

Pike County Health Department, Home Health & Hospice

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New Hospice Coordinator- Heather Betts RN

Pike County Hospice
Invites the Community to the
Annual
**Hospice Memorial
Service &
Celebration**

Friday, June 3, 2011
6:30 pm

Church of the Nazarene
807 S. Court Street, Bowling
Green

Come join us for an evening of
celebration and remember the
lives of those who have gone
before us.

For more information call:
578-324-2111 or
www.pikecountyhealth.org

I am very excited to have been named the new Hospice Coordinator for Pike County Health Department, Home Health & Hospice. With the position is a whole new set of responsibilities and a new role. I have worked for the agency since 2002, after I married Shane and moved to Pike County. We have five children, Breyden 18; Skyler 15; Hayley 13; Coltyn 8; and Meredyth 6. I have worked a variety of roles within the agency and Hospice has been my passion. As a nurse, you touch a family in a totally different way that forges bonds that are not easily broken. These bonds turn into friendships and long lasting memories for myself and the families I care for. I am excited to continue our Hospice program in the proud tradition that it has always been noted. In addition I plan to continue to build relationships within and outside of our community. We have an excellent staff of field nurses and



Heather Betts RN
Hospice Coordinator

home care aides to care for patients and I am extremely excited to be working more closely with Donna Ellison our Social Worker and Becky Carroll. We also have, what I believe to be, the best volunteer program, hands down. I believe that there is strength in compassion and caring, and you can truly only get that from the people within your community that love and care for your families, the way that Pike County Hospice does.

"Our care provider was Susan DeCamp. She was kind and caring, listened to us with empathy. We felt comfortable and at ease with her. We would ask for her next time if we need care."

*Ronald Radford,
Louisiana, MO*

Message from the Administrator...



Justin Selle
Administrator

The time is upon us to move into the future with our new building and new programs. We must also remember what brought us to where we are today. The Pike County Health Department Home Health and Hospice has been a part of this community for over sixty-three years. We started with one full-time nurse and now we have nine full-time registered nurses and two licensed practical

nurses. Our past with the community is important to us and we hope to continue making history with the residents of Pike County. John W. Gardner said, "History never looks like history when you are living through it." History is being made by all of the people who have donated their time or money and all of the employees who show up day in and day out, to make this agency better and in

turn make this community a better place to live. The future is upon us and history is being made, now is the time for this community to come together to create something special for future generations. "In every community there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is the power to do it," said Marianne Williamson.

From the



OLD

The Pike County Health Department began operations in 1948 out of the county courthouse and has been housed in our current facilities since the mid 90s. Since those times our agency has touched and cared for many lives. Pike County Health Department, Home Health & Hospice continues to grow with the community and is ready to make an exciting transition.

On June 3rd, we will be closing our doors to the past and opening our new doors to the future. We will continue to serve our patients and clients with the same quality care; however in a more efficient and effective manner. Nineteen programs/ services are provided to the residents of Pike County and we will continuously grow as our community needs expand.

Open houses will be scheduled after we have moved and are settled. Please watch the newspapers for those dates.

We are grateful to the people of Pike County for all of the support we have received during this process. Hours of volunteer work has been given along with monetary donations. We are at 71% of our goal for this new facility. Fundraisers will continue and donations accepted for the building fund.

The vision of this new facility began six years ago and we are about to see this vision become a reality.

Thank you Pike County Supporters!



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Mission Statement
To ensure the safety, wellness and comfort of the
citizens of Pike County through the delivery of
exceptional care and preventive services.

History
The agency has a long history of providing pre-
ventive and health care services to Pike County
residents. Public Health services have been pro-
vided since 1948, with Medicare/Medicaid Home
Health services added in 1969. In 1993, Hospice
was founded.