It may surprise many people to learn that 25 percent of those who die every year in the U.S. are Veterans. To help provide care and support that reflect the important contributions made by these men and women, Pike County Hospice has become a national partner of We Honor Veterans, a pioneering campaign developed by National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As a We Honor Veterans Partner, Pike County Hospice will implement ongoing Veteran-centered education for their staff and volunteers to help improve the care they provide to the Veterans they proudly serve. The nation is seeing many of the Veterans who served in World War II and Korean pass away—and the number of deaths of Vietnam Veterans is beginning to rise.

The We Honor Veterans campaign provides tiered recognition to organizations that demonstrate a systematic commitment to improving care for Veterans. “Partners” can assess their ability to serve Veterans and, using resources provided as part of the campaign, integrate best practices for providing end-of-life care to Veterans into their organization. By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's Veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, Pike County Hospice is better able to accompany and guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. And in cases where there might be some specific needs related to the Veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, Pike County Hospice will find tools to help support those they are caring for.

“All hospices are serving Veterans but often aren't aware of that person's service in the armed forces,” said J. Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO. “Through We Honor Veterans we are taking a giant step forward in helping hospice and palliative care providers understand and serve Veterans at the end of life and work more effectively with VA medical facilities in their communities.”

“VA shares a common goal with our nation’s hospices, and that is to provide the best possible care specifically tailored for Veterans, meeting their goals of care in their preferred setting. As we focus on working together and unite our services and skills, We Honor Veterans will channel our combined strengths directly to Veterans - wherever they are receiving care.”

The resources of We Honor Veterans focus on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with Veteran-centric education of health care staff caring for Veterans. To learn more about We Honor Veterans or to support this important work via a secure, online donation, please visit www.wehonorveterans.org.

“America’s Veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country and we believe it is never too late to give them a hero’s welcome home. Now it is time that we step up, acquire the necessary skills and fulfill our mission to serve these men and women with the dignity they deserve,” added Schumacher.

For more information about Pike County Hospice, contact Heather Betts RN, Hospice Coordinator at (573) 324-2111.

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It’s getting to be that time of year where the weather is perfect for a yard sale. The Pike County Health Department would like to make you aware of what to look for if you are going to purchase a used car seat for your child. There are several things you may want to ask before you purchase a used car seat.

Has this seat ever been in an accident? If the car seat has been in an accident it is recommended that it not be used. There are sometimes malfunctions in a car seat that can not be seen and could cause bodily harm to your child.

Does the seat still have a label with the date of manufacture and model name/number? It is important to obtain this information in order to verify that it’s not expired or on a recall list. Car seats expire in 6 years. The plastic becomes brittle and will crumble or break in an accident. If the car seat is on the recall list it will tell you the defect and if it can be repaired.

Does it contain all of its parts and are they functional? It is important to have the harness strap, harness clip, seat cover, tether, padding shield and bolts. In order for the car seat to function properly it has to have all components. It is important that the harness straps are not worn or frayed. If they are, they are not safe to use because when in an accident it could cause them to break. Make sure there is not any bends, cracks or breaks in the plastic shell. If the shell is damaged in any way it will not keep your child safe and in an accident it could harm your child.

Does the buckle or any other metal parts show signs of rust? You want to assess that the buckle works properly and there are no signs of rust on any part of the car seat. When there is rust on the metal parts or the frame of the car seat they are weak and may bend or break in an accident.

There are so many things to consider when purchasing a used car seat. We urge parents to be extremely cautious about car seats you find in a yard sale. Unless you really know the history of a car seat and are sure it is safe for your child please think twice before your purchase. It could save your child’s life.

The Pike County Health Department would like to remind residents of its Car Seat Education Program. The program provides a brand new car seat to parents or primary caregivers and education on proper installation. There is a small fee of $15 to attend the program. Currently there are three CPS (Certified Child Passenger Safety) Technicians on staff that are glad to assist you with all of your car seat needs. The CPS Technicians want your child to be as safe as possible while traveling to any destination.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Pike County Health Department at 573-324-2111.
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

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