Happy June Birthday!

01  Stephanie Colletti  
03  Kelly Reavy  
03  Edna Jones  
09  Gayle Whitelock  
11  Vicki Fenoglietto  
11  John Wytrwal  
12  Nancy Engelke  
14  Linda Gregoli  
14  Madalaine How  
16  Lindsay Johnson  
16  Susan Robinson  
22  John Snyder  
25  Carole Sweeney  
27  Kim VanVulpen  
29  Alice Tweedy

We apologize if we have missed your birthday. Please let us know so we can add your special day to our list.

Wicomico County Honors Mary Ellen Smith at Annual Senior Volunteer Recognition Event

Mary Ellen Smith, Coastal Hospice patient care volunteer, was honored at the Wicomico County Commission on Aging’s Annual Senior Volunteer Recognition event on May 12 at the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Building (Salisbury/Wicomico Senior Center).

Delegate Mary Beth Carozza presented Mary Ellen with a certificate acknowledging her significant contributions to helping residents of Wicomico County. Congratulations, Mary Ellen

Del. Carozza, Mary Ellen Smith
Coastal Hospice Recognized by Elite Award

We all know that a hospice volunteer services program is expected to play a vital role in enhancing the quality of care delivered to the patient and family. But how satisfied are our patients and their families?

Every year Coastal Hospice relies on Deyta Analytics to evaluate patient and caregiver experience using 24 quality indicator measures. Hospices that score above Deyta’s national average on 20 of the evaluated questions are recognized as “honor” award recipients.

Coastal Hospice scored above the average on all 24 of the evaluated questions and was singled out as an “honors elite” award recipient at a recent national leadership conference.

The level of quality care is measured from the caregiver’s point of view, and all members of the team contribute to the high level of quality care provided. Thanks to all our volunteers for all that you do to achieve the highly regarded quality of care we provide to patients and their families!

A big THANK YOU to all of our fantastic volunteers who worked hundreds of hours to make Hats for Hospice a fun and very successful event.

Over 100 people came out in their best Preakness fashions to cheer on the horses, drink mint juleps and enjoy fabulous food. Hats for Hospice raised much needed funds to help support our charity care. Coastal Hospice provided over $650,000 in charity care last year alone!

A special THANK YOU to Kathleen and Howard Crossan for allowing us to use their beautiful grounds on the banks of the Manokin River.

A big hug and THANK YOU from the staff and volunteers to our wonderful co-chairs, Barbara Long and Alan Merritt-Hyle. Their leadership and guidance resulted in a fantastic and well-organized event.

Glenna Heckathorn, Alane Capen and Hats for Hospice Honoree Cam Bunting
We Need Volunteers Needed for Veteran Visits

We Honor Veterans is a national program jointly developed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Department of Veterans Affairs to meet the unique needs of veterans and their families. One aspect of the support provided by Coastal Hospice to the Lower Shore veterans we serve is an “honor salute” offered by uniformed members of our military (veteran, active, reserves).

We need an Honor Salute volunteer to spend between 10 to 15 minutes for each patient visit. Because Honor Salute volunteers are accompanied by an experienced patient care volunteer or staff member, the training required is minimal. Visits will be arranged based on geography to minimize travel time and are coordinated by Volunteer Services.

One in four Americans is a veteran. Through our We Honor Veterans program, we also assist veterans in enrolling and accessing VA benefits, coordinate care with VA and other healthcare organizations and hold special honor ceremonies on Veteran’s Day and Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

We appreciate your help in recruiting men and women with military service who would be interested in donning their uniforms for Honor Salute visits. Please refer interested members of the military to:
Nancy Stewart 410-742-8732 nstewart@coastalhospice.org
or to Volunteer Services 410-543-2590.

Volunteers Dave Duitscher (far left) and Alice Tweedy (far right) represented Coastal Hospice at the Resource Fair in Crisfield on May 14.
Facilities Director Kevin Ireland observed that volunteers treat the Thrift Shop like a family business, serving as goodwill ambassadors for Coastal Hospice. According to Store Operations Manager Dave Trax, their last boutique sale was their most successful to date, breaking all previous sale records. Over the past five years, the Thrift Shop has generated about $500,000 in proceeds with the specific purpose of funding Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

Coastal Hospice has plans to turn an existing building into a hospice residence and outreach center for hospice patients who lack able caregivers at home, offering a great benefit to the community and a home for the Fairwinds clinical team. While this facility will serve as Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, it will be a residence for patients from all four Lower Shore counties.

Purchases at the Thrift Shop will help fund this facility and sustain its operation. Thanks to our volunteers for generously giving their time and talents!