

Volunteers' "Let's Get-together" Party at the Ridgeland Center



Jeannette Prescott, (administration and home volunteer) talks with Rene Bodin, home volunteer) during the meet and greet part of the afternoon.

On Saturday afternoon, August 26th, volunteers from every area of Ridgeland's Hospice Ministries came to meet with old and new friends at a "get together" for volunteers. Hospice Ministries' dining staff provided their wonderful cookies and beverages while volunteers brought the delicious snack food. A hilarious "Get-to-know you" game centering on a few good natured volunteers was conducted by Volunteer Coordinator, Jeri Flinn as

laughter was heard throughout the hall. Thank you to those who donated "tid-bits" of personal information to make the game humorous.

During refreshments, volunteer Helen Anthony delighted everyone by reading some of her moving poetry.

Good natured Game stars included: **Ella Weston, John MacGregor, Isabel Cordua, Jim Chastain, Bill Kopp, Bill Horne, Alice Rice, Sue Toups, Bob & Jeannette Prescott** The game winners were: **Jim Chastain, Linda Chase, Bill Kopp and Bill Horne.**



Presenting the Volunteer Training class of September 2006



Please welcome to Volunteer Services the fall training class of 2006.

Left to right: **Yanita Rhodes, Jeanette Prescott** (volunteer assistant for the training), **Jolly Sahu, Mary Harrod, Sylvia Morgan, Bob Prescott, and Leo Heller.**



Sylvia Morgan (in the foreground) studies the **Five Wishes** program as Richard explains it.

Chaplain Richard Brogan is seen in the photo to the left, giving a talk on *Spirituality* and the *Five Wishes* program .



Everyone received instructions on the proper way to "Wash Hands" by Education Coordinator, **Colleen Freeman, RN**. In the photo to the right, Colleen is showing the class the proper way to wash your hands to keep infections at bay. Colleen also gave the talk on the importance of confidentiality.

Gerry Grey-Lewis, RN, once more graced us with a talk on the physical care of the patient and the nurses' role at Hospice. Her wonderful stories about her experiences with patients and their families during the final hours brought smiles and a few tears to several eyes. She also reminded us how very important the volunteer role is in working with patients.



Nurse Gerry reading a moving passage to the class.

Long time social worker for Hospice Ministries, **Donna Evans**, dropped by to tell us about the role of the social worker at Hospice. Her light hearted explanations of human behavior brought laughs from the class, but her points were well taken.



The Coordinator for Bereavement Services, **Jean Nesbit** gave the class a glimpse of what the Bereavement volunteer does for Hospice, and how they work with the families.

The two day course went fast with a few laughs and tears, but was very rewarding for all who attended.



A very special "thank you" to **Broadmoor Baptist Church** and **Volunteer, Paula Sheen** for helping fill our food pantry for our patients.

A very special "thank you", to **Anna Zimianski**, for volunteering to water our plants throughout the building and pick up flower vases. She sometimes helps the ladies on Monday who make the beautiful arrangements for every patient.



Anna at work.



A special "thank you" to our wonderful ladies from **Christ United Methodist Church**, who come every Monday morning to arrange flowers for our in-patient unit. Also we would like to thank **Bob**

L to R; Carol Duggar, Julianne Summerford and Evelyn Hinton, from Christ United Methodist Church & **Jo Jones** for delivery of these flowers from **Christ United Methodist Church**.

Another Church who donates flowers to us is **First Baptist Church of Madison**. A special thank you goes to **Judy Morrison** who is kind enough to bring them to us. The flowers mean so much to our patients and families.



Flowers donated from First Baptist Church of Madison



A special "thank you" to **Doll Parman** for knitting lovely shawls for our in-patient unit. They will be well used.

Chaplain, Bernard Nail and Volunteer, Dixie Myrick model the lovely shawls knitted by Doll Parman.

Several departments around Hospice Ministries would like to say "thank you" to **Bob Prescott** for his creative use of the "Excel" program in designing new files for our varied administrative needs, Bob has been there for us, creating forms to help us keep up with our records.



Bob Prescott hard at work with the Development Team of Janie Reynolds and Lisa Ratzlaff.



"Make Someone Smile Week" *Chapman's Florist* on Terry Road donated a group of these "smiley arrangements" to

Hospice Ministries in July. Every year several local florists get together to make gifts to give to their favorite charities during this week to let them know they are thinking of them. Chapman's Florist made these for us. They brightened many a face that week. We would like to thank them for thinking of us.

I would like to send a special thank you to the volunteers who participated in the Volunteer Panel for training on Sept. 23.



Lto R: Terri Spurk & Dallas (pet Therapy), Don Guillory, (Inpatient), Hobson McGehee (Home), Luice Philip, (Bereavement), Iva Shelton (Home), Bill Koop (Home), Jeanette Prescott (administration), & Dicken Fournet, (Inpatient)

This panel helps new volunteers understand what volunteering for Hospice Ministries is like.

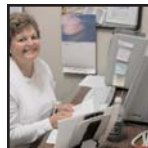


Chaplain, Brogan and Barbara McDonld from First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of Natchez welcomes Hospice Ministries to Ladies Luncheon.

Faith In Action coordinator, Richard Brogan and Volunteer Coordinator, Jeri Flinn were invited to give a talk at the Ladies' luncheon of the First Presbyterian Church in Natchez in mid September. The ladies were interested in hearing about Hospice Ministries and how they might be able to work as a church to help others in their community.

Announcements



Karen at work.

Volunteer, **Karen Delatte** has taken over the administrative duties of batch posting hours.



Jan at work

Jan Davis, will be helping Chaplain, Richard Brogan, with the *Faith In Action Program* across the state.

Pine straw needed ... It is fall again, and time for the leaves and pine needles to fall. If you discover you have extra pine straw please give us a call. We can use it in our gardens! Call **898-1053** and ask for Bob.



LMHPCO Leadership Conference, Special Volunteer Training



Iris Waldrop, Volunteer Coordinator for

Brookhaven office listening to speaker, Eilleen File.

A specially designed day-long seminar for Hospice Volunteer Coordinators and Managers was held in New Orleans, LA at the end of July. Brookhaven Volunteer Coordinator, Iris Waldrop along with Jeri Flinn, Statewide Volunteer Coordinator for Hospice Ministries attended this special seminar. The seminar was given to assist in improving skills and knowledge of the Volunteer Departments. Iris and I both agreed that it provided ideas and insights that should enhance and revitalize our programs.



Eilleen File, RN, from Dunn, File & Schmitz, LLC, End of Life Care Consultants speaking on volunteerism at the seminar.

Up Coming Hospice Ministries' Events from Around the State

Check out our website www.hospiceministries.org for details

October



Ridgeland:

Halloween Bags: 10/28/06; 10:00 a.m. - Noon

If you can help, please bring: candy, bagged cookies, toiletries etc. **Many items are needed!** Bags, ribbon & tissue will be provided. Call 898-1053, ext. 258 if you would like to help!.

Natchez:

Volunteer Training; Friday 10/27/06; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Lunch will be provided. For more information call: **601-446-8000**.

November



Ridgeland:

Thanksgiving Baskets: Saturday, November 18th 10 a.m. - Noon Please Help!!!

Bagged "homemade" cookies or breads, small canned goods, toiletries, etc. are needed to put in baskets. Baskets, ribbon & tissue paper will be provided. Call **601-898-1053, ext. 258** if you would like to help or have any ideas.

Brookhaven:

November 10th, Bake Sale at Wal-Mart

Volunteers bake goods to sale as a fund-raiser for Hospice Ministries. Please call **601-835-1063** if you would like to help.



November 28th, Memorial Service at the State Room from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Volunteers will be needed.

Please call **601-835-1020** to help.

Natchez:

If you would like to help create Thanksgiving Baskets for our patients give us a call at **601-446-8000**



December



Ridgeland:

Gifts of the Season

Thursday, December 7th

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Janie Reynolds **601-898-1053** if you are interested in helping.



Christmas decorating: Saturday,

12/2/06 10 a.m. - Noon. All decorations are provided. Volunteers are needed to help decorate three trees.



Cookie Connection:

Saturday, 12/16/06 9 a.m. - Noon. 200 dozen "homemade" cookies are needed. Please call Linda Chase at **601-977-9412** for information on how you can help.



Southaven

Cookies for the Soul

Volunteers are needed to bake homemade cookies to be given to patients during the holidays. Call Michael Phillips for details **662-342-9744**

Brookhaven

Christmas projects being planned. Call us for details on the projects for our families during the Christmas holidays this year.

Natchez:

For Christmas projects check out our page at our web site www.hospiceministries.org under Natchez for up-coming events in December.



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McCLean Center's Volunteer Training

Eighteen new volunteers joined the ranks of the McClean Center as facilitators or greeters. Volunteers received 12 hours of training to help facilitate grief groups with children. The newest volunteers are; **Stacy Brogan, Kelly Chandler, Randa Creel, Karey Evans, Austin Faulkner, Elizabeth Haskins, Elizabeth Little, Laura Martin, Kristen Nations, Amanda Neely, Anne Riley, David Russell, Jennifer Tichner, Pam Turner, Lauren Wallace, Kathy Wells, Sarah Wheat, and Leigh Anne Williams.**

Welcome and Thank you for joining us!

McCLean Fletcher Center helps Grief support groups start up in Indianola



Volunteers who have helped start group in Indianola. From left to right: Carolyn Echoles, Brenda Yant, Jennifer Drews, (McCLean Fletcher staff member) and Lanny Kennedy.

Community interest for grief support groups in the Indianola area has laid the groundwork for groups to begin this fall. Members of the community have been busy sharing information on this opportunity throughout this area of Mississippi. Volunteers Jack Allen, Susan Allen, Kristi Blessitt, Ellen Clayton, Carolyn Echoles, Eleanor Failing, Beth Fisher, Joanna Gaston (Jackson area), Sara Ann Harris, Lanny Kennedy, Ramon McGehee, Betty Moak, Belinda Smith, and Brenda Yant were trained this summer.

Many thanks to community members in the Indianola area who share the mission of the Center with families who have experienced the death of a love one. We hope to begin support groups sometime in October. We would like to thank the ladies from St. Stephens Episcopal Church for serving snacks to our families in Indianola.



Save the Date!!

Plans are already underway for the **2007 Annual McClean Center Fundraiser** to be held **February 15th, 2007** at the Bridgewater home of Mr & Mrs. Pooley in Madison. Once again, volunteers are already busy organizing for another successful event. Music, a cocktail buffet and a silent auction are just part of this annual event that is the mainstay of one fundraising efforts for the year. So save the date - the event is sure to be another fun filled evening!

McCLean Wish List

We have a wish list for the center! These items are in constant need. If you can help, please donate:

- Beanie Babies**
- White Votive Candles**
- Paper Plates**
- Garbage Bags**
- Canned Soda**
- Boxes of Juice**
- Plastic Silverware**
- Napkins**
- Hand Washing Items**



Gifts of the Season



Through *Gifts of the Season*, you are given the opportunity to have your loved ones remembered in a special way, and help fund services provided by *Hospice Ministries* and the *McClellan Fletcher Center*.

As we approach the holidays, it is a time of reflection as well as celebration. The season is often marked by the exchange of presents, but those that truly understand the holiday know that an important aspect of it is the presence of our loved ones, not the presents under the tree.

As Thomas Campbell said, “*To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.*” By keeping alive the memory of those that are special to us, we can make sure loved ones that are no longer with us are still part of our holiday celebration.

Gifts of the season also offers you the chance to honor people that are special to you. One of the greatest gifts any of us can receive is the knowledge that we have made a positive difference in someone’s life. By honoring a friend, teacher, family member, employee, spouse, child, caregiver, or anyone that has made a difference, you will truly give a gift that will be remembered and will keep on giving to those benefiting from the services of *Hospice Ministries* and the *McClellan Fletcher Center*.

Levels of Giving

Dove of Peace

A gift of \$100. A ceramic ornament in the shape of a white dove which has been glazed on one side will be placed on a specially decorated Christmas tree for each gift at this level. The name of the individual that has been memorialized or honored will be painted in gold on the back of the dove and each name will be read aloud as part of the ceremony. A listing of the name of the person memorialized or honored and the name of the donor will also be written in calligraphy in the *Gifts of the Season* book, which will be displayed throughout the Christmas season in the Chapel at Hospice Ministries. One person may be memorialized or honored for each gift of \$100.00 and one acknowledgement will be sent to whomever is designated by the donor to receive the acknowledgement. The doves will be a nice keepsake. *Note:* The dove will not be available for mailing until after the first week in January 2007.



Flame of Love

A gift of \$50.00. One candle will be placed on a tiered table in the Chapel for each gift, and the name of the person honored or memorialized will be read aloud as part of the ceremony. A listing of the name of the person will also be written in calligraphy in the *Gifts of the Season* book, which will be displayed throughout the Christmas season in the Chapel at Hospice Ministries.



One person may be memorialized or honored for each gift of \$50.00 for the *Flame of Love* and one acknowledgement will be sent to whomever is designated by the donor to receive the acknowledgement.

Shining Light

A gift of \$25.00. A light on a Christmas tree in the Chapel at Hospice Ministries will signify the gift, and a listing of the name of the person memorialized or honored and the name of the donor will be written in calligraphy in the Gift of the Season book, which will be displayed throughout the Christmas season in the Chapel at Hospice Ministries. One person may be memorialized or honored for each gift of \$25.00 for the *Shining Light* and one acknowledgement will be sent to whomever is designated by the donor to receive the acknowledgement.

All donors will receive confirmation of the gift or gifts and an invitation to the *Gifts of the Season* event on Thursday December 7th, that will include an inspirational message, music, and acknowledgement of all memorial and honor gifts. The designated recipient of the acknowledgement will also receive an invitation to the event and an acknowledgement card stating that a loved one has been memorialized or honored. The Chapel at Hospice Ministries will be beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.



Angels at work in Natchez



Cleo Campbell,
RN, Natchez
Volunteer

An angel in the Natchez office is **Cleo Campbell**. Cleo joined us last fall as a volunteer while she was finishing nursing school. She now works at *Community Hospital* but takes time to volunteer with home patients and their families for Hospice Ministries. "Never give up; and keep God first," is my mantra" states Cleo.



Volunteer
Shirley
Huey

Shirley Huey, one more Angel in Natchez, has been donating hand sewn gowns for the Natchez office for the past several years. This past year she has sewn over 35 gowns for our patients. Every few months Shirley walks in the office with an arm full of gowns to give to our patients. Thank you Shirley for your talented gifts.

Next Volunteer training Class will be Friday October 27th from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Call 601-446-8000 for more information.

Natchez nurse earns award for Katrina clinic work.



Chaplain, Duewayne
Tullos with RN, Grace
Woods at the office.

Grace Woods, Hospice Ministries' RN in Natchez, was recently honored with the *Nightingale Award* by the Louisiana State Nursing Association. She was also recognized as an "Unsung Hero" by the *Natchez Democrat* newspaper for her work, running the *Concordia Crisis Medical Clinic* following *Hurricane Katrina*. She recruited and coordinated doctors and nurses after the hurricane for the clinic she largely founded. On a daily basis she overcame obstacles to bring aid to others. Grace is a perfect example of how our Hospice staff members are making a difference in our communities.

Welcome our new *Social Worker* for the Natchez office, **Emily Scott**. We are very excited about her joining us. Emily is from Natchez and will be a strong member for our Natchez team.



We would also like to welcome to LeJean Rand, who is helping us, while a staff member is out on leave. She has been a wonderful addition to the office.



Southaven Hospice News



Cookies for the Soul

Plans are under way to bake cookies and deliver them to patients and their families in December. Help is needed with baking the cookies, wrapping them up and delivering them. Supplies will be provided by Hospice Ministries. If you would like to participate or know of someone who might like to help, please contact **Michael Phillips** at **662-342-9744** or check out the web site for more details.



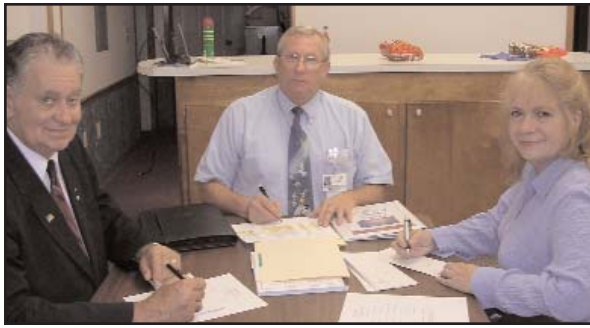
A special "Thank You" goes to **Paula Van Buren** for all of her service. We will miss you but wish you well in your future endeavors;

To **Ms Barbara Wheeler** for donating supplies for our Luncheon; and To **Parkway Baptist Church** for all they do; To **Thomas Chambers** for helping in the Southaven administrative office; and To **Christopher Badarello** for his many hours of volunteer service.

Announcements

We would like to announce that **Debbie Taylor**, recently of Medical Records in Ridgeland office, has joined our staff here in the Southaven office. We are very excited about her working with us!

Watch our website for our next volunteer training for the Southaven area. Call Michael for details. 662-342-9744



Planning for Memorial Service.

Forest Hospice Ministries will host our Annual Memorial Service in late January. Volunteer Chaplain, Allen Blackburn, (seated on the left), along with Chaplain, Pete Pearson, (center) and Volunteer Kay Driskill are making plans for the annual Memorial Service. If you would like to help with the event call **601-469-2141**.

Brookhaven Hospice News



Volunteers notes

Iris Waldrop

Welcome! Diane Herring,

our newest volunteer. Diane decided to join us after we had the opportunity

to take care of her mother. She has been very over-worked and underpaid, but she seems happy. She is presently assisting Jane and Mrs. Faye with administrative tasks and they are especially glad for her help!

On **September 19th**, a group of “new “ volunteers met to be trained on the “making of hospital gowns” for our patients. **Mrs. Sue Smith**, one of our most dedicated volunteers, who has generously made gowns for years, agreed to bring her talents and sewing machine to our office to help train others. Thank you, Mrs. Sue, for making our gowns and sharing your wonderful talent with others.



Brookhaven Hospice Ministries chosen to receive donation from Mrs. Fannie Lewis of the Women Helping Others Foundation.



Recently **W.H.O. Foundation** gave “*The Spirit of Beauty Control*” to local resident **Mrs.**

Fannie Lewis. Mrs. Lewis chose to give the monetary donation to Hospice Ministries in Brookhaven. We would like to thank Mrs. Lewis and the foundation for their generosity.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the **Relay for Life** event in May. It was great food, fun and fellowship.



Thank you to **Peggy Castilow, Guy Parsons and Annie Tillman** for relieving caregivers during the summer months. It is those few hours of relief that give a primary caregiver a renewed sense of energy.

Brookhaven Calendar



November 10th

Mark the day!!! We will have a bake sale at **Wal-Mart** as a fundraiser. All volunteers please plan to bake something for this occasion. Don't hesitate to ask others that may be willing to bake! Mark your calendars and please give us a call to let us know if you would be willing to work at the bake sale or what you might bring. Homemade cakes, breads, pies, and cookies are needed. Now is the time to try that new recipe or bake one of your favorites.

November 28th



We will hold our **Memorial Service** at the **State Room** from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help. Please call **601-835-1020** for details.

Volunteer

Helen Anthony

*Of a long summer day.
To harvest the harmony
Awaiting once again it's turn
Then wakes to greet the rebirth of spring
Into winter habits
It hunkers down to fall back
In its melancholy dramas.
And begins to cocoon itself
The summer day yawns
Ticking chisels the light at the earth's edge.
Early darkness sets in the beguiling time.
The sun is slipping fast.
But by mid-August
The ending of a long summer day...
It is so subtle at first...*

The Ending of a Long Summer Day



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*Life is a gift
given to share with others
but for a brief moment.
Through sharing this gift,
we learn about the process of dying.*

*We learn what is most important in life.
Our conversations take on new meaning.
Our body, mind and soul
bond in companionship.
And the process of living and dying
touches us and those around us, forever.*

*At Hospice Ministries we believe that every human being has the right to a quality end-of-life experience.
For each person, no matter the time left, **Life Matters**SM*