

Spotlights

Social Workers

In March we recognize Social Work Month. We wanted to take a moment to spotlight our 3 wonderful Social Workers for all the support to our patients, families, and staff.

Sara Wade, LMSW – 13 years
Kailynda Davis, LBSW – 5 years
Cierra McArtor, BSW – 1 year

Grief Support

We have started monthly Grief Support Group sessions at our Amana Office. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm. These are free and open to the public; all are welcome to attend!

April 9

May 14

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or

(319) 622-3195.



We have direct patient care and administrative opportunities available. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

If you are interested or have questions please contact Kailynda Davis at:

kailynda.davis@essencehospice.com

or call

(319)622-3195

Veteran Volunteers

The Veteran-to-Veteran program aims to pair Veteran volunteers with our Veteran hospice patients to relate and connect in a safe environment where life review and healing can occur.

Sewing Volunteers

We are always looking for interested sewers to help make our Memory Pillows! If you have a interest and some time to spare, contact us today to learn more about opportunities!

Volunteer Appreciation Month

April is National Volunteer Month, focusing the week of 4/21 – 4/27 as National Volunteer Appreciation Week! This year's theme is "Something for Everyone". This holds true for the hospice environment, we have opportunities for whatever your interest and comfort level is from direct care, administrative support, sewing services or help with special events.

Hospice was founded on Volunteer support, and it has been maintained as a crucial part of Hospice Services over the years here in the U.S. Medicare Conditions of Participation continue to require hospice companies to use volunteer hours to match 5% of their paid staff hours! This is done through Direct Patient Care – companionship and social visits with our patients in their homes – and administrative support in the office.

Recent Highlights and Upcoming Events

March is Social Workers Month. We spent time recognizing the social workers in different Facility and Hospitals that help us to coordinate wonderful care to all of our amazing families.

April 16 - National Healthcare Decisions Day – We will have an open house discussion at our Amana Office from 6-7 pm. Our Social Worker Kailynda Davis and other staff members will talk about the importance of Advanced Care Planning and be able to answer any questions you have about this process.

We will be celebrating **National Volunteer Week April 21st – 27th 2024**. THANK YOU to all of our amazing volunteers! We could not do the work we do without your continued dedication and support.

Nurse's Week is May 6th – 12th 2024. We will be extending our thanks and appreciation to the many amazing nurses on our team and that we work with in the community all week long! Molly Fliss, Jessica Rust, Lisa Uphold, Shari Brase-Smith, Denise Hines, Melyse Sparks, Peggy Grothe and, Michelle Danker.

Inservice Opportunities

If your organization would like a speaker to talk with your group on end-of-life care topics, please contact our office to set up a time. Various topics including:

Hospice 101, Grief, Advanced Care planning,
Just one More Bite, Pain Management



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