

NEWSLINES



“It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing.”
-Mother Theresa

Nursing: The Gentle Art of Caring

HPCG nurse, Sheri Jones slides her chair closer to Johnny’s bed. The physical exam is complete, but her nursing visit is far from over. She reaches for Johnny’s hand, establishes eye contact and begins their conversation. “Norma told me you didn’t feel well last night. Tell me a little more about that.” Sheri listens with her ears ... and with her heart ... as Johnny explains. Samantha, the cat, weaves around Sheri’s legs, as if to offer her appreciation for Sheri’s calming, compassionate presence as well.

In a few minutes, Sheri asks Johnny’s wife, Norma, if she has questions or concerns. Norma suggests they review Johnny’s medication schedule because of recent changes. Norma beams with pride to learn that all is in good order.

As Sheri begins to wrap up her visit, she explores what plans Johnny and Norma have for the week. Goals are important ... especially achievable goals ... as they help patients and family members maintain a sense of hopefulness. Johnny smiles, saying he hopes to go back to Bojangles Restaurant again this week. “And I know what he’ll order,” laughs Norma, “sausage biscuits with gravy!”

Sheri drives slowly down the dirt road leading away from the house. She pauses to consider what a privilege it is that, along with the HPCG care team, she can help Johnny reach his ultimate goal: to die in the four-room house built by his father - the house Johnny’s lived in since he was four years of age.

Johnny and Norma are just the kind of people Sheri had in mind when she left emergency room nursing to join HPCG. “During my 16-year emergency room career, I saw a lot of people who could have had a better death. I saw people who needed someone to tell them the truth, to be their advocate, to listen to

Sherri Jones visits and discusses care with Johnny

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HOSPICE and PALLIATIVE CARE of GREENSBORO

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A Message from CEO Pat Soenksen

In the May issue of Newlines, I recounted the impact of one of HPCG's founding volunteers – Erskine Bradley who died March 22. As we

continue our 30th anniversary year, we are deeply saddened by another loss of one of HPCG's founding members – Dr. John Lusk who died June 9, 2010. In the late 1970's, both men were volunteer members of a grassroots group which had the foresight to envision a radically different and improved model of end-of-life care for our community.

Dr. Lusk, or *Dr. John as we knew him*, was well known and much beloved by many former and current HPCG staff members. First and foremost, John was the loving and devoted husband of Barbara – if you saw John, likely you saw Barbara – and the cherished Father of Elizabeth and John. Dr. John was the first Medical Oncologist/Hematologist in

Greensboro, including caring for children with cancer. He faithfully and joyfully served HPCG as a Hospice Medical Director and physician for more than 17 years, including coming into the office every week, even at the young age of 87! John and Barbara Lusk are our Annual Campaign Chairs this year and recently spent hours writing and signing their letters to HPCG's loyal supporters.

I have many fond memories of Dr. John from when I first met him in 1988 – the twinkle in his eye; that witty phrase; the thoughtful gesture; that amazing generosity; the trail-blazing physician; the probing mind and wise mentor; the kind friend. I'm going to miss that



Dr. John A Lusk, III

email in my inbox, sharing a thought-provoking article about hospice or end-of-life-care. *Dr. John cherished all of us at HPCG.*

Into everyone's life comes someone...that amazing person who leads by example and stands out, above and with you. For us at HPCG, that person was Dr. John Lusk. Our hearts go out to Barbara, Elizabeth, John and other family members, including his brother and family in California. We join hundreds of Dr. John's former patients, colleagues, friends, neighbors and church "family" – all of us mourning "our" Dr. John Lusk.



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their fears and their wishes.”

HPCG has given Sheri the opportunity to offer just that kind of support to patients; however, those years in the emergency room honed some of Sheri's most valuable nursing skills. As a “week-day on-call nurse”, Sheri has several permanently assigned patients like Johnny, but the majority of her nursing visits are with patients needing an unscheduled or emergency visit during the day. Thelma Branson, HPCG's Director of Patient Care explains, “While patients would always prefer to see their assigned nurse, that's not always possible. Fellow team members, and families alike, acknowledge Sheri's talent for asking just the right questions to get to the root of any problem. She also demonstrates calmness and self confidence in her interactions. Her comforting low-key style allows her to offer affirmation of feelings as well as gentle education to patients and their family members.

Like many HPCG nurses, Sheri talks about feeling “called” to hospice care. This “calling” came many years ago when Sheri's beloved grandmother died under hospice care. “I knew at some point in my nursing career I would work with hospice – just like I knew as a small child, I would become a nurse. It was the only career I ever considered.”

Now in her sixth year at HPCG, Sheri adds, “Hospice is the perfect place for me. I feel valued and the work is very rewarding. It is a privilege to be invited into the lives of our patients and families at such an intimate and vulnerable time. Every patient teaches me something. Every patient impacts me in their own unique way, leaving their fingerprints on my heart.”

In May 2010, Sheri Jones was selected as one of the ten “Nurses of Distinction” in the Triad. This award, sponsored annually by the NC Nurses Association and the News and Record seeks to spotlight nursing excellence and celebrate this vital and rewarding profession. Visit the News and Events section on www.hospicego.org to learn more.

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Hospice Nursing... Blending Art & Science

by Susan Cox, RN, MSN, CHPN, Chief Clinical Officer

Throughout HPCG's history, nursing has been a hallmark of our care. *HPCG nursing staff enters into the lives of patients and families during one of the most vulnerable yet intimate times in their lives.* Compassion, critical thinking, clinical expertise, caring, and crisis intervention are a few of the skills our nurses use. HPCG nurses blend the “art” and “science” of the nursing profession by coordinating the patient's plan of care, providing expert symptom management, and offering that quiet, comforting bedside presence.

In addition to my clinical leadership role at HPCG, I am honored to serve as the President of the National Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. From this national perspective, I regularly hear how many hospices struggle to recruit and retain hospice nurses. At HPCG, nursing services (registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and hospice aides) comprise 45% of our workforce – the largest professional group. By 2020, North Carolina is projected to have a shortfall of 30,000 registered nurses.

The nursing shortage is not new to HPCG. In 2007, we experienced greater than 40% nursing turnover. Since that time, our nursing turnover has decreased and we have been able to fill our nursing positions. This has occurred largely because during the current economic recession, many nurses who previously were not working or only working part-time, returned to the workforce, but this trend will not continue.

It's also sobering to realize that approximately one third of the nursing workforce is 50 years or older and plans to retire in the next 10 to 15 years, exacerbating an already critical national nursing shortage. This chronic and severe shortage will weaken the healthcare workforce at a time when baby boomers are aging and requiring more healthcare resources, including hospice care.

Despite these harsh realities, HPCG aspires to be a “best practice” leader in hospice nursing. We seek to create an environment that *advances, elevates and showcases nursing clinical practice.* We can accomplish that by enhancing nursing orientation, increasing continuing education, strengthening nursing leadership mentoring and development, insuring self-care opportunities to decrease burnout and caregiver fatigue and by providing competitive salaries and benefits

So in answer to the question, “*Who will take care of me when I need hospice care,*” we say with confidence, HPCG will!



Susan Cox,
HPCG's Chief Clinical Officer

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– Susan Cox

Exploring the Healing Power of Relationships

Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro (HPCG) is marking our 30th Anniversary Year with a special speaker. On October 5, 2010, HPCG is hosting nationally recognized medical ethicist Larry R. Churchill, Ph.D. of Vanderbilt University, for lecture and discussion.

For the past five years Churchill has been researching the aspects of health care relationships that make them therapeutic. His belief – which is widely shared, but seldom studied – is that relationships with clinicians, in addition to drugs, medical or surgical procedures, have healing power.

“My work has been an effort to better understand those relational skills that facilitate healing,” Churchill said. “Here ‘healing’ is broadly understood to often include physical wellness, but also include a sense of wholeness and meaning even when physical repair is not possible, such as with hospice care. And by ‘clinicians’ I mean to include a wide range of health care professionals—physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, psychotherapists, and others.”

Churchill joined the Vanderbilt faculty in 2002 as the Ann Geddes Stahlman Professor of Medical Ethics. He holds appointments in the Vanderbilt School of Medicine, as well as in the Divinity School and in the Department of Philosophy. Prior to Vanderbilt, Churchill was Professor of Social Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), where he served as Department Chair from 1988-1998.

“Trusting, compassionate interactions—ones that activate the patient’s own healing potential—are thus the focus of my concern,” explained Churchill. “I have been working on this from the viewpoint of neuroscience (how the brain works through a combination of psychological, biochemical and physiological influences), but especially through an effort to isolate and describe specific behaviors of clinicians that make relationships ‘work.’ Having studied this from the clinician perspective, my current work is to learn about it from the patient viewpoint.”

A description of Churchill’s clinical study was published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* and is available for download on HPCG’s website. His current research is focused on the patient study.

Looking forward to October, Churchill says he wants to engage HPCG administration, staff, volunteers, and any interested community members, in what his research has found to date. He then hopes to elicit a discussion about discussion about *their* findings from their continued research at HPCG and other settings.

HPCG will partner with Guilford College to host this public event in Dana Auditorium, Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 pm. Guilford College’ administrators were pleased to provide a lecture forum for someone of Churchill’s reputation. For details on tickets/reservations, please visit the HPCG website at www.hospicegso.org.



New Butterflies Dance in Sunlight



On Sunday, June 13, 2010 the Kids Path staff joined together with families to remember the lives of Kids Path patients who died over the past three years.

Seventy three family members, representing nine of the nineteen children honored, were in attendance. Each family joined together to paint a ceramic tile in memory of their loved one. These tiles will be fired and then placed as a permanent memorial within the Kids Path building. The afternoon also included a slide show featuring photos of cherished family memories and special readings offered by Kids Path staff members. Singer, songwriter, Nancy Pitkin performed, “Butterfly,” as Kids Path Counselor, Jenny Prevatt interpreted the lyrics using sign language.

Despite the rain, visitors viewed the 19 new additions to the Memorial Butterfly Sculpture, designed and created by well-known artist, Jim Gallucci. Each individual butterfly is labeled to represent a particular Kids Path patient ... each dancing in flight, and glistening in the sunlight.

A special thanks goes to Kay Chemical, an Ecolab Company, for underwriting the cost of the original sculpture and its additions, as well as the cost of the memorial day activities.

**“You were a gift to the world,
You left it a better place
And I know your spirit will forevermore,
Find peace in God’s grace...**

My sweet butterfly

*Excerpt from Butterfly
by singer/songwriter, Nancy Pitkin*

Summit Society

Help support HPCG for years to come.

The HPCG Summit Society recognizes people who are planning for gifts today that will provide significant benefits to our community in the future. These gifts may take the form of a named endowment or the form of bequests, charitable remainder trusts, gifts of life insurance, or other types of charitable planned gifts.

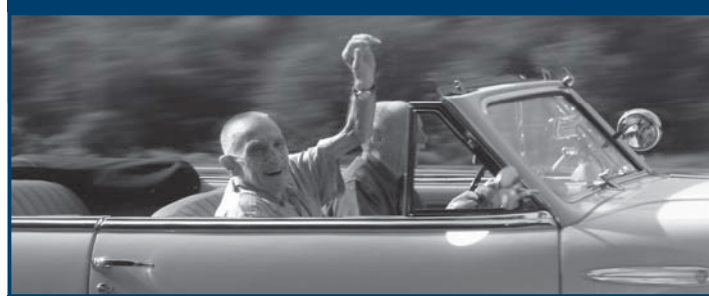
Sometimes such gifts go unrecognized because they come at the end of the donor’s life. The Summit Society provides a way to recognize and thank donors for their generous spirit during their lifetimes. Please let us know if you are considering this option.

If you have already made plans or provisions for a planned gift to HPCG, welcome to the Summit Society.

For more information about our Summit Society, contact Paul Russ in the HPCG Resource Development Department at 336-621-2500.

Volunteer Services

HOSPICE and PALLIATIVE CARE of GREENSBORO



Volunteering at Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro (HPCG) is about...

- Making a difference in the lives of others.
 - Serving others in need.
 - Learning new skills.
 - Giving back.
- Receiving heartfelt gratitude.
- Sharing yourself.

Want to volunteer? Contact Peggy Rich at 336.621.2500 or prich@hospicegso.org. Visit our website at www.hospicegso.org.

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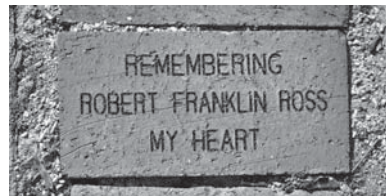
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Commemorative Brick Program



Mary Susan Ross and her grandchildren at the 2009 Brick Blessing



Mary Susan Ross shared...“After my husband, Bobby Ross, died, I purchased a brick paver in his memory. Since the date of the Brick Blessing fell a few weeks past the one-year anniversary of Bobby’s death, I decided to invite our family and a few close friends to join me at the dedication. The service itself was both meaningful and uplifting, and the day was glorious, right down to the cloudless “Carolina Blue” sky. After the difficult year, it felt so good to celebrate Bobby...my heart !”

Create a lasting tribute with an HPCG Commemorative Brick.

For information about how you can purchase an HPCG commemorative brick, please contact Mary Anderson at 336.621.2500 or manderson@hospicego.org. Information is also available on our website: www.hospicego.org.

Deadline: August 31, 2010

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Every effort has been made to include and correctly list all the names of persons honored or remembered since our last issue of NewsLines. This list represents those tributes received between April 1, 2010 and June 30, 2010. If we have made an error, we hope you will give us an opportunity to correct our mistake in our next issue. Please call the Resource Development Department at 336.621.2500.

Look at Some of the Ways Greensboro Helps HPCG

Triad Area Health Underwriters

Thank you to everyone who made the Triad Area Health Underwriters (TAHU) Annual Charity Golf Tournament a huge success! This year's tournament was held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the prestigious Greensboro Country Club in Old Irving Park.

The venue brought many new golfers to this year's event and resulted in very positive feedback. With all of the sponsorships and donations TAHU was able to donate \$6,102.06

to Hospice & Palliative Care of Greensboro. The vice-chairs for the event this year were Elizabeth Cooke and Ted McVickers. The volunteers included Amy Layman, Cheryl Dukes, Kathy Smith, Heather Gorman, Melissa Shuskey, Jackie Hunsucker, Lisa Mahaffey, Meredith Sparrow, Kelli Argetsinger, Chasty Underwood, Tara DelleVecchia, Dawn Roberts, Sherry Vernon and Beth Starling and Heather Stewart. A special thanks to Carol Matznick and Michele Saunders who were able to capture pictures of every foursome and many candid pictures as well!



Ted McVickers and Elizabeth Cooke.

Congratulations to the Winning Foursomes:

- 1st place **ACS Team** - Lisa Scalzo, Bill Plyler, Cart Carmichael, and Bill DeFelice
- 2nd place **Ebenconcepts Team** - David Moore, Mike Matznick, Dustin Moore and Kevin Matznick
- 3rd place **BCBS of NC Team** - Lenwood Dennis, Wade Brown, Collins Fulcher and Mike Byrd

Syngenta Crop Protection Volunteers



Record-breaking temperatures did not deter Syngenta Crop Protection employees from volunteering in the HPCG garden on June 25. The volunteers planted, weeded and pruned for nearly 3 hours. Before leaving the campus they presented HPCG's Sally Cobb

with a check for \$500, in addition to a number of gardening products connected to Syngenta's work and research. These funds and supplies will be used to beautify the gardens and enhance HPCG's horticulture therapy program.

Through their "Volunteers in Action" program, Syngenta offers employees compensated time to volunteer and an opportunity to direct donations to a charity of their choice. HPCG has been the recipient of these volunteer projects since 2005.

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6 Remembering Pearl Sledge

After the death of Pearl Sledge, her daughter's Beatrice Miller, Venita Hinton and Phyllis Marrow decided to organize an event to benefit HPCG. They planned a two-day sale of Pearl's vast hat collection, many of which Pearl wore over the years to Jackson United Methodist Church. A total of \$800 was raised from the sale and all who attended enjoyed seeing the wide array of styles, a few of which were handmade by Pearl herself.

Pearl's daughters remembered their mother by helping HPCG due to the support their family received over the past three years. The sisters experienced the death of their mother, as well as their brother and Beatrice Miller's husband. "We wanted to give something back to an organization that has walked with us through times of great sorrow and uncertainty."



Special Thanks to

Fred Weigel of Weigel Farms donated hundreds of perennials for planting on the HPCG grounds donated plants.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church's Youth Group weeded and raked leaves in HPCG's Labyrinth and Shade Gardens.

Vandalia Christian School student volunteers raked and weeded in the gardens around Kids Path and Beacon Place as part of their community outreach service.

Ubiquity Garden Club came prepared for weeding but got rained out. Instead they ate lunch and toured the Kids Path facility. They promise to return on a "dry day" with gardening tools in hand!

Caring Knitters from Temple Emanuel continue to donate beautiful hand-made throws and blankets

AARP Chapter 3475 collected and donated healthy snack food items for Kids Path counseling clients.

Partnership Property Management's "2010 Dress-Down Day" raised \$1400 for HPCG. Mike Holoman and Rob Vocci offered their employees an opportunity to purchase a ticket to "dress-down" on a designated day. The employee's generous response was matched by a gift from the company's charitable foundation, bringing the two-year fundraising total to \$2,900.

For a third year, **Barbara Cox, owner of Plant Logic Nursery & Gardens** in Julian, donated a portion of sales made during the Mother's Day weekend to Kids Path. Thanks to all who made purchases, bringing the three-year total to nearly \$2,000.

Weaver Foundation donated passes to the NC Zoo for Kids Path patients and clients.

Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta donated proceeds of their annual pansy sale, as well as other supplies and gift cards, to Kids Path. Sally Cobb, HPCG Horticulture Therapist, addressed the club at their annual luncheon. Tri Delta's Alumnae group has been supporting Kids Path since 1999, raising over \$3,500.

The 2010 HPCG Cedarcrest Golf Tournament was held on May 22. Despite rain, the event raised over \$1,200 bringing the ten-year total to over \$11,000. The tournament was organized by Becky Lowdermilk and her family as a way of remembering her husband, Thomas Roger Lowdermilk, and his brother, HC. The Lowdermilk brothers were the original owners of Cedarcrest Golf Course.

The Ancient Order of the Hiberians presented HPCG with a check for \$625. This organization holds a raffle for a trip to Ireland once a year, usually raising several thousand dollars. The total proceeds were divided among Greensboro Urban Ministry, Victory Junction and HPCG. This is the second year this organization has made a donation to HPCG, bringing their total donation to \$1,125.

A big thank you to HPCG Gardening Volunteer, **Nancy Wall, who asked her husband John** to take on a special gardening project. John Wall removed a huge aging tree stump and replaced it with a beautiful stone base which now supports the Kids Path sundial.

Children Support Kids Path with "Art to Remember"

Students enrolled in the Childhood Enrichment Center (CEC), located at Christ United Methodist Church raised \$1,005 from their "2010 Art to Remember" fundraiser. Now in its sixth year, this event has raised more than \$5,000 for Kids Path.

This unique fundraiser offers preschoolers an opportunity to have their art work transferred and reproduced into special keepsakes that are then sold to friends and family members. CEC Program director Cathy Sinopoli commented, "Supporting Kids Path has been a great fit for our pre-schoolers and their family members. The annual visits by Kids Path's Aarvy Aardvark have helped children understand how to find support when they experience "really big feelings." They also learn more about the ways Kids Path can help children and families in times of illness and loss."

Many thanks to the CEC's staff, parents - and of course to the "artists." Your art and your school's generosity are indeed memorable!



United Way and HPCG, a Partnership with Impact

Next month, banners featuring the “Live United” slogan will announce the launch of the United Way of Greater Greensboro’s annual campaign. Staff and volunteers of the United Way’s partner-agencies, like Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro (HPCG), will use the many campaign rallies as an opportunity to educate the community about our work.

HPCG’s participation in the United Way’s annual efforts begins with the local, federal, state and city/county workplace campaigns that raise vital funds for services throughout Greater Greensboro. HPCG recruits and trains a cadre of speakers to assist with the overall effort. In addition, HPCG employees conduct their own internal campaign that celebrates the variety of ways HPCG employees “Give, Volunteer and Advocate.” Each year, this employee-led campaign generates more than \$30,000 from HPCG staff for the United Way.



In a separate process, HPCG applies for funding from the United Way to support two specific programs – Kids Path and the Counseling and Education Center. United Way evaluates the funding requests based on the following criteria: alignment with United Way objectives; program management/implementation; effective and measurable outcomes; and financial accountability.

One message we communicate is that HPCG accepts patients on medical eligibility and need, not ability to pay. While HPCG bills Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance when available, some patients have no means to cover the cost of their care. On average, nearly \$1 million of HPCG’s program costs are un-reimbursed. Contributions from the community – including the United Way, HPCG’s Annual Campaign, Light Up A Life and memorial gifts – enable HPCG to serve those who are unable to pay for their care and to provide services for grieving and medically fragile children, and bereavement counseling and education for adults.

“Why do we do this?” HPCG is mission-driven; we believe in meeting the unique needs of our community because it is the right thing to do. To date, due to strong Greensboro support, no one has ever been denied care from HPCG because of an inability to pay.

HPCG Gardens on Tour



For a second consecutive year, the Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs included the HPCG campus in their “Home and Garden Tour.” The tour, on April 23 and 24, allowed over 100 guests to visit the HPCG gardens, learning more about the unique ways HPCG uses nature to connect with sick and grieving children and adults.

Dottie Wagoner, President of the Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs, presented HPCG with a

check for \$551, proceeds of the 2010 Garden Club tour and several individual donations. These funds will be used for HPCG’s horticultural therapy program and garden beautification.

Sally Cobb, HPCG’s Horticulture Therapist, said, “The tour helps us celebrate the many groups and individuals who volunteer on the HPCG grounds, maintaining and enhancing the campus gardens. We could not have these gardens without them. We are all proud that the community had a chance to see the healing power of gardens within a healthcare setting.”



Ukrainian Delegation Visits HPCG Campus

On Wednesday, May 12, 2010, HPCG was pleased to host a delegation of medical professionals from the Ukraine interested in establishing a hospice program in their own country. The healthcare professionals, including physicians, nurses and healthcare leaders, studied the U.S. hospice movement and hospice program development for a few weeks in North Carolina.



Ukrainian Delegates pose for a photo with members of the HPCG staff.

While visiting HPCG, they learned about our HPCG Kids Path counseling programs and CHAMP camp, horticultural therapy program and the Kirov Hospice Project.

Triad Shaggers Hold Charity Event



The Greater Triad Shag Club (GTSC) held its annual “Hot Time” fundraising event on May 22nd at Thirsty’s 2 on Chimney Rock Road in Greensboro. Thanks to generous sponsors and participants, this combination fundraiser/dance contest raised \$3,000 for HPCG, bringing the three-year total to \$8,500.

This event, always well attended by shaggers and shag clubs throughout the Carolinas, offers cash prizes totaling over \$1100 and winners are named in both amateur and professional divisions. GTSC’s Peggy Waye said, “Hospice is a great cause to support and dancers are eager to come out to help an organization that has touched so many of our 200-some club membership.” Peggy also explained that folks are never too young or too old to learn to shag ... and it’s a great way to stay in shape and have fun!



Lessons for individuals and couples are always available by contacting GTSC on the web or calling Thirsty’s 2.

GSO Jewish Community Volunteers Share Good Deeds

In celebration of “Mitzvah Day,” on April 25, HPCG was the recipient of numerous projects benefiting patients, families and staff. Volunteers baked casseroles, an array of desserts and prepared bags of snacks to be shared with Beacon Place staff, residents and visitors. Another group decorated jars filled with candy for Kids Path patients and their siblings.

More than 750 children and adults worked in the Greater Greensboro community on 49 different projects. Organizers report that Mitzvah Day is a way to honor Jewish culture by offering a mitzvah – a term that comes from the Hebrew word for “commandment” and has come to mean any act of human kindness.



American Express in Action

American Express sent out three teams of volunteers within one week!

Two teams worked on the HPCG campus while a third team visited an HPCG patient’s home for landscaping and yard clean-up.



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Kids Path Programs

All groups are open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Call 336.544.5437 to register for a workshop or to schedule an individual counseling session.

Support Groups: (\$15.00 registration fee)

Pathfinders

Teens in 6th through 12th grade coping with the illness or death of a loved one.

Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 pm

Session I: Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21

Connecting Rainbows

K-5th graders and their parents or caregivers coping with the serious illness or death of a loved one.

Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm

Session I: Sept. 7, 14, 28, Oct 5, 12, 19

Counseling and Education Center

2010 Fall Support Groups for Bereaved Adults:

Held at HPCG campus 2500 Summit Avenue Greensboro, NC. All groups are open to the public free of charge. In order to join a group each potential group participant must pre-register and will be contacted by a group facilitator to schedule a required orientation session. Pre-registration options: Call Tammy Chaput at 336.621.5565 or email tchaput@hospicegso.org

Bereaved Parents Group* (begins) September 7, 2010 from 5:30-6:45pm

For parents who have experienced the death of a child.

*Meets at Kids Path building

Bereaved Spouses Group Under 65 (begins) September 7, 2010 from 6:00-7:30pm

For adults who have experienced the death of their husband or wife.

Loss of Others Group (begins) September 7, 2010 from 6:00-7:30pm

For adults who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or significant other.

Bereaved Spouses Day Group Over 65 (begins) September 7, 2010 from 1:30-3:00pm

For adults who have experienced the death of their husband or wife.

Handling the Holidays After A Loss

An uplifting and informational seminar addressing both child and adult grief
Tuesday, November 16, 2010 from 6:00-7:30pm

"What Do I Say?" - A course in Talking About Death and Dying

Thursday, October 28, 2010, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at Wesley Long Community Hospital
501 N. Elam Avenue, Greensboro, NC (in classroom 1)

Registration options: www.gahec.org/courses or call 336.832.8025.

(There is a charge for this course.)

Volunteer Services

Interested in becoming a volunteer with HPCG?

Please register to attend a Volunteer Information Session. Contact Peggy Rich at 336.621.2500 or prich@hospicegso.org. Visit our website at www.hospicegso.org. All groups are held at HPCG campus (2500 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC) unless noted.

Monday, August 30, 2010 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Monday, October 18, 2010 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Save the Date!
October 5, 2010



HPCG will partner with Guilford College to host Larry Churchill, Ph.D., a nationally renowned leader in the field of medical ethics in Dana Auditorium at 7:30 pm on October 5, 2010. Churchill is the Director of The Center for Biomedical Ethics & Society and the Ann Geddes Stahlman Professor of Medical Ethics at Vanderbilt University. For details on tickets/reservations, please visit www.hospicegso.org.