

Regional Teams and You

Regional Teams consist of volunteers who are dedicated to developing awareness of community resources and of Pine Tree Hospice's services in the core towns of our coverage area. As you can imagine, it is very difficult for one person to have adequate connection with all of the 39 towns that we serve. Members of the Regional Teams are members of those communities which they represent and as such are the "eyes, ears, and mouthpiece" for the Coordinator and the PTH office. Five regional teams are currently in place in the 5 hub towns of: Dexter, Dover-Foxcroft, Greenville, Guilford, and Milo. Each hub serves the main town as well as its surrounding communities.

The Regional Teams are organized to identify community needs and resources in each regional area, to help support other PTH volunteers, and to help provide educational opportunities to area volunteers and communities members. Each Regional Team has a Team Leader who works closely with the Coordinator, Lisa Joy White. The teams set their specific regional priorities (community awareness, educational offerings, program development, etc.) Teams meet with the Coordinator twice per year. Additionally, members may choose to gather to share thoughts and concerns regarding their area needs.

If you have just a few minutes or a few hours every now and again to help PTH strengthen its support to members of your community, please join your area team. If you know of someone you think would be a great asset to the team, invite him or her to consider joining as well. Once on the team, members can identify what area or areas of its work you would like to put your talents to work on. Some options are:

- ◆ Assist in recruiting additional volunteers and help to build regional strength in local service connections.
- ◆ Identify educational and support needs of area volunteers and/or assist with volunteer events to provide education and support to those volunteers.
- ◆ Aid PTH with publicizing and representing PTH in their communities; i.e., placing posters in public areas advertising PTH events, representing PTH at meetings or public opportunities, and assisting with programmatic events in their regional area.
- ◆ Inform PTH of any opportunities in their local area to educate citizens about PTH and to make it more visible in their community.
- ◆ Expand PTH's ability to stay in closer touch with citizens throughout our service area to better respond to needs and/or opportunities.
- ◆ Occasionally assist with gathering/procuring refreshments for events (such as cookies or breakfast breads for golf tournaments, Caring for the Caregiver, etc.)

Over the past few years, PTH has been able to reach more of the outlying areas, greatly in part due to the work of Regional Team members. In order to continue and to expand on these services in ALL of our communities, we need more volunteers. Is there any reason why YOU cannot consider this important role?

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