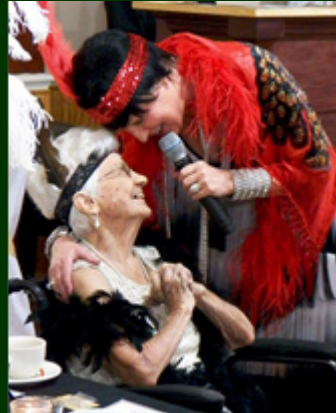


Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast Celebrates Volunteers



Volunteer Marilyn Provencal and her husband Tom at a Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast Volunteer Appreciation Banquet in Citrus County.

Volunteer Merle Derosia enjoys songs by "Liza Minnelli" at a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet In Pomona Park.



Among those honored for 5 years of service at the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet in High Springs were Joyce Ida (left) and Janis Youngblood (right), surrounding Volunteer Manager Emily Hines.



Volunteer Marilyn Surles enjoys songs by "Liza Minnelli" at the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held in Chiefland.



Among those honored for 5 years of Service at the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held in Lake City was Thrift & Gift Shoppe Volunteer Reba Swanwick (center), surrounded by Thrift Shoppe Manager Priscilla Owens (left) and Volunteer Manager Lynda Schladant.

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast celebrated National Volunteer Appreciation Month with its volunteers at Roaring 20s banquet events in Citrus County as well as in Chiefland, High Springs, Lake City and Pomona Park.

During 2015, 770 volunteers provided the organization with 83,000 hours of service at a value of \$1.8 million, enabling Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast to deliver services to patients, their families and neighboring communities; efficiently run its offices; staff its Hospice Thrift & Gift Shoppes; and speak about hospice services at community events.

Each Roaring 20s banquet featured music, period dancing and a sumptuous dining experience. Five volunteers were awarded pins for 15 years of service achieved in 2015, 16 volunteers for 10 years of service and 62 volunteers for 5 years of service.

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast, a not-for-profit charitable organization licensed in 1985, provides comprehensively responsive and compassionate end-of-life services to terminally ill patients and their families in North Central Florida. For more information or to learn about hospice volunteer opportunities, call 866-642-0962 or visit www.hospiceofcitrus.org.