**Home Care & Hospice Foundation of Pike County**

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**Message from the Administrator**

As America’s population becomes older, hospice will become more imperative. Hospice will continue to be utilized more as Americans become older and learn about the benefits of hospice. No one really knows what the future will bring for hospice funding, but leadership will always be needed. With that being considered, please welcome our new hospice coordinator Theresa Shotton. Theresa earned her BSN from Hannibal LaGrange College and received her teaching certificate from Central Missouri State University. She is currently the treasurer for Case Management Society of America, St. Louis Branch. Theresa is a certified case manager in oncology, hematology, and infectious disease. “Theresa has worked as a registered nurse in a variety of settings: medical surgical nursing, orthopedic, pediatrics, correctional nursing for Missouri State of Corrections, ER staff nurse, cardiac stress lab, cardiac & pulmonary rehab, chemo therapy infusion, high school health sciences instructor & clinical coordinator” (www.cmsastl.com). Theresa is currently a Case Manager who works with home health and hospice patients. Theresa moved to Bowling Green in 1993. Theresa will start full time as the hospice coordinator on June 1st.

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Building Project

Spring Bash
The Spring Bash was held March 20th at the Pike County Fairgrounds. The event was a huge success raising over $27,000! The night included supper, silent auction, live auction and raffle items. There were approximately 300 people in attendance.

Golf Tournament
Get your golf clubs out….we are holding a 4-person scramble on Saturday, June 5th at the Sun Valley Golf Course in Elsberry. Check in is at 8 a.m. and tee off begins at 9 a.m. The entry fee is $280 per team and that also includes breakfast, lunch and a ribeye steak sandwich dinner. We are also looking for hole sponsors for the tournament.

Founders
$250
Silver Stripe Hole Sponsor
Pacesetters
$100
Bronze Stripe Hole Sponsor

Project Update
While ground has not been broken yet, the fundraising efforts have been very successful.

The Home Care & Hospice Foundation is working with the city, county and the developer to provide infrastructure to the site. The goal is to take one step at a time to build the future of Bowling Green and Pike County.

After the infrastructure is agreed upon, bids will be taken for the work of the new building. “We are still hoping to break ground later this summer,” says Jim Hansen, Building Chairman. “However, it depends on the weather and the infrastructure progress. It all takes time as we have a process to go through.” he added.

Lutheran Church Benefit
Approximately $1850 was raised recently when a benefit barbeque with all the trimmings was held by the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bowling Green. All proceeds were donated to the Home Care & Hospice Foundation Building Fund.

“ A great turnout from across the county showed their support to our event”, said Jim Fisher, Good Shepherd church member. “We were glad to help with such a worthwhile cause”, he added.

US Bank Rummage Sale
US Bank of Bowling Green hosted a Rummage Sale on April 30th and May 1st to benefit the Home Care & Hospice Foundation Building Fund.

Items were donated from US Bank customers, employees and Pike County Health Department, Home Care & Hospice employees and volunteers.

The two day sale raised $1050. Corporate US Bank matched every dollar raised! We will receive a total of $2,100 from the rummage sale.
Mission Statement

The Mission of Pike County Health Department, Home Care & Hospice is to promote safety, wellness and comfort for our community members by providing quality care and preventive services so that all may experience a healthy, fulfilling and meaningful life.

History

The agency has a long history of providing preventive and health care services to Pike County residents since 1948, with Medicare/Medicaid services added in 1969. Hospice was founded in 1993.

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