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CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

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BLUFFTON, SC — National Volunteer Week provides the opportunity to recognize the millions of Americans who provide volunteer service in communities across the country. At Hospice Care of the Lowcountry (HCL), trained volunteers selflessly assist not just people with a serious or life-limiting illness, but their families as well.

HCL has a variety of ways for volunteers to serve in and around the 40+ year-old non-profit organization: Volunteers visit patients, provide respite care, care for a patient's pet with Pet Peace of Mind, complete administrative tasks, participate in We Honor Veterans ceremonies, and train their own dogs to become certified Hos-Pet therapy dogs to visit hospice patients.

“Our volunteers are an essential part of our team, and they enable us to provide the best care possible to patients and families,” says HCL’s Executive Director/CEO, James Dismond. “By sharing their time, energy, and expertise, our volunteers bring compassion and care to the lives of those in need. We celebrate them not just during National Volunteer Week, but every single day.”

It is federally mandated under Medicare that five percent of all patient care hours be provided by trained volunteers, reflecting the vital role that volunteers play in the provision of care to patients facing an end-of-life diagnosis. But even if the integration of volunteers was not required, HCL still considers its volunteers to be critical members of their team — And their family.

“Our community is a better, more compassionate place because of our volunteers,” says Maggie Clark, Volunteer Coordinator at HCL.

For those interested in learning more about hospice or volunteer opportunities, please visit www.hospicecarelc.org or call (843) 706-2296.

Hospice Care of the Lowcountry is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 hospice and palliative care organization serving Beaufort and Jasper Counties since 1982. Its mission is to give comfort, honor, and dignity to patients and their families facing challenges associated with the end-of-life through compassionate physical, emotional, and spiritual care, regardless of their financial circumstances. To learn more about HCL, connect with the organization online at www.hospicecarelc.org.