Hospice Circle of Love's Volunteers Vital To Organization

Hospice Circle of Love’s Volunteers are a dedicated group. Providing companionship for patients and respite for caregivers is their top priority. However, helping with fundraisers to serve those who don’t have a Medicare or insurance benefit for hospice is another important way to support the mission, as is working in the office and assisting with events like health fairs, that help spread the word about hospice services.

One recent example of some of the volunteer’s dedication, took place at a local nursing home. One of the patients Hospice Circle of Love was helping to care for had no family in the area and was getting close to dying. Her only child, who lived in another state, was dealing with some serious health problems of her own. A group of volunteers who have been trained in 11th hour care, sat with the patient for many hours over a few days, including late into the night, so that she would not be alone. Two of the 11th Hour volunteers who sat with that patient are also the duo who make sure our biannual book sales go smoothly. Gerry Lou Brown and Harriett Dupus sort book donations throughout the year in the heat and cold so that they are categorized when it comes time for the sales. With thousands of books coming in throughout the year, this can be a daunting task. Gerry Lou has been sorting for 10 years and Harriett has been doing it almost as long. “The book sale is important because it gives the community a chance to save money on reading material and help patients who don’t have insurance to get free care from Hospice Circle of Love,” said Gerry Lou.

Medicare requires hospices to utilize volunteers and mandates that their volunteers give at least 5% of the patient’s care. So far this year Circle of Love volunteers have averaged 9% a month.

Hospice Circle of Love is always looking for new volunteers. Anyone who is interested can contact Volunteer Coordinator Julie Nelson at 580-234-2273 or julien@hospicecircleoflove.com for an application. Applicants must pass a background check and attend a volunteer training course.

Harriett Dupus (left) and Gerry Lou Brown have been getting things ready for Hospice Circle of Love’s Fall Book Sale, coming up October 7th & 8th.

Fall Book Sale to Feature Extended Hours First Day

Hospice Circle of Love’s Fall Book Sale will be open late the first day to make it easier for those who work to attend. The event will also tie in with October’s First Friday in Downtown Enid. The Book Sale will be held on Friday, October 7th from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Free coffee and bookmarks will be given away. The sale will continue on Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It will once again be held at Hospice Circle of Love, 314 S. Third.

Thousands of titles will be available in a large variety of categories. Fiction novels, mystery stories, craft books, children’s books, cookbooks, westerns, biographies, war and history books, science fiction, religious works and more will be up for sale. In addition, buyers can find puzzles, movies, board games, CDs and books on tape.

Hardbacks are just $1.00 and paperbacks are only $.50.

Fall Book Sale
Friday, Oct. 7th - 9 AM to 8 PM & Saturday, Oct. 8th - 9 AM to 4 PM @ 314 S, 3rd
Circle of Love Named Best Hospice Service By Enid News & Eagle Readers

For the tenth year in a row, Hospice Circle of Love has been named Best Hospice Service by Enid News & Eagle readers in an annual survey. The Reader’s Choice survey covers a large variety of categories for businesses, services and individuals. “We appreciate all those who voted for us for Best Hospice Service,” said Circle of Love Director Chad Caldwell. “Our staff works hard every day to do all they can to help patients and their families. They take their jobs very seriously and consider it an honor to care for those in need,” he added.

(Right) Hospice Circle of Love Director Chad Caldwell accepts a certificate for Best Hospice Service from Enid News & Eagle’s Paula Deterding.

Clay Shoot Features Open Format

The Hospice Circle of Love annual benefit clay shoot will be held Saturday, September 24th at Sportsman’s Ranch for the third year in a row. The course is located 2 miles south of Hillsdale at 12900 North Boomer Road. The multi-station course will feature an open format.

Registration begins at 8:00 and the course is open from 9:00 to 1:00, with the last shooter starting no later than 12:00. A BBQ lunch takes place between 11:00 and 1:00. An awards ceremony will follow. Trophies will be presented to First through Third place in 3 flights. Tickets are $100.00, with sponsorship opportunities available as well. Tickets to the event include a light breakfast, shells, clays, lunch and a ball cap. To purchase tickets, contact Julie Nelson at 580-234-2273 or email julien@hospicecircleoflove.com.

A participant at the 2015 Hospice Circle of Love Shoot makes his way through the course.

Proceeds from the Clay Shoot will be used to care for hospice patients who don’t have a Medicare or insurance benefit for hospice.

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**Flu Clinics To Be Offered**

It’s time once again to start thinking about getting your annual flu vaccine. The disease begins to rear its ugly head as early as October and experts say it takes 2 to 4 weeks for the antibodies to build up in your system.

Evans Pharmacy will be providing flu clinics over four upcoming Tuesdays: September 27th, October 4th, October 18th and October 25th from 9 to 1 at their Willow location in Enid. Medicare recipients will receive the vaccine at no cost to them, but will need to bring their Medicare card to the clinic. There will also be no copay with most other insurance cards. Those without insurance can get their shot for $31.00. Hospice Circle of Love nurses and volunteers will assist with the clinics as a community service.

The Centers for Disease Control is once again recommending that most people 6 months and over get the flu vaccine. Their recommendation that has changed for the 2016/2017 season is that they are not recommending the FluMist as an alternative to the shot. The CDC has discovered that FluMist provided insufficient protection against the disease in recent years.

**Grief Group Will Be Held Tuesdays in October**

One of the hardest things we have to do in life is grieve the death of a loved one. Hospice Circle of Love’s Bereavement team recognizes the challenges of the grieving process. They have scheduled a community grief group for those in need. Meetings will take place every Tuesday in October; October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at the Hospice Circle of Love office, 314 S. Third, in Enid. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions.

The grief group is free and open to anyone 18 and over who is dealing with the death of a loved one. Each of the sessions will focus on different aspects of the grieving process such as common responses to grief, identity changes and on-going support.

“The group setting allows participants to connect with others who are dealing with the same struggles,” commented Circle of Love Bereavement Coordinator Kevin Strope. Those who would like to sign up for the grief group can call Strope at 580-234-2273.

**Remembering Loved Ones, Focus of December Event**

Hospice Circle of Love Staff and families they have served will gather to remember loved ones at a memorial celebration in early December. The Tree of Life event will feature 3 Christmas Trees adorned with gold and silver bell ornaments containing tags with the names of those being remembered. Families of patients who passed away using Circle of Love services over the past year will be given an ornament at no charge. Anyone else may include their loved one for a tax deductible donation of $25.00.

During the event, all the names of those being remembered will be read, a short spiritual message will be delivered and participants will enjoy some Christmas Music. A cookie and punch reception will follow, during which time, families can reconnect with the hospice workers that cared for their loved ones. They can also look for the ornament with their loved one’s name to take home for their own tree.

The date of this year’s event will be announced soon and invitations will be sent out with all the details.

Family members attending the 2015 Tree of Life look for the ornament bearing the name of their loved one. There were around 500 ornaments on last years trees.
Bench with engraved plaque - $1,000.00

Plaque Dedicating a Crepe Myrtle Tree/Bush - $500.00

Memorialize Your Loved One In Hospice Circle of Love’s New Veteran’s Memorial Garden (314 S. Third, Enid)

Tag on free standing plaque - $150.00

Engraved Stone - $250.00

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