

# Volunteer Newsletter

## SPRING 2017

### ***VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK!!***

*April 23 - 29, 2017*

Volunteers are an integral part of the excellent care provided by the Hospice of the Valley team. With many of you volunteering in everything from direct patient care to administrative support, you selflessly give your time to those who are at the end stage of their illness.

“Time is not measured by the years that we live. But by the deeds that we do and the joy that we give.” –Helen Steiner Rice.

From all of us here at Hospice of the Valley, we are grateful for our volunteers and all that you do!



### **Mardi Gras was a huge success!**

Thank you for all who attended or donated to the Mardi Gras celebration in February. It was a wonderful event and we thank all who were involved.



### **VIGIL VOLUNTEERS**

The Hospice of the Valley Vigil Volunteers provide a special service to dying patients who otherwise would die alone.

The Vigil Team is called to serve in local nursing homes, assisted living facilities and the Hospice House.

If you have been a companion volunteer for at least one year and are interested in becoming part of this special team, please contact Rosemary at 330-549-5902.

Additional training would be provided.

**Save the Date for the annual VOLUNTEER PICNIC on  
August 22, 2017 at the Masters Pavilion, Boardman Park, 12:00-2:00 pm.  
Get your favorite recipe ready to share!**



## IN-SERVICES FOR 2017

Every volunteer must attend at least two in-services per calendar year. Most in-services will be held at the Hospice House at 1:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month unless noted otherwise. Keep the following dates open for learning.

<b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Veterans Program</b>	<b>August 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Alzheimer's Assoc.</b>
<b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Organ Donation</b>	<b>September 13<sup>th</sup>*</b>	<b>Mandatory Education</b>
<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palliative Care</b>	<b>October 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Domestic Violence</b>
<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Loss &amp; Grief</b>	<b>November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Veterans program</b>

*\*The Mandatory Education on **Wednesday**, September 13<sup>th</sup> at Boardman Hospital in the Azalea Room counts as 1 of the 2 required in-services. If unable to attend, volunteers must complete the self-study by 9-27-17 to remain active.*

### Spotlight on Volunteer: Dar Emerson

In an effort to better know each other, we will begin sharing a little bit about our amazing volunteers in the newsletters. Our first volunteer is Dar Emerson. Dar was born in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin and relocated to Ohio for his career with GM where he was employed for 38 years. His last position being Supervisor of Labor Relations. He has always been a sports enthusiast, even lettering in high school. Fortunately, Dar had a calling to become a hospice volunteer, and has been with us for approximately 10 years. He makes such a difference in the lives of the patient and their families. A few helpful suggestions from Dar to new volunteers would be to visualize yourself as the patient and focus on what you think the patient would like to talk about. Also, be sure to communicate with the family members to gain insight about the patient. Dar has even gone to the library to get books that the patient might enjoy. And lastly, always make an effort to attend the funeral service or memorial service of the patient.

### New Volunteer Training

The following is the volunteer training series being offered for the rest of the year:

March 13 – April 10	Mondays	Trumbull Office	1:00– 4:30
May 19 – June 16	Fridays	Salem Office	10:30- 2:30
July 20 – August 17	Thursdays	Hospice House	5:00- 8:30
Oct. 2– Oct. 30	Mondays	Trumbull Office	1:00– 4:30
Oct 28 & Nov 4	Saturdays	Hospice House	8:30– 4:00