

# Volunteer Matters

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Summer 2007

## Hardworking Teens

The **Catholic Heartwork Camp** returned to Jackson for the second year, bringing over 400 students from across the country to help non-profits with labor needs. *Hospice Ministries* was blessed to have some of their wonderful young people help us with the much needed hard labor in our gardens at *Ridgeland's Inpatient facility* as well as the *McClean Fletcher Center*. The students worked out in the hot sun for four days pulling weeds, painting and cleaning windows.



Seated around the lunch table from back left to right are Adult Supervisor **Brenda Will**, (Rocher, IL); **Drew Taylor**, (Mountain Home, AR); **Melissa Paruszkiewicz**, (Burlington,WI); **Jojuana Phillips**, (Alexandria,LA); **Craig Gehlhausen**, (Jasper,IN); **Chelsea Lynde**, (Red Lodge, MT); and **Melissa Ammons**, (Pensacola, FL);

We were impressed by their dedication and bravery, as they tackled the difficult jobs before them. Through it all they maintained a wonderful sense of humor that even the hottest days could not burn out.



Drew Taylor and Craig Gehlhausen pulling up stones. They did a lot of heavy lifting, while ...

the girls Jojuana, Melissa, Melissa and Chelsea painted benches in the shade.



We cannot express how grateful we are to these hard working young people who pay to come and help others in cities across the country in the name of God. We hope that they will continue to keep Hospice Ministries on their list for future *Heartwork Camps*.

What a wonderful gift of love for your fellow man and community.



## Black Cross Chapel Church Gospel Fest

After hearing *Donna Evans*, SW from Hospice Ministries speak at a conference, *Kim Moore* wanted to do something for Hospice. She worked with several churches and choirs to put together a *"Gospel Fest"* fund-raiser for Hospice Ministries. Working with her were *Kevin Jones*, from Marketing and *Janie Reynolds & Lisa Ratzlaff* from Development.



Kim pulled together a wonderful program, so well received that another one is planned for November. Check our website for more information ( [www.hospiceministries.org](http://www.hospiceministries.org)).

Kevin Jones, Janie Reynolds, **Kim Moore**, Richard Brogan and Lisa Ratzlaff



Hospice Ministries' Board member Rita Wray

## Goodwill's Volunteer Salute of 2007



Board member, *Rita Wray*, was saluted as one of *Jackson's Outstanding Volunteers* by *Saks Fifth Avenue and Goodwill Industries*.

A dinner was held in the honor of the volunteers on August 23rd at the *Country Club of Jackson*. This year's honorees were a testament to the generosity of which the human spirit is capable. They have given freely of their time and talents so that those less fortunate among us may find their true potential.

## Ridgeland bits...Training and Thank You's.



Summer would not be summer without children to brighten our days. We would like to thank the Children from *Madison Ridgeland Academy* who made adorable plastic place mats to give to our patients during the summer. Their work brightened a lot of faces.

I would like to send a very special *Thank You* to volunteers **Cheryl Mitchell, Dixie Myrick, Rene Bodin** and **Leanne Neely**, for spending a “back breaking” hot afternoon pulling weeds in the front of Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland. Thank you guys for coming to the rescue!



## Volunteers share stories with Volunteer Trainees

Volunteer **Terrie Spurr** (right), with **Dallas** (on floor) shared personal stories and her job description with the Volunteer training class in August. Fellow volunteers, sharing stores were (l to r) **Suzanne Cates, James Chapman, Woody Osborn, Leo Heller, Alice Rice, Mary Beard, Carol Richardson,** and **Billie Stiliger**. The class listened and asked questions of the volunteers about their jobs and adventures. This is a very popular session of Volunteer training; one in which the new trainees receive a closer understanding of what volunteering is all about.



Volunteer Panel sharing stories at training class.



Volunteer nurse **Julie Cockayne** checks class member **Marilyn Collins'** blood pressure for her health assessment.



Volunteer nurse **Vangie Hughes** gave class member **Jeanne Till** a TB test during the training class. Have you had your TB test for this year? If not, call Jeri.

## Fun filled Fridays for June in Ridgeland



**Patci Haller** from the front desk towers over accounting dept's **Bridgette White & Stephanie Griffith** for *Fiesta Friday*.



Medical Records' **Jennifer Ladner** and **Janet French** show off their feathers for *Feather Friday*.

**Stephanie Griffith**, from accounting, holds out her hands to show off her “foot print” t-shirt for *Fancy Feet Friday*.



Social Worker **Patty Jones** stands next to our *Flowers of the Field* Accounting department: (l to r) **Charlene Freeland, Stephanie Griffith, Bridgette White, Angie Doss** and **Margie DeVos** for *Flower Power Friday*.

## Faith In Action Summer



*Faith In Action* has been busy this summer presenting programs for several churches in the Metro area. **Mt. Charity MB Church** in Jackson hosted a FIA program where 69 attended. Seen at the right are **Karen Wilborn, singer, Dr. Bennie L. Ervin, Pastor, Chaplain Richard Brogan** and **Tony West, Director of Clinical Services** for Hospice Ministries.



Karen Wilborn, Dr. Ervin, Richard Brogan & Tony West

Other FIA programs included; *Dry Creek Baptist Church* in Florence; and *Black Chapel MB Church* in Jackson.

**Please remember Confidentiality is everyone's responsibility. Remember where you are and who might hear when discussing health care information. Information should only be given on a “Need to know basis” for patient care.**



## Catholic Heart Work Camp at the McClean Center



They were called the “**DESTRUCTO TEAM**”. Teens from *Catholic Heartwork Camp* volunteered this summer to help clean up the new location of the McClean Fletcher Center.

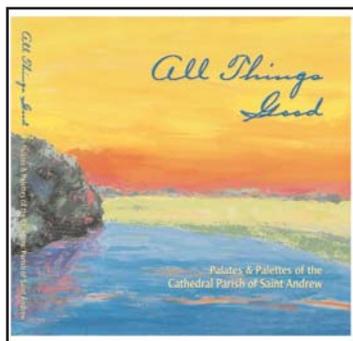
(L to R): Standing Director of the McClean Fletcher Center, Isabel Cordua; Jojuana Phillips, Melissa Paruszkiewicz, Craig Gehlhausen, Drew Taylor, Melissa Ammons, Chelsea Lynde, Katie Skattebo, Intern at McClean Fletcher, and Catholic Heart Work Adult Supervisor Brenda Will.

If my own children had been this dedicated to handy work I would have never had need of a repair man. This *Destructo Team* hit the new McClean Fletcher Center with such vigor that within only a few days the new building was stripped of its old cabinets, doors and debris. Never have I seen kids enjoy a hot physical job more. They really put their hearts into it and seemed to have a really good time.

When asked what their favorite job was they replied “knocking down and carting the doors to form a shoot down the stairs to the dumpster outside.”



Jojuana & Melissa knocking down a door while Craig pulls shrubby out in front of the building.



### *All Things Good Palates & Palettes of the Cathedral Parish of Saint Andrews*

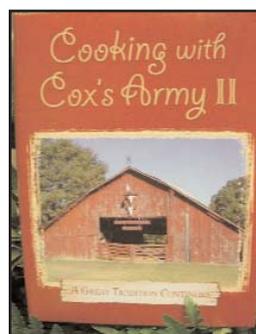
A coffee-table quality cookbook with over 260 pages of recipes, picturesque works

of art from Mississippi artists, and satin ribbons book-marks, has been created to benefit *The McClean Fletcher Center* along with other outreach programs of *St. Andrew's Cathedral*.

“Putting together this cookbook has brought a sense of community to our parish, a sense of involvement with others,” says The Rev. David Lockett, interim dean of St. Andrews.

The lovely cookbook, priced at **\$26.95**, will arrive in early October, please check with the church.

To order, call the church office at **601-354-1535**



### *Cooking with Cox's Army II A Great Tradition Continues*

Back in the 1990's the Cox family lost a loved one to cancer. During the last days their loved one was with Hospice Ministries. The family became attached to Hospice and created a treasured collection of family recipes in a cookbook to benefit Hospice Ministries. This wonderful cookbook makes an ideal gift or keepsake. Only \$22.00, it is available for purchase at *Inside Story* in Madsion and is on display in the main entrance at Hospice Ministries.

For more information or to purchase a copy, please contact **Mae Cox Bozeman at 601-879-8067**.

# 7th Annual AT&T Hospice Ministries Golf Tournament

May 15th, 2007

By Lisa Ratzlaff

It proved to be a lucky year for the seventh annual AT&T/Hospice Ministries Golf Tournament as a record \$62,000 profit was realized from the event. Begun in 2000 with *Cingular* as the title sponsor, the company's consistent support has continued under the leadership of *Scott Besselievre* as Cingular became AT&T. Other primary corporate sponsors for this highly regarded tournament at Annandale included Ergon and Baptist Health Systems as the Clubhouse sponsors and AmSouth/Regions/Morgan Keegan as the cart sponsor.

Each of the 136 players received a stainless steel wine opener in a wooden storage box as a gift from AT&T, along with a "six pack" soft sided ice chest provided by *Mississippi Home Care*. A continental breakfast was provided to the morning players, and the morning and afternoon players came together to enjoy a hearty lunch provided by *Corky's Ribs and Bar B Q*.

The putting green, sponsored by *Central Mississippi Medical Center*, was a popular place as players warmed up for their round of play. On



the course, competition got stiff for the Closest to the



Pin and Longest Drive prizes. Each winner received a one night stay at *Harrah's Grand Casino Resort in Tunica*, a round of golf and cart at *Cottonwoods Golf*

*Course in Tunica*, a \$75 gift certificate to *LB's Steakhouse at Harrah's*, and a \$50 gift certificate to *Nevada Bob's in Lefleur's Gallery* in Jackson. **Gage Walker** was the closest to the pin and **Randy Clunan** claimed longest drive honors. Unfortunately the *Honda*

*Aquatrax* and trailer provided by *North Jackson Honda* and new car provided by *Paul Moak Pontiac* as hole in one prizes went unclaimed this year, but several golfers came close and think next year those prizes may find new homes.



Staff members Barbara Nail (on back) and Vivian Fortenberry, with Kevin Jones driving the beverage cart.

Beverage carts sponsored by *Merchants & Farmers Bank, St. Dominic's, and MMI Hotel Group* were kept busy as drinks provided by *Southern Beverage and Coca-Cola Bottling* were distributed to the players. Score cards sponsored by *Wise Carter Child & Caraway* were used to record each player's performance, and beverage stations provided by *Jackson Oncology and Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush* were strategically placed for a refreshing break if needed when the beverage cart was not in sight.

Rounding out the day was an Awards Reception featuring a delicious meal provided by the *Alumni House*.

Taking center stage with the tournament winners were three pin flags featuring professional



golfer autographs.



One flag, presented to **Scott Besselievre** of AT&T in appreciation for their ongoing support of the tournament, featured more than thirty autographs of top PGA players including **Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh, Sergio Garcia, Zach Johnson, and Rory Sabbatini**.

**7th Annual  
AT&T Hospice Ministries Golf Tournament**



Stork (Keith Rayborn) with Tommy Hixon and flag.

Two other flags were part of a live auction. One flag had autographs from **Tiger Woods and Bernhard**

**Langer, with Tommy Hixon** placing the winning bid.

The other flag featured *Tiger Woods* autograph exclusively, which was claimed by **Mike Highfill**. The flags were donated by **David Patterson**, a caddy on the *PGA Tour*.



Stork & Mike Highfill



Dr. Gene Hutcheson, David Sinclair, Adam Hand & Wayne Whitley

*Madison Heart Clinic* took top honors with players **Dr. Gene Hutcheson, David Sinclair, Adam Hand and Wayne Whitley** making up their team.

Each received a reservation to participate in a **“Bushy Tail Down” Redneck Adventures Squirrel Hunt at Vidalia Landing River Park in Natchez on February 16 & 17, 2008**. The prize package included dinner on the banks of the Mississippi River, live entertainment by country music stars, a guided squirrel hunt with world champion squirrel dogs, the opportunity to star in an episode of the **“Redneck Adventures”** television show, and a one night stay at *Days Inn* in Natchez.



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Luke Chamblee, Kevin Hann, Barry Hassle and Paul Loyacano

The team placing 2nd was made up of **Luke Chamblee, Kevin Hann,**

**Barry Hassle, and Paul Loyacano** representing *The Chamblee Company*. Each player received a *SkyCaddie Rangefinder* and a \$50 gift certificate to *The Rogue*.

Third place honors went to the *M&F Bank* team that was made up of **David Coleman, Steve Upchurch, Randy Clunan, and Matt Jenson**.



David Coleman, Steve Upchurch, Randy Clunan, & Matt Jenson

Each player received an outdoor grill, apron, set of stainless steel grill tools, and a \$25 gift certificate to *McDade's*. Even players experiencing a bad day on the course had the opportunity to win a prize. Earning honors for highest score were players from *Paul Moak Pontiac*, including **Lloyd Holcott, Bob Dingus, Terry Taylor, and Jamie Ferguson**. Each took home a brand new golf bag and shoe bag from *Geiger* for their efforts.



During the presentation event, names were drawn for lucky winners. Doug Minor is shaking hands with “Stork” (Keith Rayborn, from *Redneck Adventures*) after receiving his lucky putter.

*Adventures*) after receiving his lucky putter.

Hole sponsors included *CitiGroup-Smith Barney, Enterprise Car Rental, First Commercial Bank, Horne LLP, Malouf Construction, Marty's Pharmacy & Compounding Center, McNeely Plastics, Medical Deliveries, Netchex, Pileum Corporation, Protel, Mike Quick, Stan's Pest Control, Southeastern Health, LLC, and Dr. Sallye Wilcox*.

Next year's tournament is slated for **Tuesday, April 22 at Annandale**, and reservations are already being accepted for sponsor and player spots. Anyone interested in participating should mark their calendars now and contact **Janie Reynolds** at Hospice Ministries at **601-898-1053**, extension **207** for more information.



## Natchez Hospice Ministries News



Our Natchez office has a new home at **317 Highland Blvd. Suite S**. It is down the road from the old office. The new office is spacious, and bright.

The Volunteer office is the last office to the right down the main hall. If you are in the neighborhood drop by to say "hello".

Watch our website [www.hospiceministries.org](http://www.hospiceministries.org) under **Natchez** for the Open House Party planned for sometime this fall.



Nurses, **Grace Woods and Cindy Galloway** along with Social Worker **Emily Scott**.

### Volunteer Training for Natchez

Volunteer **Sherrie Crabtree** (right) works in the office getting announcements out for the next Volunteer training class to be held on **Saturday October 6th from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** in the conference room of the new office. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in attending please call **601-442-8000**.



## Southaven Hospice Ministries News



### 2007 Memorial Service

By Debbie Taylor

Our 2007 Memorial Service was held at **Parkway Baptist Church**, in Hernando, MS on August 14th at 11:00 a.m.



Jody Boling

Music was provided by **June Hubbard** from **Parkway Baptist Church** and vocals were presented by **Jody Boling** and **Ray Freeman**, from



Ray Freeman

**Senatobia Church of God**.

**Nell Chambers, RN, PCC** of the Southaven office welcomed our guests and read the poem, "**If Tears Could Build a Stairway**".



Nell Chambers

The message was given by **Rev. Mike Ramage**, from **Parkway Baptist Church**.

Invocation and benediction were given by **Dale Basteau**, Chaplain of Hospice Ministries.



Memorial candles were lit for our patients by Nurse **Donnie Castle McKenzie**(left) and Nurse **Diane Price**(right).

The Memorial roll call was read by Office Manger **Debbie Taylor**.



Debbie Taylor, Office Manager



After the services, refreshments were served for all attendees. Pictured above are Social Worker **Michael Phillips**, **Donnie McKenzie, RN**, **Nell Chambers, PCC**, and **Lisa Gates, RN**.

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### Our Next Volunteer Training Class in Southaven to be held in October.

**Michael Phillips** and **Debbie Taylor** are busy working on announcements for the next volunteer training class which will be held on **October 13th from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** at the Southaven office. Please call Debbie or Michael at **662-342-9744** for more information or if you know someone who might be interested in attending.



### Polkville's "Picnic in the Park"

It was a very hot Saturday on August 4th, for Polkville's "Picnic in the Park Day".

Jeri, (right), seen in the photo above, discusses volunteering with Melissa Driskill of Polkville and Forest Volunteer Kay Driskill.

During the Picnic in the Park at Polkville, Hospice Ministries had two drawings for door prizes. Winners were, Melaney Myers and Haley Smith of Polkville.



Haley Smith, & Brandon McCorry

Haley is seen here with her prizes along with Brandon McCorry, grandson of Volunteer Kay Driskill, who is helping her carry her prizes.

Office Manager Chanelle McBreath and Volunteer Kay Driskill are busy preparing for the next Volunteer Training Class scheduled for November 3rd in Forest. Please call **601- 469-2141** for more information.



Chanelle & Kay

## Brookhaven's Hospice News

By Iris Waldrop,



We had great participation at the Relay for Life event this year. The theme for this year was **Games** and we

chose **Scrabble** for our tent site. We did not win the "#1 site" but we felt we had the best time.

Volunteer **Cheryl Banks** has become a great asset to our team. She has been busy cutting, laminating, and mailing articles and pictures of interest for everyone. **We could not do without our volunteers!**



Monday, June 11th, we trained two new volunteers for the Brookhaven office. We are so excited to have **Mr. Garland Fort** (left) and **Mr. Travis**



**Tadlock** (right) on our team. A very special thanks goes to **Mr. Billy Hughes** (middle), a long-time volunteer who shared from his heart about the blessing of volunteering.

Wednesday, July 25th, **Iris Waldrop** spoke to the **Willing Hearts Group at KDMC**. Attendance was great and there was a lot of interest in volunteering. As a matter of fact, we already have ten ladies signed up for our next volunteer training class scheduled for September 18th.

### Brookhaven's UpComing Events:

#### September 18:

Volunteer training is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 18th** at the Hospice Ministries office in Brookhaven. Please help us pass the word and make sure people call our office at **1-800-210-7775** to register. Lunch will be provided.

#### September 20th:

**Thursday, September 20th, Five Wishes** will be presented at the **CLCC-Anderson Building**. **Chaplain Richard Brogan** will be the presenter. Thank you, Volunteer Mrs. Keith McDaniel, for setting this up.

#### October 9th:

**Tuesday, October 9th** at 10:00 we will have a quarterly meeting at **Bromas**. We will meet and have lunch together.

#### November 20th:

**Tuesday, November 20th, Bake Sale at Wal-Mart**. We will need everyone to bake cakes and pies for this. This is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving so begin asking people to let us help out with their Thanksgiving feast. We usually have request for SUGAR-FREE cakes and pies, so if you have a good recipe for this, please let us know or better yet, just bake one for us.

#### December 4th:

**Tuesday, December 4th** we will have our **Memorial Service** for all the families we have served this year. It will be at the **State Room** and we will need plenty of help. Angels have arrived early, thanks to **Mrs. Rachel Bullock**, who gave 100 volunteer hours hand-stitching angels to be given to families who attend the Memorial Service.

*Watch our website for more activities during the fall.*

## *Up-Coming Volunteer Trainings & Inservices*

### *November:*

*November 3rd: Volunteer training in Forest*

*9:00 am-5:00pm*

*November 10th & 11th: Volunteer training Ridgeland*

*Sat. 8:30a.m.-5:30p.m. and Sun. 1:00pm. - 5:00p.m.*

*November 15th: Noon-1:30 p.m.*

*\*Inservice: Handling Grief During the Holidays*

*November 17th: Thanksgiving Baskets-Ridgeland*

### *December:*

*December 1: Tree decoration Ridgeland and*

*Inservice: Christmas table top flower arranging;*

*hosted by Carol Duggar*

*December 15th: Cookie Exchange Ridgeland*

*\*Presented by the Center for Compassionate care. Call Colleen Freeman for registration.601-898-1053*

Check our website for updated information on scheduled events.  
[www.hospiceministries.org](http://www.hospiceministries.org) or call 601-898-1053, ext.258

### *September:*

*September 18th: Volunteer training Brookhaven*

*September, 20th: Noon-1:30 p.m.*

*\*Inservice: Ethical Considerations in End-of-Life Care,*

### *October:*

*October 6th: Volunteer training in Natchez*

*9-5p.m. 1-601-446-8000*

*October 13th: Volunteer training in Southaven*

*8:30 -5:00 p.m. 1-662-*

*October 18th: Noon - 1:30 p.m.*

*\*Inservice: The Ministry of Presence*

*October 27th: Fall bags : Inpatient Facility, Ridgeland*

*10:00a.m. - 11:00 p.m.*



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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**<sup>SM</sup>*