



# THE Hospiteer

All for One and One for All June 2011

'A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.'  
— James Dent



## Come along with us!

*Kelsie Rothwell (Cookie's granddaughter), Kenna Hayes (Melinda's daughter), and their new pal, Shaggy, want to remind everyone about **Camp Mend-A-Heart**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at **Camp Happy Valley** in Scott Depot. The camp is **FREE** for all children who are grieving the loss of a loved one, to let them enjoy themselves and also heal by affirming their natural feelings. **Registration deadline is Friday June 10.** To register, call **Kathie Stout** in the Grief and Loss Department, (304) 768-8523. ❖*



## Chili cookoff heats up summer

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual **Smoke on the Water Chili Cook-Off** returns to the Boulevard this year at Haddad Riverfront Park in Charleston, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be an exciting day of food, music and fun, with all proceeds from chili sample and beverage sales going to benefit HospiceCare. The event also helps kick off **FestivALL**, a week-long celebration of the arts, music and culture, taking place throughout the city. For more information, speak with **Jim Wilkerson** or **Jeff Sikorovsky** in the Development Department. ❖



# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY DINNER '11



## *Volunteers share their hospice memories*

More than 100 HospiceCare volunteers and staff enjoyed the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner May 5 at the lovely **Perrow Presbyterian Church** in Cross Lanes. **The Hot Spot** catered the delicious family-style dinner, which also featured an impromptu version of **HospiceCare Idol**, in which Executive Director **Larry Robertson** and volunteer **Chuck Young** squared off with the microphone. The latter was the hands down winner, despite Larry's valiant effort against a trained professional. The rest of the evening was for sharing stories, as everyone was asked to write down one of their favorite HospiceCare memories to enter into the door prize drawing for a Blenko glass vase or bowl. Not only did Chuck practically have to sing for his supper, but he and his wife, **Nancy** (pictured together at top left), also shared memories of their own and each took home a door prize. Chuck wrote: "While singing with my barbershop quartet, we sang out in the hallway of a patient who was in a coma and probably would not hear us anyway. We sang 'Nearer My God to Thee' and moved on to another room. As soon as we entered the hallway, **Myra Dolan** told us he had passed. It was like he was waiting for us to tell him it was OK to let go. It was close to the room where my father passed away several years before. God's timing is good." Volunteer **Doris Fix** wrote: "I have been with HospiceCare for over 20 years and have so many good and 'sad' memories. I remember a little lady I had for 16 months. I visited with her two times a week. After I had been there for a while, she told me that she had thought, "I don't want that woman here," the first time she met me. We ended up being very good friends over the next months before her passing." Based on stories like these, it's easy to see why our volunteers are the Heart of Hospice! ❖



Happy Birthdays!

## June

Lillian Hunter	6
Kandi Murphy	6
Rhonda Casto	7
Lea Anna Canterbury	8
Michelle Morgan	8
Sandy Bailes	11
Elizabeth Gates	11
Lori Flis	12
Rita Baily	15
Renee Carper	22
Joan Fernandes	22
Amy Greear	25
Tammy Hale	27
Diane Sams	30

### Welcome Aboard!!!

**Kandi Murphy, RN**  
Case Manager  
Lewisburg

**Dr. Judy Petersen, MD**  
Per Diem  
Charleston

### *Don't Wait!!!*

Take a few moments right **NOW** to jot down some observations from your daily routine, ideas for staff stories, or any other inspirational experiences you would like to have coworkers read about in *The Hospiteer!* Send them in an e-mail to: [jsikorovsky@hospicecarewv.org](mailto:jsikorovsky@hospicecarewv.org)

## A COMMUNITY OF CARING



### Avengers M/C goes hog wild for HospiceCare

The Avengers Motorcycle Club hosted a Benefit Hog Roast for HospiceCare Saturday May 7 at their Club House on 8th Avenue in Huntington. Development Director **Jim Wilkerson** and friend, **John Auge** (pictured above, holding t-shirts) attended the event, which was attended by several hundred Avengers from around the region. Club President **Roy "Pancho" Augusta** (at left) hand-delivered a check for \$1,100 to receptionist **Terry Foster** last month at the Main Office. "We're looking forward to making this an annual event to benefit HospiceCare," he said.

### Lending a helping hand down south







Long-term Care Team Supervisor **Mylissa Smith** wrote: "My family and 15 members of the Belle Church of Christ will be heading to Alabama on May 27th for a few days to help the town of Muscle Shoals. The town, along with several other nearby small towns, was completely devastated by a recent tornado. Members of a Church of Christ, who lost their church, are asking for any donations of packaged socks, underwear, t-shirts, basically underclothes of any size, as well as disposable baby diapers. These people have nothing. My church will be taking a trailer of these supplies along with men and women to help rebuild some of their houses. If you would like to give any of these items, it would be really appreciated. I would appreciate your prayers during our journey. Thanks so much for just being my Hospice family. I am so blessed to work at such a wonderful place." (*As are we all!*)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>June 2011</h1>						
5	6 ♦ Orientation Day, 8:30 a.m., Charleston ♦ CNA meeting, 8:30 a.m., Charleston.	7 ♦ Nurses meeting, 8:40 a.m., Charleston ♦ Grief Recovery Support Group, 6-8 p.m., Charleston	8 ♦ IDT Blue Team, 8:30 a.m., Charleston	9	10	11  ♦ Grace Riders 4th Annual Darlene David Memorial Ride, Noon-4 p.m., HHH
12	13 ♦ CNA meeting, 8:30 a.m., Charleston ♦ IDT Green LTC, 8:30 a.m., Charleston	14 ♦ Grief Recovery Support Group, 6-8 p.m., Charleston	15 ♦ IDT Green Team, 8:30 a.m., Charleston	16  NATIONAL CNA DAY	17	18  ♦ 13th Annual Smoke on the Water Chili Cook-off, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Haddad Riverfront Park, Charleston
19  FATHER'S DAY	20 ♦ CNA meeting, 8:30 a.m., Charleston ♦ Staff meeting, 5:30 p.m., HHH.	21 ♦ Grief Recovery Support Group, 6-8 p.m., Charleston FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22 ♦ IDT Blue Team, 8:30 a.m., Charleston	23	24	25  ♦ 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Camp Happy Valley, Scott Depot
26	27 ♦ CNA meeting, 8:30 a.m., Charleston ♦ IDT Green LTC, 8:30 a.m., Charleston	28 ♦ Grief Recovery Support Group, 6-8 p.m., Charleston	29 ♦ IDT Green Team, 8:30 a.m., Charleston	30	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Coming next month!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 25-31, 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White Sulphur Springs, WV</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Part of the proceeds from the tournament will go to benefit the Hospice Foundation of WV.</p>	