

Winter 2018

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Thank YOU!



Thank you to all the Hospice of the Valley volunteers who came out to the Pancake and French Toast Breakfast on Saturday November 10th at West Austintown First UMC.

Thank you to everyone who donated raffle items, bought raffle tickets, volunteered that morning and all those who came out to eat!

The event was a huge success, which would not be possible without all of you! We are looking forward to it again next year!

**Volunteer Recognition
Dinner**

The annual Volunteer Recognition was held on Thursday, October 18th at Tippecanoe Country Club. We honored 21 volunteers this year who have all hit milestones.

5 Years

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|----------------|------------------------------------|
| -Joyce Conn | -Nancy Nagy |
| -Jenn Finch | -Lori Neill (Eucharistic Minister) |
| -Pat Guidos | -Marian Palomaki (Clerical Vol.) |
| -Sally Hawkins | -Michele Restivo |
| -Kay Kalmer | -Pat Simon |
| -Pat Kinney | -Ray Slusarczyk |
| -Helen Lewis | -Sharon Yanek |
| -Sue Masters | -Connor Yeagley |

10 Years

- John Keenan
- Monica Maholtz

15 Years

- Patty Patterson
- Joan Sauline
- Dave Snyder

Flu Shots

All volunteers must have received a flu shot by December 7th to remain active through the winter. Those who do not take a flu shot will be notified when flu season is considered over so you can restart volunteer services.

Mardi Gras 2019!

Hospice of the Valley will be hosting the Annual Mardi Gras, on **Saturday February 9th**, at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman. Doors open at **6:30 pm**, Staff and Volunteers are invited to come and attend for the discounted price of **\$75 per person**.



Please contact Liz McGarry, Director of Development, at 330-885-2430 if you can solicit gifts for the auction from a local business, or if you have an item to donate. We hope to see you there!

In-Service Dates for 2019

Reminder: Every Volunteer **must attend at least 2 In-Service Trainings per calendar year**. All In-Service trainings will be held at Hospice House, on the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 1 pm**, unless otherwise noted. In-Services will not be held in July and December,

Mandatory Education in September does count as 1 of the 2 required in-service trainings. Topics will be announced as they are scheduled, please mark your calendar now!

2019 In-Service Dates:

January 8 th	June 11 th
February 12 th	August 13 th
March 12 th	September 10th – Mandatory
April 9 th	October 8 th
May 14 th	November 12 th

Vigil Volunteers

The Hospice of the Valley Vigil Volunteer Team provides a special service to dying patients who otherwise would die alone. The Vigil Volunteer Team is called to serve in local nursing homes, assisted living facilities and at 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 Tizzy at 330-549-5902.

For those who are interested in becoming Vigil Volunteer additional training will be provided in 2019.

Documentation

Companion Volunteers, please be sure to **turn in green sheets every week** and make sure to include:

- The Patient ID#
- Travel Time
- Miles Traveled to visit patient, round trip
- Length of visit with the patient

Office Volunteers, please make sure to include:

- Travel time to and from the office
- Miles traveled to and from the office

Hand Washing Reminder

Please keep in mind the importance of washing your hands before and after each patient visit!

5 steps to success:

1. Wet each hand thoroughly.
2. Apply soap, liquid or bar, replacing bar soap to a clean rack when done. Once soap applied rub hands together making sure not to miss any spots and scrubbing all surfaces including in between fingers.

3. Scrub hands for 15 seconds, sing Happy Birthday to time it. Careful not to scrub too hard to cause irritation.
4. Rinse both hands thoroughly starting at wrist down with warm water.
5. Dry hands with towel, preferably paper towel or disposable towel if possible, then use clean dry paper towel to turn off water.

When to wash hands:

- Before and after each client visit
- After contact with client
- Before and after you start your day, bathroom breaks and lunch breaks
- Before preparing food
- After petting animals
- After sneezing and or coughing

A Look Back at 2018

As we wrap up 2018 the Volunteer Department would like to share with you some of what we accomplished together this year.

- During the month of November, the We Honor Veterans Program recognized 166 veterans at 12 facilities!
- Throughout the year the We Honor Veterans Program was able to honor a total of 318 veterans at facilities across Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties!
- There were 3 New Volunteer Training Classes held in 2018. With a total of 16 new volunteers added to our ranks!
- Our volunteer also showed up to make the start of summer picnic a great time! We were able to have a successful pancake breakfast through your efforts! And thank you to those who assisted with the Golf Outing. We truly thank each and every one of you for giving of yourselves and your time this past year to the benefit of Hospice of the Valley patients.

We look forward to continuing to work with each of you in 2019, and hope you have a Happy Holiday and a Blessed New Year!