

INFORMING



Presidential Volunteer Service Awards

Earlier this spring Hospice & Community Care became a Certifying Organization with the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. In 2003, the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President’s Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America’s strength and national identity. Led by AmeriCorps and managed in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards enable organizations to recognize volunteers who are dedicated to serving and supporting their mission. We are thrilled to recognize a total of 79 of our volunteers with Presidential Volunteer Service Awards for volunteer hours conducted in 2021. These awards include 56 Bronze winners (100-249 volunteer hours), 12 Silver winners (250-499 volunteer hours), one Gold (500+ service hours), and ten will achieve the highest honor, the Lifetime Service Award (4,000+ lifetime volunteer hours). For more information on this award, visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.

Presidential Volunteer Service Award Lifetime Achievement

4,000+ Lifetime volunteer service hours

Maralyn Anderson
Virginia ‘Ginny’ Dalton
Jeanette Hellinger
Cathy McMinn
Nadine Miller

Jacqueline Nissley
Marie Roach
Lois Shipman
Sylvia Stark
Sharon Williams

Labor Day Auction *continues—*

This sentiment speaks volumes about the motivation and intention of our volunteers. Funds raised at the Labor Day Auction help to offset charitable care as well as support the many Pathways Center for Grief & Loss programs we offer the community. Most volunteers will never see, or be able to appreciate, the value and ripple effects of their service. But for the patients and families we serve, this is a priceless gift.

It takes a village to rally together to build critical resources for the most vulnerable in our community, protecting and preserving the right for patients and families to experience a peaceful end of life, as well as receive support and care after loss. If you ever need validation that our community, our “village,” is a generous and caring one, look no further than our volunteers!



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Bob Ardner	Shelly Gunzenhauser	Susan Naslanic
Carol Beveridge	Nate Harshaw	Ramayee
Suzanne Blumenschein	Laura Kaiser	Periakaruppan
Linda Brosey	Rohan Kurian	Anna Ranck
Irene Dietz	Larry Landis	Helen Rhodes
Wendy Erwine	Jim McAllister	Kloe Sanchez
Sarah Gawn	Donald Naslanic	Wendy Smith

UPCOMING DATES

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

November 1, 3, 8 and 10
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
The Essa Flory Center
685 Good Drive, Lancaster

WINE, DINE & UNWIND

York
October 25
For details, visit
www.WineDineUnwind.org

HOSPICE BOOK SALE

October 27 & 28

GREETER ROLE MEETINGS

October 17
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
October 18
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
The Essa Flory Center
685 Good Drive, Lancaster

LIGHT UP A LIFE

Lancaster & York
December 7 and 8
For details, visit
www.HospiceLights.org



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Labor Day Auction Thank You!

By now you have probably already heard the big news! Our 2022 Labor Day Auction raised more than \$950,000! For those keeping track, this is the HIGHEST amount ever raised! This historic milestone wouldn’t have been possible without the efforts of our volunteers! So many of you contributed in a variety of ways to make this moment possible, whether you helped solicit donations, sold Mustang Raffle tickets, donated items, helped unload and set-up more than 4,000 chairs, or helped during the event...your collective contributions resulted in our most successful Labor Day Auction to date.

Some highlights of the 2022 Labor Day Auction:

- **More than 400 volunteers**, plus members of the Amish community, gave of their time in support of the Labor Day Auction. We had volunteers as young as 12 and some in their 80s!
- The Day of Care Auction **raised \$72,315**, equating to 369 days of charitable care for families in need.
- “Sell it again!” was heard many times throughout the Auction by generous bidders, with **one large sheet cake being sold nine times**, raising a heartwarming total of \$5,725!
- The food, which alone raised a record-breaking \$100,000, was a big attraction for many attendees, and **we’re so grateful to our Amish friends for donating their time and talents** to freshly prepare all of the food on-site.

For all of us in Volunteer Services, it should be no surprise that our biggest highlight was seeing our volunteers rally together to make this magic possible. Volunteers brought a palpable energy with them to the Auction, a spirit evident in every action. Every time I would thank a volunteer or comment on their commitment I was often met with this reply...“It takes a village.”

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EDUCATING

Annual Review Due November 1!

With flu season just around the corner, please complete your annual recommitment by November 1, 2022 to remain eligible to volunteer with our patients and families. **You will receive an email in early October with instructions for completion.** Annual Review is online this year, available through our WordPress portal. It is broken down into four categories: Home Hospice, Inpatient Center, General and New Volunteers. Please choose your primary role and complete the associated link.

WordPress is not just for annual recommitment, it also includes upcoming educational opportunities and documentation submission. If you have any questions or trouble navigating the site, please contact Kayla Heiserman at kheiserman@hospicecommunity.org or (717) 735-9463.

If you would like to get your flu shot at Hospice & Community Care, we will be emailing all volunteers with the dates, times and the process for registering in the next few weeks.

COMPLETE
BY
NOVEMBER
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Remembering Volunteer Mary Sweikert



On August 26, our volunteer family lost a remarkable woman. Mary Sweikert was a mainstay at the Inpatient Center support desk, serving as a volunteer for the past ten years on Mondays for the 2 to 5 p.m. shift and donating more than 1,500 hours of volunteer service. For close to a decade, Mary provided a much needed and welcoming presence, guiding and supporting the many visitors arriving at the Inpatient Center to visit their loved ones. When Mary herself became ill, she expressed that her hope and wish was to die at the Inpatient Center and to attend Volunteer Recognition, too. When it became apparent that she wouldn't be able to make it to Volunteer Recognition, the Volunteer Services team visited Mary at her bedside in the Inpatient Center, and with her family present, awarded her with the Starfish Award, as well as a Bronze Presidential Volunteer Service Award. We will dearly miss our friend, but her bright spirit and unwavering dedication to her volunteer service at the Inpatient Center support desk will remain her legacy, and we are deeply appreciative of her service.

PLEASE NOTE
THAT THE WINTER
2023 EDITION OF
VOLUNTEER VOICE
WILL FEATURE
STARFISH AWARD
WINNERS FROM THE
SUMMER OF 2022.

Volunteer Recognition

Congratulations to our 2021 Volunteer Recognition Award Winners!

Emeritus Award

Betty Henny
Mary Sweikert
(Posthumously Awarded)
Sharon Williams

30 Years of Service

Larry Heinsey

25 Years of Service

Virginia "Ginny" Dalton
Joyce Geist
Jeannette Hellinger
Elaine Muschlitz



25
YEARS OF
SERVICE



15
YEARS OF
SERVICE

20 Years of Service

Debbie Baker
Glenn Beard, Jr.
Marlin Bert
Jacqueline Bilder
Sara Carroll
Diana Christ
Kathy Eby
Richard Eddy
Dan Farmer
Eugene 'Cy' Fritz
Mary Fritz
Angela Funk
Bobbie Heistand
Mick Kauffman
Cindy Knaub
Carol Liebl
Ingrid Magill
Linda Styer
Gretchen Thomas
Thomas Wadsworth

15 Years of Service

Becky Armer
Gail Beyer
Sue Binkle
Mary Judy Blevins
Nancy Bogda
Linda Caldwell
Leslie Gorbey
Susan Dyson Harkleroad
Erica Helmick
Brent Keener
William Kopetz
Patricia Latshaw
Jim Miller
Maureen Morrell
Christa Mummau
Debra Myers
Lorraine Oetting
Ginny Peters
Greg Peters
Marie Roach
Gwendolyn Snyder
Steve Trapnell
Mary Yohe
Scott Zimmerman

7,500 Hours of Service

Lois Shipman

2,500 Hours of Service

JoAnn Lutton

1,000 Hours of Service

Susie Bailey
Cynthia Cope
Kermit 'Doc' Norris
Erma Sauder
Kay Shirk

500 Hours of Service

Kay Ardner
Rose Kauffman
Paul Ketchersid
Carol Pennington
Peggy Rasmussen
Linda Sarley
Connie Simmons

250 Hours of Service

Nancy Barton
Amy Dickinson
Randall Grove
Rebecca Mowrey
Carolyn 'Lynn' Potts
Melissa Sikorski
Jeff Wasilewski

100 Hours of Service

Peggy Bare
Joyce Boyer
Francine Corbin
Thomas DiCola
Lenora Dukehart
Mary Jo Feresten
Phil Kain
Elaine Lenyo
Jennifer Mohler
Doris Morrison
Lauren Musser
Jeanmarie Nobile
Carol Vere