April 2016: Volunteer Appreciation Month

A Time to Say Thank You

The selfless commitment and dedication of our outstanding Hope volunteers is recognized throughout the year - but during National Volunteer Month, we are delighted to be able to formally acknowledge your efforts. We sincerely hope you will be able to join us for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held at the Broadway Palm.

Warm Regards,

Samira K. Beckwith, Hope President and CEO

Volunteer Appreciation

Join us for a Celebration in your honor

Tuesday, April 26 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre
1380 Colonial Boulevard • Fort Myers, Florida 33907
11:30 am - Mix and Mingle • 12:00 pm - Buffet Lunch and Presentation

RSVP no later than April 15 to your Volunteer Coordinator
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“The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good.”

~Ivan Scheier
Special Events

**Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show in Bonita Springs**

The Friends of Hope Women’s Committee is hosting their annual Spring Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa at Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. Nearly 400 guests are expected to attend this year’s event on Monday, April 11, which will include boutique shopping from over a dozen vendors as well as a glamorous fashion show. Handbags by Burberry, Fendi and Jimmy Choo will be featured in this year’s raffle. The event will benefit Hope Hospice and its Kids Care and Pet programs. Tickets and additional event information are available at Donate.HopeHCS.org/Spring16 or by calling (239) 489-9164.

**First Annual Walk 4 Hope**

The Hope Parkinson Program invites you to join the inaugural Walk 4 Hope this spring at Lakes Park in Fort Myers. This casual, non-competitive walk will be held on April 30 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to commemorate Parkinson’s Awareness Month and to highlight the benefits of exercise and socialization for those living with Parkinson’s disease. You can opt to participate in the 1- or 3-mile route; your $25 registration fee includes your event t-shirt and light refreshments. All proceeds benefit the Hope Parkinson Program. Request a registration form by calling (239) 985-7727 or donate online by credit card at Donate.HopeHCS.org/Walk4Hope.

**15th Annual Southwest Florida Conference on Aging**

On Thursday, May 12, professionals and community members will join together for a multidisciplinary conference at the Crowne Plaza in Fort Myers. Special presentations will include:

- Jonathan Scalone, Hope HealthCare: I Want to be Cremated; Pass the Pasta Please
- Joseph Maquire, Lee County EMS: EMS Care, Concern & Challenges for an Aging Population
- Dr. Thomas Felke, FGCU: The Invisibility of Social Issues Facing Seniors in Southwest Florida
- Dotty St. Amand, Arden Courts: The Dementia Journey: Ethical Issues and Decisions for Care
- Marilyn Gregory, AAA for Southwest Florida: Navigating the Medicare Maze
- DeAnna Graziano: Renewal & Meditation: Balancing Professional and Personal Roles

Six (6) contact hours will be provided for Nursing, Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapists, Mental Health Counseling, Attorneys, Nursing Home Administrators, and Professional Guardians. No partial credits will be given. Fees are $80 for professionals, included contact hours and $40 for the general public, family caregivers, and students. For more information, call Heather Chester at (239) 489-9164.

**National Health Care Decisions Day (NHDD) on April 16**

NHDD is an initiative to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning. The theme for 2016 is “It Always Seems Too Early, Until It’s Too Late.”
Join us for a one-of-a-kind experience, and learn why we should discuss death over dinner. You’ll watch Consider the Conversation, a remarkable, thought-provoking film that touches on this most difficult - and often taboo - subject.

After the film, presenter Rev. Dr. Lt. Col, Jonathan Scalone, MA, DMin, USAF(Ret) will lead a group discussion and teach you to use our Five Wishes advance directives forms - provided to all attendees at no charge in honor of National Healthcare Decisions Day.

Thursday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m.
Hope Cape Coral Community Room
2430 Diplomat Parkway E • Cape Coral, FL 33909
Light Refreshments Served • Limited Seating • RSVP to (239) 482-4673
Volunteer Department Updates

Bonita Meet and Greet
On March 2, VALOR volunteer Dave Grossi spoke to a group of Bonita Springs volunteers after they had a 45 minute “get to know you” get together.

Special Room Accessories for Hope Kids Care
We’re grateful to Hope volunteer Fran Stevens for designing the pattern and sewing custom pillow cases and bed runners. These decorative items, along with framed art and vinyl wall clings, help to transform our inpatient rooms into special spaces for Hope Kids Care.

Hope volunteers also support this pediatric program by socializing with the children, visiting for caregiver respite, providing transportation or helping with errands.
Community Support for Hope

Tournaments Benefit Hope Hospice

Members of Kelly Greens (at right) hosted the 15th annual Golf and Tennis Classic, and players raised more than $52,000, which included proceeds from silent and live auctions held during the evening’s banquet.

The Forest Golf Tournament in February raised $8,444 this year - thanks to the dedicated ladies who made this special event possible!

Continuing Education

Wounds Without Purple Hearts - required for volunteers who started in 2015

This class addresses the special needs of veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Veterans’ combat experience may complicate care and treatment during serious illness. RSVP to Nina Tomasello at 656-3240.
Tuesday, April 13 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Cape Coral Community Room

VALOR Program Photo Gallery

[Images of quilts and veterans]
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Volunteers created a Personal Treasure for Hope’s own Donna Davis; materials from her husband’s t-shirt were transformed into a keepsake pillow.

The Tooth Fairy (Hope volunteer Mary Bartoshuk) was a surprise guest at Hope Connections. The fairy, who rarely is spotted during daytime hours, comes to town every now and then and talks about the importance of caring for your teeth and mouth (no matter your age). Our clients Jerri (left) and Hugh (right) were lucky enough to grab a picture with the elusive nocturnal fairy during the daylight hours!

Call (800) 835-1673 ext 25341 to schedule a TB Test.

To purchase Hope Wear, visit: ces.landsend.com/hopehospice
You don’t need a password. Purchases may be completed online with a credit card.