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Talbot Hospice sets Schedule for October Volunteer Training



Lucy Tepper, the new Volunteer Coordinator at Talbot Hospice has scheduled the Volunteer Training Class to be held in October.

Lucy Tepper, the newly hired Volunteer Coordinator at Talbot Hospice Foundation, Inc has announced the schedule for the fall Volunteer Training class. Now is the time to prepare to become a Hospice volunteer! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 15th, Friday, October 17th and Friday October 24th 2008.

The Talbot Hospice Volunteer Training Class is a comprehensive 12 hour program addressing a variety of end-of-life issues. The training program is designed to prepare volunteers to work directly with patients, especially as caregivers in the Guest wing, companions at home or in a bereavement capacity. There is no charge for the training.

The classes meet at Talbot Hospice House, 586 Cynwood Drive in Easton from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The first two classes are required for all those wishing to volunteer. An additional hands-on class taught by the Talbot Hospice Nurse Educator, teaches personal care skills. This class is for those who choose to work directly with patients and will be held as the last session on October 24th.

Talbot Hospice offers ongoing volunteer support through various educational in-services on a monthly basis. These trainings provide supplementary end-of-life education. Direct patient care volunteers are required to complete at least one annual in-service which are also offered through Talbot Hospice.

Talbot Hospice volunteers are on the front line of the Talbot Hospice mission as they provide direct care to those patients and families facing life's final journey. By participating in such a personal experience, at this most challenging time of life, the volunteer is often transformed.

The rewards for being a Hospice volunteer are immeasurable and can be found in the warm hugs, open hearts, and bright smiles of the patients. They can be noted by the caregivers who greatly appreciate having someone help during this complex time.

At a time when the patient can no longer reach out to others and start new friendships, the volunteer arrives to make the patient's journey better, even if just for a moment. One of the greatest rewards of all is helping someone who can never repay you. This is a true act of selfless love.

With gratitude to the volunteers, The Talbot Hospice Foundation offers a range of appreciation events which include a Spring Appreciation Luncheon, a Fall Family Picnic and Crab Feast, and a Holiday Wassail Party.

For more information and to join the fall training class, please call Volunteer Coordinator, Lucy Tepper at Talbot Hospice at 410-822-6681. Please visit our new website, where you will find a wealth of pertinent information, at www.talbothospice.org and click on the Volunteer link.

See you in October!