



February 2016

***THE HOTLINE***

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### ***THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER***



#### ***Coming up.....***

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Annual Meeting:

Thursday, May 19, 2016

**Ongoing:** White Sale

Dear Fellow Hospice Auxiliary Member,

February is historically the month of hearts. We can all come up with any number of examples of what comes to our mind when we say the word "heart." It is appropriate then, in this month of February that I speak of the generous heart of the Hospice Auxiliary.

I was prompted to write this based on some information that was shared with the Hospice Auxiliary Board at our last meeting. It was in 2012 that the Auxiliary began purchasing sheets and mattress pads for those patients under Hospice care in the home who are in need of these items. Since that time over 92 mattress pads and 73 sheets have been provided to those in need!

In 2013 the Hospice Auxiliary began providing large cloth bags in which families of patients at the Kaplan Family Residence can take home the belongings of their loved ones. Over 200 bags have been distributed and we recently did a re-order in the new Hospice color.

While these programs might appear mundane or trite they speak to the generosity of Hospice Auxiliary members in that Auxilians are constantly thinking of how to make life more bearable for those who are already enduring difficult times.

And so, to Hospice Auxiliary members THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

Sue Wilk

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## Hospice Volunteer Opportunities in Orange and Sullivan Counties

Hospice volunteers are important members of the hospice family team providing support to persons on hospice and their family. Bereavement support is provided by a volunteer who listens to the bereft after the loss of their loved one. Volunteers share skills and interests in a manner that provides comfort and enriches the quality of life for those served, such as:

- Companionship
- Caregiver relief
- Letter-writing or journaling/video messages
- Assistance with hobbies or crafts
- Help organizing paperwork
- Playing card or board games
- Celebrating special occasions
- Being a friend



### Vigil Volunteers



## Volunteer Training: Spring 2016

**WHERE:** Town of Wallkill Clerks Office, 99 Tower Drive #A, Middletown, NY

**WHEN:** Wednesdays' 10:00-5:00

4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25

The primary role of our volunteer is to provide companionship and or caregiver relief to persons on Hospice and their families. We offer various areas of volunteering within our organization. One of which is office support in both Newburgh & Middletown locations.

Veterans, persons in the community that are bilingual and Snow Birds welcome to apply and interview.

Accepting calls from interested parties on an ongoing basis even when training is filled or past deadline.

Once the prospective volunteer has graduated from the training he or she are encouraged to provide volunteer support in and around the geographic area of which you reside.

Interested persons may contact Director of Volunteer Services, Debra Epstein, at (845) 565-4849 or [debrae@hospiceoforange.com](mailto:debrae@hospiceoforange.com)

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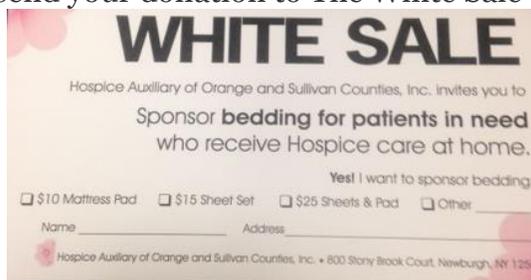
Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Inc. always has volunteer opportunities for those wish to provide support for the dying and their caregivers and families. We offer various areas of volunteering within our organization. When the prospective volunteer has graduated from the training, they can provide support in the geographic location in which they reside.

All interested community members are welcome. Hospice also welcomes prospective volunteers who are veterans, bilingual and/or Snow Birds.

## *The White Sale*

Wondering how you can help Hospice? There are many patients who receive Hospice care at home. Many patients are in need of bed sheets and mattress pads. The Auxiliary provides these supplies throughout the year. Any donation, no matter how small, will make a huge difference to the comfort of these patients and peace of mind to their care givers.

Please send your donation to The White Sale c/o the Hospice Auxiliary today.



**WHITE SALE**  
Hospice Auxiliary of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. invites you to  
Sponsor **bedding for patients in need**  
who receive Hospice care at home.  
Yes! I want to sponsor bedding:  
 \$10 Mattress Pad    \$15 Sheet Set    \$25 Sheets & Pad    Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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