

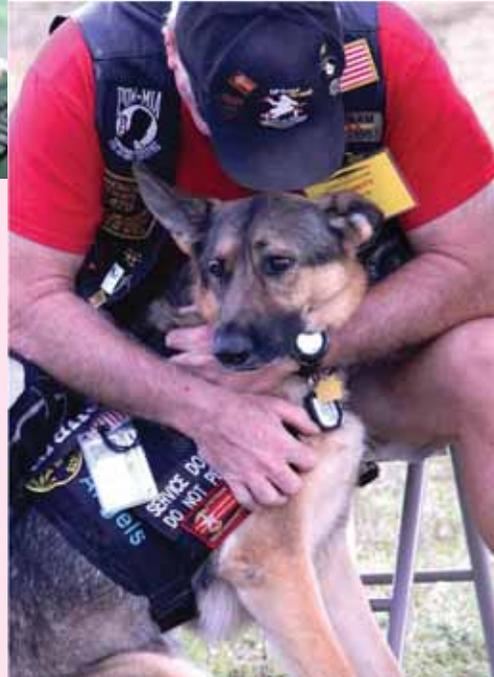
# IN TOUCH with volunteers



October 2019



## YOU'RE INVITED! OCTOBER 21 SPECIAL EVENT



**Guardian Angels**  
Medical Service Dogs, Inc.



### HOSPICE OF MARION COUNTY & GUARDIAN ANGELS MEDICAL SERVICE DOGS

invite you to a free program on  
the impact of service dogs for veterans

*Carol Borden, CEO, Founder,  
and national industry expert  
Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc.*

Monday, October 21, 2019, 9-11 a.m.  
The Elliott Center  
3231 SW 34th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34474

RSVP to Samantha at (352) 873-7441 or  
sdagostino@hospiceofmarion.com

## We Need You!

### Our Biggest Needs are

Patient visitors

New store associates

Afternoon couriers

Legacy House:

greeters

phone attendants

Brandley House:

greeters

patient visitors

*Veterans Recognition*—veterans are encouraged to help us honor fellow veterans in our special pinning ceremonies to patients. It means the world to them and to you, too!

*11th hour and Hospice Houses*—being close by during a person's final hours is a real gift. This experience is meaningful and will have a lasting impact, just as visiting patients at the houses who have no family or friends in the area.

*Call our office at  
(352) 873-7441  
have we got a job for you!*

Meet the dogs ★ Learn how you can help ★ Enjoy refreshments

## GIVE PATIENT SUPPORT VOLUNTEERING A CHANCE

The rewards of providing direct patient support are many. Nothing is more rewarding than making a difference in another's life—especially one who is facing life's biggest transition. Learn about their life stories, their challenges and their victories. Our patients relish the time spent with volunteers who forge meaningful relationships.

“When I started here, I didn't think I could do what our volunteers did, providing respite for a caregiver or sitting with a dying patient in their final hours.” says Kathy Berning, former Volunteer Services Director for HMC and current volunteer. “However, when I witnessed how volunteers found such reward and peace in these activities, it inspired me to explore that unexamined part of myself.” You can, too! Come to our next training on Tuesday, October 22, at 8:45 a.m. in the Elliott Center. RSVP to Sam at (352) 873-7441.

- OCTOBER 22, 2019 -  
PATIENT SUPPORT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

# THE LAST WORD...

## Featured Volunteer—SHARON RINSCHLER



Sharon has been a pillar at the Six Guns Thrift Store since it opened in 2013, and was a longtime Hospice volunteer before that. Sharon often brought her pet therapy dog, Dakota, to “work” at the store. She and Dakota also made patient visits as Hospice volunteers. When Dakota passed away, she didn’t give up, she busied herself with lots of hours working in our store.

Sharon always makes the time to speak to donors dropping off items that belonged to a loved one who has passed on Hospice. Some of these same people will come in shopping and ask for her by name, remembering her sincere and kindhearted nature.

When other volunteers have personal cares and concerns, she also listens and shares how she has been able to overcome many difficult personal trials in her own life. Many count her as a friend. As another volunteer stated, “Sharon puts her heart into volunteering.”



## -Sewing-

If sewing is your hobby, join a busy group of happy handworkers. The Sewing Circle gathers on the second Monday of each month to assemble colorful and creative items for Transitions clients and Hospice patients.

Some of their creations are blankets, hats, butterfly pillows, clenching pillows, walker caddies, butterfly pillowcases, standard pillowcases, nightgowns, clothing protectors, Foley covers, activity aprons, lap quilts, teddy bears and sleeves for Alzheimer’s patients. Donated sewn items are accepted at any time; just put your name on them so we can give you credit for your donation.

Some of our sewing group ladies do baking for us and also volunteer in other areas as well.

Volunteer Service Department

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## IT TAKES ALL TYPES! HOW ABOUT YOUR TYPE?

Learn about the

*Wonderful World of Volunteering*



Open House  
Oct 29, 2019  
4-7pm  
The Elliott Center  
3231 SW 34th Ave.  
Ocala, FL 34474

Food-Fun-Info! YOU can make a difference! Find out how!

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