

INFORMING



# Presidential Volunteer Service Awards

Earlier this spring Hospice & Community Care became a Certifying Organization with the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. Led by AmeriCorps and managed in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards enable organizations to recognize volunteers who are dedicated to serving and supporting their mission. We are thrilled to recognize a total of 79 of our volunteers with Presidential Volunteer Service Awards for volunteer hours conducted in 2021. These awards include 56 Bronze winners (100-249 volunteer hours), 12 Silver winners (250-499 volunteer hours), one Gold (500+ service hours), and ten will achieve the highest honor, the Lifetime Service Award (4,000+ lifetime volunteer hours). For more information on this award, visit [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov).

## Presidential Volunteer Service Award Lifetime Achievement

**4,000+** Lifetime volunteer service hours

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| Maralyn Anderson        | Jacqueline Nissley |
| Virginia 'Ginny' Dalton | Marie Roach        |
| Jeanette Hellinger      | Lois Shipman       |
| Cathy McMinn            | Sylvia Stark       |
| Nadine Miller           | Sharon Williams    |

## Labor Day Auction *continues*—

This sentiment speaks volumes about the motivation and intention of our volunteers. Funds raised at the Labor Day Auction help to offset charitable care as well as support the many Pathways Center for Grief & Loss programs we offer the community. Most volunteers will never see, or be able to appreciate, the value and ripple effects of their service. But for the patients and families we serve, this is a priceless gift.

It takes a village to rally together to build critical resources for the most vulnerable in our community, protecting and preserving the right for patients and families to experience a peaceful end of life, as well as receive support and care after loss. If you ever need validation that our community, our "village," is a generous and caring one, look no further than our volunteers!



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| Bob Ardner           | Shelly Gunzenhauser | Susan Naslanic |
| Carol Beveridge      | Nate Harshaw        | Ramayee        |
| Suzanne Blumenschein | Laura Kaiser        | Periakaruppan  |
| Linda Brosey         | Rohan Kurian        | Anna Ranck     |
| Irene Dietz          | Larry Landis        | Helen Rhodes   |
| Wendy Erwine         | Jim McAllister      | Kloe Sanchez   |
| Sarah Gawn           | Donald Naslanic     | Wendy Smith    |

## UPCOMING DATES

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

November 1, 3, 8 and 10  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
The Essa Flory Center  
685 Good Drive, Lancaster

### WINE, DINE & UNWIND

York  
October 25  
For details, visit  
[www.WineDineUnwind.org](http://www.WineDineUnwind.org)

### HOSPICE BOOK SALE

October 27 & 28

### GREETER ROLE MEETINGS

October 17  
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
October 18  
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
The Essa Flory Center  
685 Good Drive, Lancaster

### LIGHT UP A LIFE

Lancaster & York  
December 7 and 8  
For details, visit  
[www.HospiceLights.org](http://www.HospiceLights.org)

# Volunteer Voice

HOSPICE & COMMUNITY CARE

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## Labor Day Auction Thank You!

By now you have probably already heard the big news! Our 2022 Labor Day Auction raised more than \$950,000! For those keeping track, this is the HIGHEST amount ever raised! This historic milestone wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of our volunteers! So many of you contributed in a variety of ways to make this moment possible, whether you helped solicit donations, sold Mustang Raffle tickets, donated items, helped unload and set-up more than 4,000 chairs, or helped during the event...your collective contributions resulted in our most successful Labor Day Auction to date.

Some highlights of the 2022 Labor Day Auction:

- **More than 400 volunteers**, plus members of the Amish community, gave of their time in support of the Labor Day Auction. We had volunteers as young as 12 and some in their 80s!
- The Day of Care Auction **raised \$72,315**, equating to 369 days of charitable care for families in need.
- "Sell it again!" was heard many times throughout the Auction by generous bidders, with **one large sheet cake being sold nine times**, raising a heartwarming total of \$5,725!
- The food, which alone raised a record-breaking \$100,000, was a big attraction for many attendees, and **we're so grateful to our Amish friends for donating their time and talents** to freshly prepare all of the food on-site.

For all of us in Volunteer Services, it should be no surprise that our biggest highlight was seeing our volunteers rally together to make this magic possible. Volunteers brought a palpable energy with them to the Auction, a spirit evident in every action. Every time I would thank a volunteer or comment on their commitment I was often met with this reply..."It takes a village."

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EDUCATING

# Annual Review Due November 1!

With flu season just around the corner, please complete your annual recommitment by November 1, 2022 to remain eligible to volunteer with our patients and families. **You will receive an email in early October with instructions for completion.** Annual Review is online this year, available through our WordPress portal. It is broken down into four categories: Home Hospice, Inpatient Center, General and New Volunteers. Please choose your primary role and complete the associated link.

WordPress is not just for annual recommitment, it also includes upcoming educational opportunities and documentation submission. If you have any questions or trouble navigating the site, please contact Kayla Heiserman at [kheiserman@hospicecommunity.org](mailto:kheiserman@hospicecommunity.org) or (717) 735-9463.

If you would like to get your flu shot at Hospice & Community Care, we will be emailing all volunteers with the dates, times and the process for registering in the next few weeks.



## Remembering Volunteer Mary Sweikert



On August 26, our volunteer family lost a remarkable woman. Mary Sweikert was a mainstay at the Inpatient Center support desk, serving as a volunteer for the past ten years on Mondays for the 2 to 5 p.m. shift and donating more than 1,500 hours of volunteer service. For close to a decade, Mary provided a much needed and welcoming presence, guiding and supporting the many visitors arriving at the Inpatient Center to visit their loved ones.

When Mary herself became ill, she expressed that her hope and wish was to die at the Inpatient Center and to attend Volunteer Recognition, too. When it became apparent that she wouldn't be able to make it to Volunteer Recognition, the Volunteer Services team visited Mary at her bedside in the Inpatient Center, and with her family present, awarded her with the Starfish Award, as well as a Bronze Presidential Volunteer Service Award. We will dearly miss our friend, but her bright spirit and unwavering dedication to her volunteer service at the Inpatient Center support desk will remain her legacy, and we are deeply appreciative of her service.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WINTER 2023 EDITION OF VOLUNTEER VOICE WILL FEATURE STARFISH AWARD WINNERS FROM THE SUMMER OF 2022.**

# Volunteer Recognition

## Congratulations to our 2021 Volunteer Recognition Award Winners!

### Emeritus Award

- Betty Henny
- Mary Sweikert (Posthumously Awarded)
- Sharon Williams

### 30 Years of Service

- Larry Heinsey

### 25 Years of Service

- Virginia "Ginny" Dalton
- Joyce Geist
- Jeannette Hellinger
- Elaine Muschlitz



### 20 Years of Service

- Debbie Baker
- Glenn Beard, Jr.
- Marlin Bert
- Jacqueline Bilder
- Sara Carroll
- Diana Christ
- Kathy Eby
- Richard Eddy
- Dan Farmer
- Eugene 'Cy' Fritz
- Mary Fritz
- Angela Funk
- Bobbie Heistand
- Mick Kauffman
- Cindy Knaub
- Carol Liebl
- Ingrid Magill
- Linda Styer
- Gretchen Thomas
- Thomas Wadsworth

### 15 Years of Service

- Becky Armer
- Gail Beyer
- Sue Binkle
- Mary Judy Blevins
- Nancy Bogda
- Linda Caldwell
- Leslie Gorbey
- Susan Dyson Harkleroad
- Erica Helmick
- Brent Keener
- William Kopetz
- Patricia Latshaw
- Jim Miller
- Maureen Morrell
- Christa Mummau
- Debra Myers
- Lorraine Oetting
- Ginny Peters
- Greg Peters
- Marie Roach
- Gwendolyn Snyder
- Steve Trapnell
- Mary Yohe
- Scott Zimmerman

### 7,500 Hours of Service

- Lois Shipman

### 2,500 Hours of Service

- JoAnn Lutton

### 1,000 Hours of Service

- Susie Bailey
- Cynthia Cope
- Kermit 'Doc' Norris
- Erma Sauder
- Kay Shirk

### 500 Hours of Service

- Kay Ardner
- Rose Kauffman
- Paul Ketchersid
- Carol Pennington
- Peggy Rasmussen
- Linda Sarley
- Connie Simmons

### 250 Hours of Service

- Nancy Barton
- Amy Dickinson
- Randall Grove
- Rebecca Mowrey
- Carolyn 'Lynn' Potts
- Melissa Sikorski
- Jeff Wasilewski

### 100 Hours of Service

- Peggy Bare
- Joyce Boyer
- Francine Corbin
- Thomas DiCola
- Lenora Dukehart
- Mary Jo Feresten
- Phil Kain
- Elaine Lenyo
- Jennifer Mohler
- Doris Morrison
- Lauren Musser
- Jeanmarie Nobile
- Carol Vere

Congratulations