

# Volunteer Matters

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Holidays 2005

Welcome our new Volunteers!



Standing from left to right: Jerry Cauthen, Alice Rice, Alice Wier, Patty Watson, Linda Young, Francis Tucker, Linda Lewis. Second row: Joyce Lee, Iva Shelton, Sue Fields, Kathleen Payment, Dixie Myrick. Front row: Jeanette Prescott, Daniel Shields, & Elizabeth Bond.



In-Home Nurse Gerry Grey Lewis, RN gave a very enlightening talk to our new volunteers about the differences between home and inpatient services.

The training course has been condensed so that volunteers can attend the course in one day. It started early and moved quickly through the topics needed to give volunteers a complete understanding in what to expect and how to handle different situations when working with families and patients. The Volunteer Coordinator, Jeri started the morning going over the hospice mission and history of Hospice Ministries, job description, guidelines and things volunteers could do.

A panel of veteran volunteers answered questions from the group of trainees and recounted some of their experiences which might prove helpful to the new volunteers. Panel members were Helen Anthony, Billie Carroll, Lucie Millette Phillip, John MacGregor and Don Guillory.

After a light lunch the

group was treated to talks by different members of the Hospice Team.

Home Care nurse Gerry Grey Lewis was first to talk to the group about the differences between Home Care and Inpatients Care and the Nurses' role. Lauren McGuffie, MSW, gave a talk on the social worker's role and Dewayne Tullos, Lead Chaplain discussed the role of the Chaplain in the Hospice mission. Richard Brogan gave us a brief description of the Faith in Action program and Charlotte Robinson lectured on the "Five Experiences of Death" and the Bereavement program.

Volunteer services has certified 15 new volunteers to help complete our mission. If you would like to join us for our next class or would like to participate as a panel member please contact Jeri.

## A Special Thank you goes to:

**The Ladies Club of the First Baptist Church of Madison** for the delivery of Halloween snacks to The Inpatient unit. And to volunteer Ella Weston who will once again fly through the Inpatient halls as "*Helda the Witch*" to deliver our treats to all our patients with a very warm "Halloween Helloooooooooo".



**The Jackson Garden Club** for their generous donation to the gardens of Hospice Ministries at the Ridgeland Center.

**Wild Birds Unlimited** for our new bird feeders in the courtyard at the Ridgeland Center and to Bill & Peggy Horne for setting them up.

In remembrance of **Tom Druey**, (Aug. 2005) A dedicated Hospice volunteer whose compassion for volunteering was only matched by his passion for life and God. We'll miss you, Tom. Thank you for touching so many lives.

## Announcements:

### Training Classes

Due to the number of people who are interested in attending training classes, we will hold another class on **Saturday, Nov. 5th at the Ridgeland Center**. Call us if you would like to participate or know someone who might be interested in joining us. **601-898-1053, ext. 258**

**Faith in Action** of Hospice Ministries and Baptist Pastoral Care Department of Baptist Hospital have partnered together to sponsor a seminar on "**Ministering to the Dying & their Families**" on **Nov. 4, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** at Hospice Ministries, Inc. Ridgeland office. Contact Chaplain Al Carden, **601-968-1000**.

**In-Service Program: "Companionship with the Dying"**  
**Oct. 28th 10:00am-1pm** Ridgeland Center, Day Room.  
Lunch provided. Call Jeri if interested.

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The Jackson Garden Club toured our beautiful gardens on October 13. Susan Halton, *Program Director* for the Jackson Garden Club and one of our flower arranging volunteers, coordinated this field trip for the Club.

The Garden Club has donated monies in the past to the hospice gardens but this was the first time that the members came to view the gardens.

The ladies from The Jackson Garden Club joined June in a walk through the gardens as she discussed our needs and future hopes. When asked what donation were needed June replied, "Donations of pinestraw, plants such as Day Lilies and perennials and almost any bulb would be wonderful, but most importantly, volunteers --- willing to join us on Monday and work in the gardens, You don't have to be a Master Gardener, just someone who loves to garden." She continued on, "The gardens are for the comfort, peace and respite of our patients and their families. It is our goal to be as unobtrusive as possible in giving them this peace".

After the tour the Garden Club was treated to a reception in the Day Room. They presented June with a gift and a donation to the gardens of Hospice Ministries.



Isabel Cordua speaking to the Jackson Garden Club at the begining of thier tour about Hospice Ministries and our mission.

Isabel Cordua, Director of Support Services for Hospice Ministries started the tour with an overview of the hospice philosophy and the history and mission of Hospice Ministries. June Stevens, the Lead Master Gardener for Hospice Ministries, gave a brief history of the gardens.



June Stevens, thanking the Jackson Garden Club for their time and their gifts to Hospice Ministries.

If you are interested in helping with the gardens or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Jeri at 601-898-1053, ext. 258.



***Holiday Happenings:***

***Thanksgiving Baskets:***

If you are interested in helping to build "Thanksgiving baskets" for our patients and their families or if you would like to donate to them, please give me a call.

***Holiday's Decorating:***

We will be Decorating for Christmas in our facility on **December 3 at 9:00 a.m.** Please call me if you would like to help or if you have decorations you would like to donate for our inpatient unit and other areas .

***Holiday's Cookie exchange:***

**December 10th at Ridgeland Center from 10:00 - 12:00 noon in the cafeteria.**

We will need many volunteers to make cookies for our Christmas containers which will be given to every home patient and inpatient. The Christmas containers are being donated, but here are some other areas in which we need help:



**Baking** - We will need about 200 dozen **home-baked cookies** to fill every order.

**Delivery** - to pick up cookies or deliver to home patients.

**Calling Tree** - Call to remind people who have signed up to bake, decorate or deliver.

*If your Church group or Social club would like to help us, please give me call.*