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TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

1.4 TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY – *effective 2/1/12*

Covenant Hospice is committed to the promotion of health, which includes prevention as well as treatment of diseases. With the current evidence that smoking and the use of other tobacco products are dangerous and injurious to a person's health, staff (employees and volunteers) are encouraged not to use such products. Covenant Hospice recognizes that the decision to smoke or use tobacco products is a personal one. Hospice has a responsibility to provide and maintain a safe, clean environment in which to work. In accordance with these responsibilities, the policy of Hospice is to provide a tobacco-free environment. Smoking or any use of tobacco products is not permitted by staff or visitors on Covenant Hospice property or by staff during work hours, in between patient visits, on paid breaks, on the property of patients, families, other healthcare facilities, at Covenant Hospice events or when visiting other organizations representing Covenant Hospice. Each staff member shares the responsibility of complying with and enforcing this policy and failure to adhere to this policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Any conflicts should be brought to the attention of the manager. This policy applies primarily to tobacco products, but also to any form of tobacco substitutes (ex: smoke-less cigarettes) that might be used.

- a) SMOKING AREAS: Covenant Hospice does not provide designated smoking areas.
- b) NON-HOSPICE FACILITIES: Staff must also honor the policies of other healthcare facilities and when visiting other organizations.
- c) PATIENT RESIDENCES AND PROPERTY: Staff are not permitted to smoke or use any type of tobacco product in the residences of Hospice patients and families or anywhere on the property of the Hospice patient and/or family. Staff is also prohibited from using tobacco products in their cars if their car is on the property of the patient and/or family.
- d) RESPECT FOR OTHERS: Employees who smoke cigarettes or use other tobacco products are cautioned that the smell of tobacco on clothing and breath may offend and cause distress to others. Therefore, special effort should be made to ensure that clothing and breath are free from this odor while at work.

Remember, the Florida and Alabama "Quit lines" are always available to provide support and encouragement for those who are trying to quit.

ALABAMA QUIT LINE: 1-800-QUIT-NOW

FLORIDA QUIT LINE: 1-877-822-6669



News from Jodie



Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!

In 2012 two of our goals for the volunteer department is to recruit more volunteers to help in our marketing program as an Ambassador of Covenant Hospice and help in the Development Programs to recruit more volunteers to help serve on fundraising committees and search for event sponsors. We continue to need Patient and Family, 11th Hour, Bereavement and Administrative volunteers because they are an important part of providing excellent care to do our patients! If you have fallen behind in getting involved in any of these areas, make it a part of your New Year's resolution to become more involved, we need you!

Valentine's Day is coming – February 14th is just around the corner. If anyone is interested in baking cookies or brownies and wrapping them in decorative plates to send to patients for Valentine's Day, please call me and let me know! It would really make a patient's day.

Until next time. . . . Jodie

Jodie

Thank You!

Ambassador Volunteers

Janet Benjamin
Donna Cousineau
Eunice Williams
Ingrid Ridgeway
Fredia Tatum
Lenora Powe
Kris Powe
Muriel Trowsdale
Lillie Jones
Nancy Sallans
Kody Hall
Kellie Price
Gerald Davidson

Patient Family Volunteers

Donna Cousineau
Lenora Powe
Sandra Smith
Cindy Freeman
Debbie Scott
Derwood Cleland
Sterling Jones
Susan McDaniel
Eunice Williams
Ray Langham
Dawaun Johnson
Devany Weaver
Julia Murphy
Norman Gholston
Carrie Gholston



Thanks!

**Your
Volunteer
Manager
Is
Here For YOU!**

**Jodie Williams
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*"Love doesn't
make the
world go
round. Love is
what makes
the ride
worthwhile."
Franklin P.
Jones*

Upcoming Events

PATIENT & FAMILY VISIT REPORTS

Patient & Family Visit Reports for February are due by
Thursday, March 1st.

Mail, drop off or call in your reports by these deadlines!

NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Tuesday, February 7th
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Brewton Office

NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Friday, March 16th
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Addellum Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall, Andalusia

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT MEETING

**Wednesday, February 15th
3:30 pm
Brewton Office**

TOPIC: 5 Ways You Can Get More Involved in 2012!

VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

Friday, February 24th
1:30 pm
Andalusia Public Library,
2nd Floor

Everybody is invited to join us!



Mark Your Calendars!

**National Volunteer Week April 16th – 22nd
Be watching for date, time and place of
Volunteer Luncheon.**



Valentine Treasures

Valentine treasures are people who
have often crossed your mind,
family, friends and others, too,
who in your life have shined
the warmth of love or a spark of light
that makes you remember them;
no matter how long since you've actually met,
each one is a luminous gem,
who gleams and glows in your memory,
bringing special pleasures,
and that's why this Valentine comes to you:
You're one of those sparkling treasures!

By Joanna Fuchs



February Birthdays

Christine Givens
2-01

Mike Smith
2-02

Sterling Jones
2-16

Amber Davis
2-17

Marshall Smith
2-19

Eunice Williams
2-20

Volunteer Requests



Administrative: Volunteers are needed every Monday morning from 8:30 am to 10:00 am to answer phones while staff is in a meeting.

Patient & Family: Volunteers needed to help build wheel chair ramps and do yard work for patients, and provide respite care in the Uria and Monroeville areas.

Community Events: Volunteers needed to help at events in the Monroeville and Luverne areas.

Bereavement: Volunteers needed to help with phone calls to families weekly from the office and visit assigned family members as needed.

Ambassador: To help promote Covenant Hospice at community events and visit businesses to put out brochures monthly and visit nursing homes.

Please contact Jodie if you are willing to help with any of the above needs.





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Community Education Connection



Happy New Year everyone! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and wish you all the best for 2012!

At the Brewton Branch of Covenant Hospice we are excited and looking forward to a year full of fun opportunities for our volunteers. Last year was excellent and “Thank You” for all that each one of you contributed to make 2011 so successful.

January is almost gone and already we have utilized several volunteers for various projects in the office and we are so thankful for each of you who give of your hearts and your time. The employees as well as the patients appreciate you all so very much.

The Community Educators will be preparing the last week of this month for the upcoming events in February. February is National Heart Health Month as well as Black History Month. We will have several opportunities for the volunteers to assist with different activities during this time. If you would like to help, please contact Jodie Williams, Volunteer Manager. You may also contact me, Shona Hall RN or Missi Carver, Community Educators for information as well. We can be reached at 251-867-6993. We will be making goody bags and other items for our patients and physician offices and need your help in making this happen. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help.

Looking forward to the month of March, the focus will be on Social Workers Month as well as Doctor’s Day. Check the upcoming newsletter for opportunities with those events.

We look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming months. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

Planning with our hearts and minds... until next time –

*Shona Hall, RN
Community Educator*

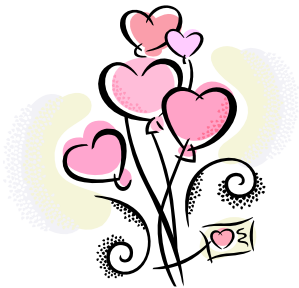


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Covenant Hospice Volunteer Services Newsletter

Happy
Valentine's Day



Welcome Aboard
New Volunteers!!

*Julia Murphy, Norman Gbolston,
Carrie Gbolston*

We are so glad you have joined our
Covenant Hospice Volunteer Family

Be our
facebook
friend!

Look for:
Covenant
Hospice



Stay up-to-date with the "happenings" of the
agency or network with clients and staff.