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Hospice of Palm Beach County Honors 600+ Volunteers

WEST PALM BEACH (March 5, 2007)—Hospice of Palm Beach County, the area’s leading provider of Hospice care, honored its 630 volunteers at an annual luncheon held at The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, February 24, 2007. WPTV NewsChannel 5 Meteorologist, Steve Weagle, was the event’s Master of Ceremonies. He joined Hospice of Palm Beach County President and CEO Dave Fielding, Chairman of the Board Michael Connors, and Volunteer Manager Dee Johnson, in thanking the volunteers for supporting Hospice of Palm Beach County’s comprehensive range of programs and services.



left to right: Michael Connors (Chairman), Dave Fielding (President and CEO), Dee Johnson (Volunteer Manager) and Steve Weagle (WPTV NewsChannel 5 Meteorologist)

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“Your jobs are many, and they are varied, but you share a common bond in your love and commitment for Hospice of Palm Beach County,” said Dave Fielding. Hospice of Palm Beach County volunteers visit patients and families, serve on the Board of Directors, provide administrative support, work in the organization’s Resale Shops, assist at the John J. Brogan Horizons Bereavement Center or cook in the cafeteria. Michael Connors recognized the volunteers for having logged an impressive 55,000 hours. “On behalf of the entire organization, we thank you,” he said. Also acknowledged were the 22 members of the Jupiter High School Hospice of Palm Beach County Club; they are students who volunteer their time and raise money for the organization.



**Dee Johnson & Steve Weagle with members of the Jupiter High School
Hospice of Palm Beach County Club** (PHOTO CREDIT: Walt Stearns)

On average, Hospice of Palm Beach County volunteers make 574 visits to patients and families each month. In that same time, they make more than a thousand phone calls to check on patients or thank donors. They assemble 2,000 packets for admissions and outreach and collate, fold and stuff 4,300 letters. In a month, they also provide support to the Hospice of Palm Beach County Resale Shops by sorting, pricing, displaying goods sold to 2,500 customers. “They play a critical role in us reaching our mission,” says Dee Johnson. “We couldn’t possibly operate a program caring for more than 1,000 patients a day without volunteers providing an extra hand.”

To learn more about volunteering with Hospice of Palm Beach County, call (561) 273-2204 or visit the organization’s website at www.hpbc.com.

About Hospice of Palm Beach County: *Hospice of Palm Beach County offers a wide range of services and educational programs designed to meet the special needs of patients and families faced with advanced illness. Expert physical, emotional and spiritual care is provided wherever the patient is the home, skilled nursing or assisted living facility, hospital or hospice inpatient unit, including the C.W. Gerstenberg Hospice Center in West Palm Beach, the Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at Pinecrest Delray, the Bethesda Memorial Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, the Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at Good Samaritan Medical Center, the Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center and the Jay Robert Lauer Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at JFK Medical Center. The organization also offers full bereavement support to Hospice families and anyone in the community in need. HPBC's focus is on quality of life. The organization is sensitive to and respectful of religious, cultural and personal beliefs. Contact HPBC toll free at 888-848-5200 or visit the website www.hpbc.com for information.*

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