

# Hope Messenger

The Volunteer Newsletter for Hope Healthcare

## December 2020

### A Note from Our President and CEO

On behalf of our Board of Directors, our Senior Team, and the people in our care, thank you for being part of our Hope family. During this time of pandemic and uncertainty, Hope's compassionate care and support remains constant. Your continued dedication to our mission makes this possible.

Wishing you happiness, joy, and love this holiday season and throughout the New Year,

*Samira*

Samira K. Beckwith  
Hope President and CEO

## Hope News and Events

### Tree of Lights Tradition Supports the Mission of Hope

As we begin a holiday season unlike any other, we remember that each chapter of life is precious – even the difficult ones. At this time of year, we cherish the people who are closest to our hearts, including those who are no longer with us.

Together, we can honor the memory of our loved ones by placing white butterflies on our Tree of Lights. Thousands of families have found profound comfort and peace of mind by participating in this beloved tradition at Hope Hospice.

By making a gift to the Tree of Lights, you'll be helping provide comforting hospice care and compassionate grief counseling.

- A gift of \$30 ensures the placement of a personalized butterfly.
- With a gift of \$60 or more, donors will also receive a 2018 metal keepsake ornament for their own tree.
- Dedication stones for our Tribute Gardens are also available for \$300 (includes all of the benefits listed above).

Make your donation online at [Donate.HopeHCS.org/TreeofLights](https://Donate.HopeHCS.org/TreeofLights), or call 239-482-4673 and ask for the Development Department.



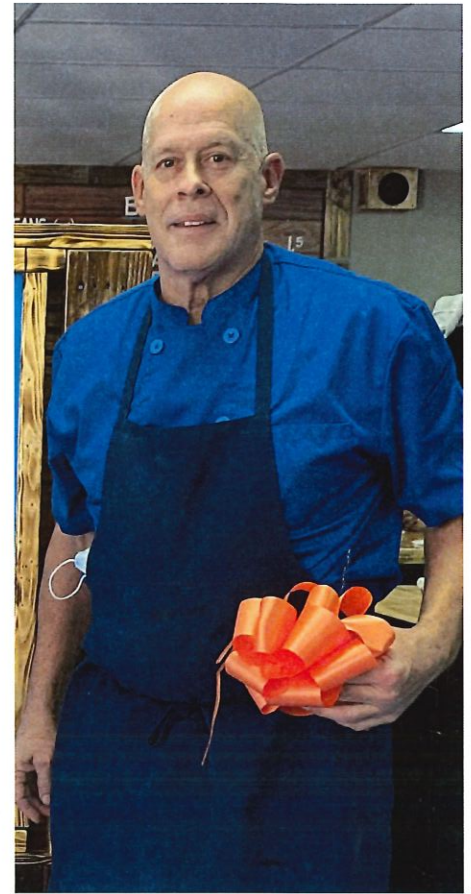
**IN MEMORY OF  
HUGH WINSTON PARK  
BELOVED HUSBAND**



Joan Maupin proudly wears her new "I Gave More Hope" t-shirt. See [MoreHope.org](http://MoreHope.org) for details.



Mary Bartoshuk ran the Track Club's Turkey Trot in support of the Hope Parkinson Program.



Bill Keister, owner of Big8 BBQ in Cape Coral, is donating a portion of restaurant proceeds to Hope.



Danielle, Liz, and Kathy coordinated Hope's Suncatchers booth at our local United Way's Family Service Learning Fair – where attendees supported not-for-profits through family-friendly activities. The Suncatchers not only create beautiful window displays, but they also serve as one-of-a-kind mementos for families to keep and treasure. The pieces created at the Service Learning Fair were designed specifically for Veterans Day.

# Ways to Volunteer

## Bake and Deliver Cookies

Bake our pre-cut dough and individually wrap cookies in the Fort Myers Volunteer Workroom before delivering them to the adjacent Hope Care Center at HealthPark on a rolling cart. To get started, please contact Fran Nanio at 239-985-7701.

## Help at Reception Desks

Relieve our busy staff at the Hope Care Centers. Welcome guests, take temperatures, and ask our safety screening questions. Help ensure that no room has more than two visitors at a time. Shifts are available seven days a week:

8am-noon • noon-4pm • 4-7pm

Contact your Volunteer Coordinator to help with this important task at the location most convenient for you.



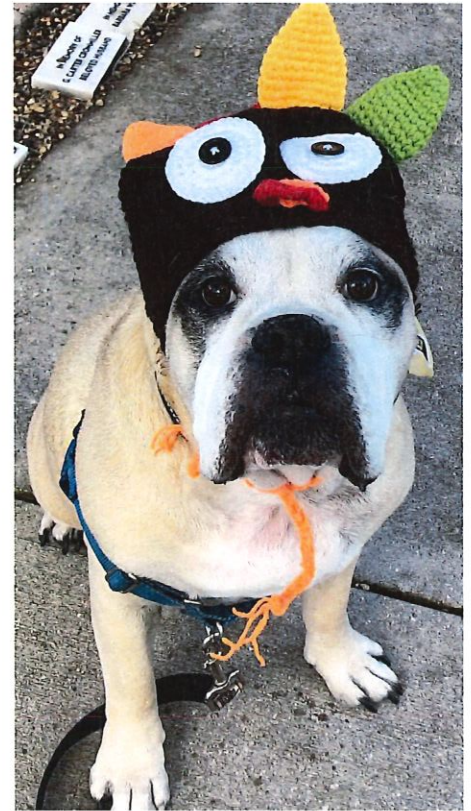
**Sew Wonderful!** Clockwise from top left: lap quilts donated by Ray LaGrange with the Love in a Blanket project sewing guild at Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church, holiday Burden Bears assembled by Shirley St. Germain, and festive stockings sewn with love by Sophia Kuharich and Barbara Camp, respectively. Thanks to all!



The Lehigh Acres volunteer team continued their Movie Day festivities with a Halloween theme for October. Shelly passed out spooky crafts before the movie began, and Linda served a special cake.



In Bonita Springs, Mary Lou Smith, Peggy McCourt, Linda McDonough, and Darlene Apicella created cork "angels" and stuffed holiday gift bags with notepads, pens, shampoo, and gifts. Homemade stockings were filled with bookmarks, pens, lotion, and goodies. The gifts will bring holiday cheer to the people in our care!



## Pet Program Updates

### Pet Visitors Get Dressed Up for the Holidays; Upcoming Pet Parade in Lehigh Acres

L-R: Benji was masquerading as the Cat in the Hat (Dog in the Hat?) thanks to his pet parent Gladys and her sister Arline, who sewed his custom outfit. Bunker stopped by to say hello to his friends at Hope PACE in Lehigh Acres. Hitch prepared to celebrate Thanksgiving in style at the Hope Care Center at HealthPark with his colorful turkey-themed hat.

It's time for another Pet Parade! Lehigh Acres volunteers and pet visitors will spread holiday cheer as they assemble outside under the guidance of Mrs. Claus (aka Mary Bartoshuk). We can't wait to see the fun begin!

**Pet Parade • Hope Care Center in Lehigh Acres • Tuesday, December 8 at 1 pm**



**May Your Days be Furry and Bright... Happy Paw-lidays  
from all of Hope's Favorite Four-Legged Friends**



## Continuing Education

### Zoom Opportunities Continue

Hope volunteers are staying up-to-date with their continuing education requirements thanks to Zoom videoconferencing. We recently completed special education from the Alzheimer’s Association, enjoyed a Doula reunion gathering, and finalized the virtual new volunteer orientation. Even the planning process for transitioning our orientation classes took place virtually! Although we hope to be able to gather together again when the coronavirus pandemic comes to a close, it has been exciting to discover the many benefits of this technology. If you are interested in participating in a Zoom videoconference but need technical support to get started, please remember that all of our Volunteer Coordinators are ready to host a private “practice session” with you. You can connect with us from a smartphone, tablet, desktop computer, or any device that’s connected to the internet. We hope to (virtually) see you soon!

### Words of Thanks from a New Hope Volunteer

“Thank you so much for putting together such an informative and educational orientation for hospice volunteers. I am sure having to deal with the logistics of this pandemic, all of you went out of your way to organize it. Ironically, I think Zoom has been a positive commodity that has come out of the pandemic. It is pretty nice to just turn on your computer and have everyone show up at your home with no preparation from the participant, except to be ready and have their computer on. Thanks again to you and the staff for bringing peaceful closure to lives well lived. It is an honor to be a small part of the program.” ~ Sincerely, Peggy

