

PINE TREE HOSPICE  
VOLUNTEER BULLETIN  
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ENTERED THIS WORLD IN JANUARY

Thank you, Indirect and Direct Care Volunteers, for the time you take to complete Monthly Reports and updates on Continuing Education. This important documentation helps keep the doors open at our State Licensed Volunteer Hospice. Our annual licensing review visit on December 9, 2019 came when Sherri Jackins was having a well-deserved day off. The newbies were in charge. *It was tense, but.....*

**WE PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS!!**

**DEFICIENCY FREE!**

## TEAM MEETINGS 2020

NEW TIME: 9:00—10:30

SAME PLACE: PINE TREE HOSPICE OFFICE

### MEETING AGENDA

9:00–9:20 VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN, UPDATES

9:20–9:30 COORDINATOR MINUTES

9:30–10:30 EDUCATION TOPIC

**JANUARY 15** speaker Brian Mullis topic: When can EMTs be called to assist volunteers ?

**FEBRUARY 19** Volunteer sharing time: Stories from experience

**MARCH 18** speaker Sherry Corbin topic: How to assist others completing the Five Wishes?

# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE ??????

Pine tree Hospice is a volunteer hospice. Many times when folks in the community hear this, they ask, **“What’s the difference?”** As volunteers you often have the opportunity to explain the various differences to community members and friends. Here is a review of the differences.

## Volunteer Hospice:

- **Non-medical supports by trained volunteers**
- **No physician referral necessary**
- **No time limits to services (able to assist as soon as diagnosed with a progressive, life-limiting illness)**
- **Client can pursue curative and/or alternative treatments**
- **No charges or fees for services**

## Medical Hospice:

- **Medical supports by nurses, home health aides, etc.**
- **Physician’s referral necessary**
- **Limited life expectancy (expected death within 6 months)**
- **Client cannot pursue curative treatments**
- **Fees for services (Medicare and insurance reimbursable)**

A medical hospice may provide services once a person receives a 6 month prognosis and the physician makes a referral. **Pine Tree Hospice** may begin providing non-medical support as soon as a person receives a progressive, life-limiting diagnosis. We often serve a family for weeks or months before the family chooses to seek the services of a medical hospice. If and when the family chooses to utilize a medical hospice, **Pine Tree Hospice** is able to continue providing non-medical support. **Together**, a medical hospice and a volunteer hospice can make a greater difference in a family’s quality of life.

**It is important for people to understand it isn’t an “either/or” decision between medical and volunteer hospice.**

*“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.  
And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.”*  
**Edward Everett Hale**

## Vision

Pine Tree Hospice foresees a community in which members openly discuss caregiving, end of life, and bereavement issues and actively provides compassionate care to one another through these precious life journeys.

## Values

Respect and Dignity  
Comfort and Peace of Mind  
Learning and Education  
Empathy and Compassion  
Open and Honest  
Communication

## Mission

Pine Tree Hospice staff and volunteers provide non-medical care, support, and education, with respect and dignity, to people journeying through progressive life-limiting illnesses, caregiving, and bereavement, thereby enhancing and honoring quality of life.

## *SAVE THE DATE*

*February 18*

*Book Club*

*March 7*

*All About You Caregiver Event*

*March 13*

*Trivia Night*

Thank you!

Volunteers, because of your efforts Pine Tree Hospice is currently serving over 20 families in the following communities:

Dexter, Dover-Foxcroft, Greenville, Cambridge, Ripley, and Guilford