



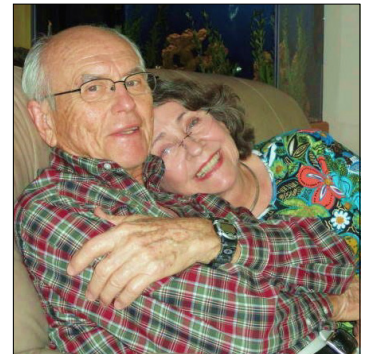
Faith, Hope ... And Love ♥

This year, February has 29 days (leap year). Some other events this month include: Ground Hog Day on Feb. 2, National Wear Red Day on Feb. 3, and American Heart Association month. But the event that most people identify February with is Valentine's Day. Volunteers recently were asked to participate in our Valentine's Day February issue of the newsletter. The following volunteers have agreed to share with you how they feel about their mission while working as LifePath Hospice volunteers and also share a little bit about themselves.

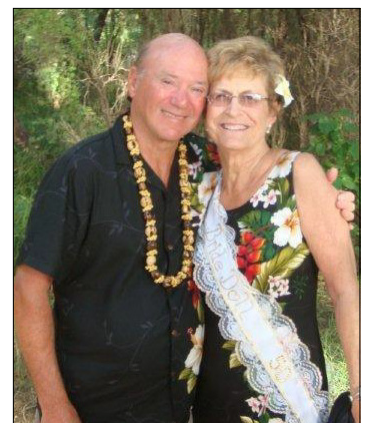
Ron and Joy Jakelis: "Ron is my prince charming. We are married 10 years, and these are the easiest and the best times of my life. I decided to volunteer because I knew about birthing, but I didn't know much about the end of life. When I'm at the live in South Tampa and have volunteered at LifePath Hospice for more than three years. They attend every hospice volunteer support group meeting and have had a wonderful experience getting to know everyone. They also volunteer during the holidays, distributing food and toys supplied by Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa to hospice patients. "Ron has visited more patients than I have. He has a lot more spirit and enjoys doing this," Joy added. Ron rewrote an address book for one of his patients in large lettering, and Joy brings treats to her patients. "The magic of life is more important near the end. That's my truth," said Joy.



Charles and Sheila Beck: "It took me five years after my wife passed away to meet Sheila. God has been good to me in bringing us both together. I consider myself very lucky. We have friends that we enjoy being with in and out of hospice. Sheila, I love you very much," said Charles. He and Sheila have lived in Carrollwood Village for the 15 years. Sheila, 77, is a native Floridian, and Charles, 85, moved from Chicago in 1986. Together, they have volunteered for hospice for 20 years. Sheila volunteers at Life's Treasures Thrift Stores. "The thrift store and patient care are like two different worlds. Patient care is where I learn things about people and learn to live more in the present. Charles and I believe in giving back to society. Bearing one another's burden is what impels me in this type of giving," said Sheila.



Dick and Rose Keena: "I prayed to St. Anthony to find a good woman to marry, and that was it," said Dick Keena, 76. He and Rose, 75, never dated, but they wrote letters to each other. They are now married 54 years. They have six children, 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. On their 50th wedding anniversary, they took their family to celebrate their special occasion in Hawaii. "Can't stay away from the kids for too long," said Dick. He retired from the Ford Motor Co. at 55, and as an Air Force veteran, he would like to join the hospice veterans program. The Keenas have volunteered at hospice since 1991. "We both volunteered at Angela Hospice House in Michigan before moving to Florida. We always work together. We're very seldom alone," Dick added.



February Birthdays

Please join us in wishing the following active/leave of absence volunteers a happy birthday:

Kaytlyn Whitehead, 2/1; Falon Blessing, 2/1; Nan Li, 2/1; Linda Cox (leave of absence), 2/2; Susan Mears, 2/2; Delano McIntosh (leave of absence), 2/2; Maureen Hughes, 2/3; Jennifer Hayden, 2/3; Barbara Martinez, 2/4; Wendy Brown (leave of absence), 2/4; Janet Jagunic, 2/6; Susan Johnson, 2/6; Spencer Moreland, 2/6; Joan Barringer, 2/7; Monica Mancuso (leave of absence), 2/7; Joshua Abbatiello, 2/7; Audry Camacho, 2/8; Kimberly De Gracia, 2/8; Judith Maynard, 2/9; Kathy Alstadt, 2/10; Barbara Werle (leave of absence), 2/11; Felix Martinez, 2/13; Raymond Longo, 2/14; Joshua Hall (leave of absence), 2/14; Amelia (Millie) Fuson, 2/15; David Coffed, 2/15; Jeri Hundertmark, 2/16; Florence Jean, 2/16; Kerry Conca (leave of absence), 2/17; Marco Hurtado, 2/17; Catherine Martinez, 2/19; James Morgan, 2/19; Robin Russo, 2/20; Michele McCoy, 2/20; James Youngman, 2/20; Peggy Swan, 2/21; Christine Diaz, 2/21; Mary Smeaton, 2/22; Cory Banas (leave of absence), 2/22; Mary T. Gustman, 2/23; Susan Duncan (leave of absence), 2/24; Jeff Cohen, 2/26; Sophia Stewart-Jenkins (leave of absence), 2/26; Barbara Cominoli, 2/27; Bryan Rhodes (leave of absence), 2/27; and Jerry Rosenberg, 2/29.

Belated birthday wish to Barbara “Bobbie” Walker, 1/25. Our apologies for missing your birthday.

Thought of the Month

*Love makes us patient, understanding and kind,
And we judge with the heart, not with the mind,
For as soon as love enters the heart's opened door,
The faults we once saw are not there anymore.*

Author – Helen Steiner Rice

In Memory of ...

Brita Darling passed away on January 16 at the Sun City Center Hospice House. She became a volunteer in 2006, serving at the Circle of Love Grief Center along with her husband, Don Darling. In 2010, Brita joined the Sun City Center Stars, assisting with admissions books at the Sun City Center office. Our condolences go out to the Darling family.

Fashion Show & Boutique

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the inaugural Fashion Show & Boutique hosted by the LifePath Hospice thrift stores. The event will offer a display of the latest fashion trends. Models will wear brand-name clothing and accessories from Life's Treasures. Gayle Sierens, news anchor for WFLA News Channel 8 will be the celebrity commentator.

Guests will also be treated to a unique shopping experience and have the opportunity to purchase clothing and many other gift items generously donated by local businesses. Tickets are \$25, and space is limited to 100 guests. Purchase a ticket for you and a friend at either Life's Treasures location:

1918 S. Dale Mabry Highway, South Tampa
4802 Gunn Highway, Towne Center, Suite 124/126, Carrollwood



Tickets can also be purchased online by going to www.chaptershealth.org and clicking on the Events page, or call Anne Ferrell at (813) 357-5321. The event will benefit LifePath Hospice. Coffee and confections will be served. The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Chapters Health PACE Center, 5102 W. Linebaugh Ave., Tampa.

Volunteer Support Meetings

Melech House • There will be no meeting scheduled in February.

Temple Terrace Support Group • Meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Temple Terrace Resource Center, 11150 N. 53rd Street, Temple Terrace.

Village Presbyterian Church • Meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6 – 7:30 p.m., 13115 S. Village Drive, Carrollwood.

Sun City Center Support Group • Meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sun City Center Hospice House, 3723 Upper Creek Drive, Ruskin.

South Tampa Support Group • Support meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. and Spiritual Care Support with Chaplain Guy Glass will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. at the South Tampa Resource Center, 3010 W. Azele Street, Tampa.

Volunteer Department Mission Statement

The caring and competent staff of volunteer services works collectively to meet the needs of patients, families, volunteers and staff while honoring the human connection. We empower, educate and inspire the generous hearts of volunteers to mutually enrich and support the lives of patients, families and staff as they walk the journey together.

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Help Wanted

1. **Join the STRC Team-** Volunteers are needed to produce the patient/family resource manuals for the admissions nurses. If interested, call Therese Balbin at 813-357-5461 or e-mail at balbint@chaptershealth.org.
2. **Phone Buddies** – Volunteers are needed for calls, companionship and visits. You will make weekly calls to patients to check in on them, visit and offer some companionship over the phone. You can be assigned as few as one day or as many phone buddies as you would like to call. Many of the patients are alone all day and would be thrilled to have someone call. You can make daily calls from home or just a few days a week—which ever works best for you and the patient. Contact Janet Ricklick at 984-2307 or e-mail ricklickj@chaptershealth.org.
3. **Office Assistance** - Office volunteer opportunities are available at the South Tampa Office, 3010 W. Azeele Street and the Temple Terrace office at 11150 N. 53rd Street. A variety of office projects are in need of volunteer assistance:
 - **Office Assistance-Monday to Friday** – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Clerical-related tasks; computer experience not necessary.
 - **Thursdays** – Weekend check-in phone calls made to patients. These calls are made from the South Tampa or Temple Terrace office. Available time from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - **Monday to Friday** – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Coverage for the receptionists' lunch breaks.
 - To find the perfect assignment or to accommodate your request, call one of the coordinators listed below:

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