

THE PILLAR



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What's the Buzz? By Louis "Buzzy" Hebert Jr.

Hopefully, by the time this goes to press and you are reading it, spring has sprung.

In the ever-evolving world of Medicare and Medicaid, change is inevitable and we are doing everything we can to keep up with the changing government regulations. One thing that sets Hospice of Acadiana apart from other hospices is that we have a superior, qualified staff of physicians, nurses, and volunteers that can meet all the challenges in this changing healthcare environment.

Our Community Development team and our Foundation are working together like a well oiled machine. In a non-profit world, we are always seeking grants and looking for new fundraising events to pull us through the year. Our recent sporting clay event has proven to be a success and will join our efforts toward fundraising. This being said, all of the successes of Hospice of Acadiana could not have been made possible without the constant support of the Acadiana community and network of volunteers. The community has been with us every step of the way and with their unbelievable support, we at Hospice of Acadiana will be able to continue to strive for better support of you, the people of Acadiana.

Our new focus this year is to inform the Acadiana citizens that when it comes to home health services and hospice services, the patient and families have and should be given a choice of whom they wish to use. Our new tagline this year is "Not all hospices are alike. Ask for us by name, Hospice of Acadiana."

There is no other non-profit hospice in the Acadiana area and no other hospice that has a 32 year history of serving the Acadiana community. This is a fact that we are very proud of and with the support of the residents of Acadiana, we will move forward to another 32 years serving Acadiana. When you choose a hospice, wouldn't you want to use a company with the most experience? I know I would!

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Featuring J.B. Saxx and the Band

Sunday March 15, 2015

10:30 ~ 2:30

River Oaks Vermilion Ballroom

Join us for our second annual Jazz brunch. Enjoy the smooth sounds of live Jazz featuring Louisiana's own Jeremy Benoit as J.B. Saxx and the Band. This is a wonderful event for community leaders, philanthropists, and music lovers alike. All are invited to indulge in the fun and festivities while dining on decadent food prepared by Chef Brian Blanchard of iMonelli Italian Restaurant.

Tickets are Limited. Get yours today!!!

Call Martie 337-232-1234

Dine Around



Join us for a monthly social outing with others who have lost a loved one.

Third Sundays of the month 11:00 a.m. at various restaurants in Acadiana.

Contact Mollie Vincent-Charpentier at 337-251-1614 to register

March 15—Bonefish Grill

April 19—Don's Seafood Hut

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

***You could win a 2015 Hyundai Sonata or a
K2 Sportsmen Model S240BH55***



This could be you!

2014 Winner

Ellen Caillouet

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS!

March 15, March 22, April 19, April 26, May 23, May 30. Call Ann for details 232-1234

Hospice of Acadiana's Annual Garage Sale is Coming!

Last year we raised over \$15,000! Help us again by donating your gently used furniture, jewelry, home décor, China, silver, holiday, baby items, lamps and rugs, and health and fitness items. We are currently accepting donations Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at our Johnston Street location 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 20, 2015- Chance to Make a Difference Garage Sale Preview Party

November 21, 2015-Chance to Make a Difference Garage Sale-doors open at 7:am-4:00pm

February 1, 2016-Begin collecting treasures for the 2016 sale!

THE CENTER FOR LOSS AND TRANSITION UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Coping Creatively Through Grief Workshop Series

Starting Friday, March 6th on each Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Creativity can be very healing. We tap into those non-verbal knowing places in ourselves that do not always surface through speech. Creative exercises give us more information about ourselves and enhance our healing. Given by **Cathy Wallace, LCSW** of the Center For loss and Transition.

As art materials will be prepared, pre-registration is required for all eight sessions. Call (337)232-1234.

Memorial Service

Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospice of Acadiana Conference Center

A memorial Service is offered by **Deacon James Davis and Chaplain Staff** for those who have lost a loved one this past year. **For more information call (337)232-1234.**

“I Don’t Know What to Say.”

Monday March 12 at 9:00 a.m. at Hospice of Acadiana Conference Center.

Many people feel uncomfortable not knowing what to say, and do around grieving people. This workshop helps with understanding the grief process and provides ways to support grievers. Anyone interested in ministering to bereaved persons is welcome. This program also serves as training for those who wish to become Hospice of Acadiana bereavement volunteers.

Presented by Mary Lahey, LPC, LMFT and staff.

Holding onto Hope

Tuesday, April 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the Hospice of Acadiana Conference Center

Hope anchors us and is a dynamic power that leads us to confident assurance when we feel hopeless. Hope Strengthens all who suffer with pain and loss. Hope allows us to see beyond ourselves, toward something greater: something good. **Daniel Jurek, LPC-S, LMFT**, the Founder and Director of PAX Renewal Center in Lafayette will present on the messages and the power of hope. Dan draws on his experiences as a licensed professional counselor and a certified spiritual director to encourage hope in our lives.

Please call to pre-register, (337)232-1234.



Clay Shoot Success!

Hospice of Acadiana's inaugural clay shoot, "Shoot to Make a Difference" was a resounding success! Over 20 teams participated in the first year of the shoot raising over **\$22,000!** These funds will help Hospice of Acadiana better serve our community.

Congratulations to this year's Winners!

Top Shot: Robert Conner

1st Place Team: Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office

2nd Place Team: Lynn Ray

3rd Place Team : Brian's Truck & Diesel Service, Inc.



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We would also like to thank our sponsors:

- Fieldwood Energy
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- Warrior Energy Services
- Anne Snyder
- Doug Ashy
- Dr. Carl Breaux DDS
- Village Café.
- Coca Cola
- Schilling Distribution
- Lafayette Shooters
- All Registered Teams

We look forward to next year as we hope to make our annual sporting clay shoot bigger and better than ever. See you next year as we...

SHOOT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteering At Hospice of Acadiana

April is National Volunteer Month

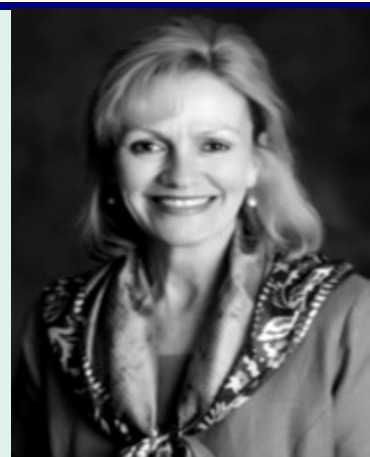
Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, National Volunteer Week, April 12-18, 2015 is about thanking one of America's most valuable assets – our volunteers. National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Since then, every U.S. President has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

George W. Bush stated, "National Volunteer Week offers each of us the opportunity to recognize one of the true strengths of our Nation- the compassionate spirit of our citizens". He also said, "Volunteering is central to the American character and is a fundamental expression of responsible citizenship. During National Volunteer week, we recognize our proud legacy of volunteer service and resolve to encourage more Americans to continue strengthening our country by helping others".

At Hospice of Acadiana, we recognize that one of our true strengths is the collective contribution of our volunteers. We are proud of our own "legacy of volunteer service" for the past 32 years. Thirty-two years of loving the people of Acadiana.

Thank you for all you do to help us serve our patients and their families.

In honor of all of the volunteers and staff of Hospice of Acadiana, Inc., please join us for lunch on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at Noon at the Petroleum Club.



Volunteer Coordinator Ann Wallace

Volunteer Spotlight: Dana Lang

Dana Lang was born in Lafayette and was employed by the Louisiana Public School system as a speech therapist. Holding a dual degree, she was an educator for many years. Dana has been a volunteer at Hospice of Acadiana for six years. She stated that by volunteering at Hospice of Acadiana, the volunteers have a chance to make a difference, stating, "I feel that we are providing a very compassionate service to the clients and that without our help the healthcare professionals could not provide as many services as they do without volunteers." As a member of the Acadiana community that is very familiar with hospice care, she believes that Hospice of Acadiana, "is an organization that truly has the interest of the members of the community at heart. It is an organization of true service and not a business per se, it's not operated like other businesses."

It is truly volunteers like Dana Lang that allow Hospice of Acadiana to accomplish its goals on a daily basis and without the help of our large volunteer staff, we would not be able to service the residents of Acadiana. Our volunteers put in countless hours to serve the Acadiana community and they are a valuable and treasured resource here at Hospice of Acadiana. Thank you for all that you do!

Progress Notes Q and A

Q: Why do we do progress notes and sign in when we come to the office?

A: 5% of patient services and needs must be delivered by volunteers, according to Medicare regulations. These sheets serve as a record of time served by volunteers to keep up with current regulations. Also, since we do concurrent care, progress notes need to be sent in weekly. Thank you so much for all you do!


Volunteer Inservice

Please join us at 12:00 p.m. on March 26th for Dr. Shirley Covington discussing Parkinson's Disease.

Lunch Will Be Served

Please Call Ann for Reservations

337-232-1234



Hospice of Acadiana Employee Spotlight

Marilyn Arton



Hospice of Acadiana is proud to feature Marilyn Arton, who serves as Admissions Coordinator. A dedicated employee, Marilyn has been with Hospice of Acadiana for 26 years. She holds degrees from The University of Louisiana at Lafayette where she studied Horticulture and Nursing. She has extensive healthcare experience, having worked Gastroenterology and Oncology. Marilyn is well respected by her peers, has won the Dr. Romagosa Award and was a Woman of Excellence recipient. She enjoys tending to her flowers is always glad to offer gardening advice to any who are in need. Marilyn is happily married to her husband, Tim, has two stepchildren and is a new grandmother. We at Hospice of Acadiana are blessed to have such a wonderful team of talented and dedicated individuals such as Marilyn.

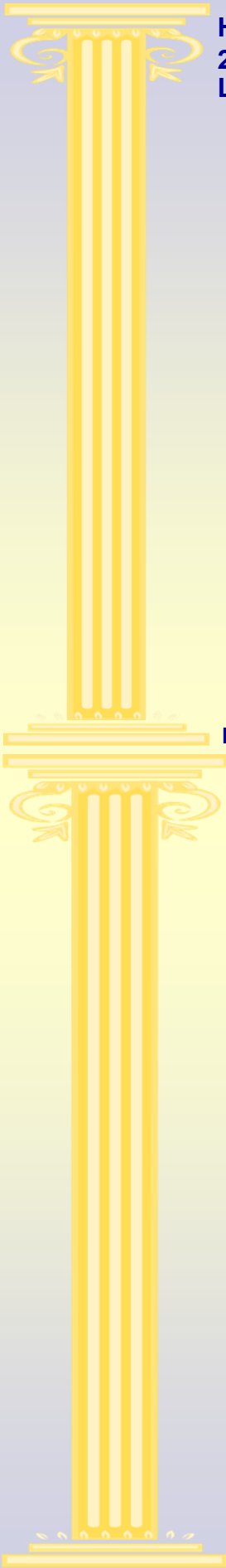
Volunteer Physicians Needed!



Hospice of Acadiana is very grateful to have over 20 volunteer physicians. In an effort to keep up with the growing needs of the Acadiana community, we are currently looking for more



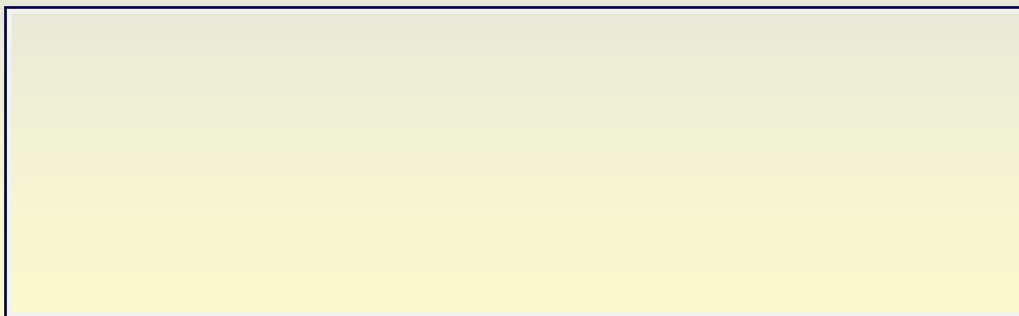
volunteer physicians to fill this essential role. If you are a currently practicing or retired physician or know of a local doctor who has the desire to help those in the Acadiana community, please call 337-232-1234. Benefits include coverage of medical malpractice insurance, licenses and other associated fees.



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