptist Church WMU, Thank You.

Wendy McKenzie



This wonderful group of church ladies has taken on Southaven's office as their mission project for the last two years. The ladies pictured to the left have sewn bibs and hospital gowns for our patients among other kind acts for our Hospice patients and families. They also donated canned food and toiletry items for our needy families. I have been fortunate enough to be able to attend their monthly senior luncheons. I can only say how deeply we appreciate their kindness, and how generous this group has been to our patients and families. **Thank You!**



Michael
Phillips

Michael Phillips has been completing his Social Work Internship from the University of Mississippi with our Southaven office this semester. He has been a very caring and helpful student. We want to thank him for volunteering to do his Internship with us.



Virginia Billings

Virginia Billings has been a blessing to our office. She truly understands the meaning of the term earthbound angel. She sits with patients and families, and has been such a dedicated volunteer that we want to recognize her for all she does for us.

Welcome new Southaven Volunteers

We would like to welcome our new volunteers: *Veronica Terry & Alice Mizell.*

Thank you for joining our team in Southaven.



Kay Dirskill,
New Volunteer
for Morton &
Forest

Hospice Ministries in Forest welcomes new volunteer Kay Dirskill for the Morton, Forest areas. Kay has been volunteering with nursing homes in the area for a while, felt drawn to Hospice Ministries, after she witnessed the compassion and caring the Forest nurses. Welcome Kay!

Brother Pete Pearson gave a very special speech to the **Simpson County Baptist Ministry Association** in Mendenhall earlier this month. Brother Pete was the guest speaker at their Executive meeting, where he had the opportunity to thank the different congregations who have helped Hospice Ministries over the past year. "These churches have been so wonderful to us, I just wanted to thank them in person. They have given items to help families out when we could not furnish all the physical needs, by sewing gowns, supplying appliances to families, baking cookies etc. We could not have met the families' needs without them."



Brother Pete

Brookhaven Hospice News



Iris Waldrop

Brookhaven has had a lot going on the past few months. We would like to thank everyone who brought items for the garage sale. We had a lot of good "stuff" and had a great time on Friday & Saturday. On top of all that, we made some money! Thanks to all of you who brought and those of you who helped "run the show."

February:

February is our annual soup month, and soup was plentiful around our office. Thanks so much to all of you who brought and helped deliver the wonderful soup to all our patients and their families. They were very grateful of your efforts and enjoyed it very much.

On the 14th, we honored many of our referral sources with "home-baked" goodies; home-made chocolate in our own special red and white boxes. Thanks to each of you who spent hours making the delicious candy for us.

March:

We honored our Social workers the month of March. We had a great celebration and of course, a lot of good food.

April :

On April 5th, we met for annual physical and TB skin test. Thanks so much, volunteers, for making my life easier and coming together at one time to have this done! I know sometimes it is not convenient for you to come when I have things planned, but you do it anyway. It is this kind of sacrifice that makes you so special.

Thank you volunteers for baking for the **Bake Sale on Friday, April 28** to raise money for *Relay for Life*.

Very Special Thank You

Special thanks to **Mrs. Keith McDaniel** for being trained to be a presenter for the "Five Wishes" program. She has a program already on the calendar.

Thank you to **Mr. Billy Hughes** for taking an assignment that is not convenient and is also costly due to gas prices, however, our patient had a great need for socialization and Mr. Billy graciously agreed to visit him. The nurses, aide, and social worker report that it has made a great big "difference" in this patient's life. The extras we provide are exactly what sets our ministry apart from others. God Bless you Mr. Billy!

Thank you to **Mrs. Shirley Patton** for recently taking an assignment which she does on her way to work. There are many who would say "NO" when asked to do this, but Mrs. Shirley found a way to make it work so she could help this family. The nurse reported this week, "They absolutely love Mrs. Shirley."

You went the "extra mile" this year on **Easter basket items**. We had plenty and were able to deliver an Easter basket to every patient that was full of many useful items.

Sherry Cross recently helped out at the Co-Lin Career Day. She did a great job and we have decided that Health Fairs are a fit for her. She educated a lot of people about our ministry, and was a great asset to us that day.

As summer approaches, many care-givers have a desire to get out and enjoy the sunshine a little, so be prepared to help us fill in the gaps to allow them a break.

Sir James Barrie (1860 -1937)

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.



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given to share with others
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Through sharing this gift,
we learn about the process of dying.*

*We learn what is most important in life.
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Our body, mind and soul
bond in companionship.
And the process of living and dying
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