February 2014: Help Us Hit a Homerun

We are gearing up for our 8th year working the Twins Game’s Concession Stand. We need cooks, runners, cashiers and captains. You must be at least 18 years old. A percentage of the sales at our concession stand will be donated to Hope.

All games begin at 1:05 p.m. unless otherwise specified:
- Saturday, March 1 vs. Red Sox
- Monday, March 3 vs. Blue Jays
- Wednesday, March 5 vs. Orioles NIGHT GAME 7:05pm
- Thursday, March 6 vs. Cardinals
- Sunday, March 9 vs. Phillies
- Wednesday, March 12 vs. Pirates
- Thursday, March 13 vs. Red Sox
- Friday, March 14 vs. Orioles
- Sunday, March 16 vs. Marlins
- Tuesday, March 18 vs. Rays NIGHT GAME 7:05pm
- Friday, March 21 vs. Mets
- Monday, March 24 vs. Rays
- Tuesday, March 25 vs. Orioles
- Wednesday, March 26 vs. Pirates
- Friday, March 28 vs. Red Sox

Twins Games Volunteer Kickoff Party
Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Fort Myers Community Rooms, HealthPark Office

Join us for the Kickoff Party for the Twins Baseball Games. Sign up for a shift and have some food and fun. Yes, hot dogs will be served! Call your Volunteer Coordinator to RSVP to the party. Remember, friends and family are invited to help.
Important Tax Information

2013 Tax Deduction for Volunteer Mileage
If you volunteered for an eligible 501(c)(3) like Hope, you can receive a tax deduction for your miles. The current rate is 14 cents per mile. To qualify, your mileage must be un-reimbursed, directly connected with the services you gave, incurred only because of the services you gave, and not personal, family or living expenses. Your volunteer coordinator can create a report of your mileage. This is another reason to be accurate with your Progress Notes! See a tax professional for further help with deductible mileage for volunteers.

Ways to Volunteer

Sew for Veterans
We need military-themed red, white and blue lap robes. Hope Honor Guard volunteers distribute these items during the formal recognition ceremony for hospice patients who served in the armed forces.

Special Event Volunteers for Friday, March 14
We need at least 15 volunteers who can assist with directions, registration and seating at the Annual Hope Parkinson Symposium. This half day morning event will be held at the Crown Plaza conference center, next to the Bell Tower Shops. You may need to arrive before 8:00 a.m., depending on your assignment. Call Joan Wyckoff at 489-9181.

Reception Desk Assistance in Naples and Port Charlotte
We need helpers to greet participants and guests at our PACE Centers in Collier and Charlotte counties. Call Joan Wyckoff at 489-9181 for directions to these locations and available shifts.

Check-In Callers
Do you like to chat on the phone or volunteer from home? We need volunteers to make contact one or two times a month with participants in Hope PACE. This check-in service will benefit seniors who often live alone. They would love to hear your friendly voice. We can also use volunteers who speak Spanish.

Help us build this exciting new program from the ground up! You can also make the calls from any of our Hope office locations. Call Joan Wyckoff at 489-9181.

Volunteer Department Kudos

VALOR Volunteers Support Our Troops
Volunteers made donations to benefit military service members who have a connection to Lee County. Donations were coordinated by the Lee Memorial Military Support Program, and goodie boxes were distributed to soldiers of every rank in Afghanistan.
Community Support for Hope

Ride4Hope Fundraiser: February 15, 2014
Fitness, fun and fundraising are all planned as part of the annual Ride for Hope, in support of Hope Hospice. Bill Curtis, the event’s founder, is a longtime Hope volunteer who celebrates his birthday each year by riding his age in miles. Five years ago, he invited others to join him, and the Ride for Hope was on its way.

The ride will take place on Saturday, February 15. There are three route options, and all routes start at Joanne’s House, located at 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs.

To register or make a donation online, visit hopehcs.org/ride. For more information about the event, call Heather Chester at (239) 489-9164.

Local Book Signing to Benefit Hope Hospice
Award-winning journalist and essayist, Artis Henderson, will appear at the Barnes & Noble for a reading and book signing of her powerful memoir “Unremarried Widow.”

Henderson participated in Hope’s grief counseling and support groups after the death of her young military husband. She credits Hope for helping her through the grieving process.

From the New York Times Sunday Book Review: The narrative unfurls into a powerful look at mourning as a military wife. Henderson documents her loss in unsparing detail, from the investigation into the fatal helicopter crash to the funeral to the distinctive, sometimes contentious, bonds that form between bereaved spouses. In a heartbreaking bit of symmetry, Henderson lost her own father at 5 years old when a flight they took together crashed. Her husband’s death provides her with a new lens through which to view her mother, with whom she now shares the fate of young widowhood.

Her work has appeared in The New York Times, Reader’s Digest and local Southwest Florida publication, Florida Weekly.

Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m.
Barnes & Noble in South Fort Myers
(Corner of Daniels Parkway and U.S. 41)
Proceeds from the event will benefit Hope.
News and Updates

**Samira K. Beckwith Named Person of the Year**
Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services, was named the first Person of the Year by Lee Pitts, host and executive producer of the award-winning “Lee Pitts Live,” the longest-running local television talk show in Southwest Florida.

Beckwith’s recognition is the first Person of the Year designation awarded in the show’s 20-year history. Viewers can watch Pitts present the award to Beckwith on YouTube at bit.ly/1kbZmfq.

“In selecting our first Lee Pitts Live Person of the Year for 2013, we wanted to make sure that the person we selected set the standard for years to come,” said Pitts. “Samira was an easy and clear choice for the award because of her many accomplishments in leading Hope HealthCare Services, as well as her national leadership in the hospice field. I am honored to have Samira carry this new torch.”

Beckwith didn’t know about the award when she appeared in the studio to tape the program with Pitts in mid-December. “I couldn’t have been more surprised, or feel more honored, to be recognized as Lee’s first Person of the Year,” said Beckwith. “It is truly a privilege to serve this community and to participate in the national conversation about health care and hospice. I am fortunate to lead the team of exceptional, dedicated caregivers at Hope who make a meaningful difference every day for individuals in our care and their families.”

**Pet Peace of Mind Updates**
Visit our Pet Peace of Mind blog at ppom.hopehcs.org for the most up-to-date pet information or call Colette at 985-7728. Hope can help adopters with start up costs!

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Social Opportunities

**Dixie Swim Club at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre**
Join us for a beautiful, funny show about five college friends. Come take the journey with them to laugh, cry and appreciate the beauty of long-lasting friendship. Five women gather once each year (we see them at 5 year intervals) to reminisce and catch up with each other. Don’t miss this heartwarming and hilarious show. Seating is limited, and we did sell out last year! The ticket price of $47 per person includes your buffet dinner, the show, taxes and gratuities. RSVP to Joe Pardi at 489-9180.
• April 1, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

**Shell Point Volunteers**
Come to share your volunteer experiences at Shell Point every Friday at 11:00 a.m. We will meet on the 4th floor, and Ester Domingo will provide updated patient lists. Let us know about the patients you’ve been visiting. For further details, call Ester at 985-7773.

**Mark your Calendars: Volunteer Appreciation Party April 17**

Education Opportunities

**Winter School 2014: A CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA**
Join us for a Chocolate Extravaganza and learn about our newest programs! RSVP to your volunteer coordinator.
  Cape: Feb 12 • Bonita: Feb 13 • Fort Myers: Feb 18 • Lehigh : Feb 26

**New Volunteer Orientation**
Do you know someone who wants to become a volunteer? Classes are held in various locations throughout the year. Online applications are available at HopeHCS.org/volunteer. Call Joe Pardi at 489-9180 for details.

**Lee County Sheriff’s Department Presents Residential Safety**
Lehigh Acres: February 5, 2014 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. RSVP to Joe Pardi.

**Emergency Help: Did You Know?**
The back of your volunteer name badge lists Hope’s toll-free phone number. If you are volunteering and need emergency assistance, dial this number and tell the operator you need immediate help. The line is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
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