

# The Light

Hospice of the Ozarks Newsletter

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## Third Annual Hospice of the Ozarks Gala Plans Underway

Planning has begun for the Third Annual Hospice of the Ozarks Gala. **Peter Brave**, owner and chef of A Brave New Restaurant in Little Rock, will be preparing the gourmet meal. Chef Brave's restaurant has been serving extraordinary food for the past 15 years and has again been voted the best overall restaurant in Arkansas by *Arkansas Times*.

The event will be Saturday, September 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Big Creek Golf & Country Club. Tickets are on sale for \$150 per person for the dinner and wine service. The event will include a live and silent auction, and all tax deductible proceeds from the event will continue to help fund the daily operations of the Hospice House, a 12 bed, 14,000 sq. ft. inpatient and residential facility for hospice patients.

The Gala Chairperson is **Mrs. Terri Argyle**. **Mrs. Robin Robinson** will be assisting with all floral arrangements, and **Mrs. Becky Tappan** is the Auction Chairperson. Without the assistance of the Development Committee and the Gala Committee volunteers, we would not be able to host such an elaborate event. Our sincere thanks go out to all those who support our efforts.



*Distinguished Service Award recipient Norm Allen of American Lifestyle Media, Inc. with Mary Carleton, Community Outreach Coordinator for Hospice of the Ozarks.*

## Allen awarded the Distinguished Service Award

**Norm Allen** of American Lifestyle Media, Inc. has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award from Hospice of the Ozarks, a nonprofit end-of-life health care provider. This award was presented in appreciation of his dedicated services to Hospice of the Ozarks. Mr. Allen has given countless hours and film resources to increase community awareness of hospice services that are available and the payment benefits that are covered under the Medicare provisions. **Mary Carleton**, Community Outreach Coordinator, said she often hears from families that they wish they had known about Hospice sooner than they did.

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Mike Beam, the new Marketing Director for Hospice and Home Health.

## Beam joins Hospice and Home Health staff

Mike Beam was hired in June to be the Marketing Director for the Home Health and Hospice programs. He works part-time for Hospice providing hospice information to both the health care providers and the community.

Mike was previously an Operations Coordinator for Nortel Networks and has also worked as an Emergency Medical Technician for BRMC. He has a B.S. Degree in Telecommunications with a Business Management and Marketing emphasis.

Mike coordinates his hospice public awareness activities with Mary Carleton, Community Outreach Coordinator for Hospice of the Ozarks. "We are pleased to have Mike working with the hospice program. He is very personable, and we know he will be a real asset to the team," said Hospice Executive Director Phil Thompson.

## Local volunteers attend annual recognition event

Seven Hospice of the Ozarks volunteers and **Kathy Weaver**, Volunteer Coordinator, attended the Arkansas State Hospice and Palliative Care Association Annual Volunteer Recognition event and all had fun. The group drove down to Little Rock and boarded the *Arkansas Queen*. It was a luncheon cruise up the Arkansas River that featured music and beautiful panoramic views. The food was great, and the company was outstanding!

A big "thank you" goes to **Paula Boatright, Susan Carr, Nancy Fiske, Bud and Beverly Hall, Doris Reeves** and **Jerry Wilcoxon** for attending the event. Kathy Weaver said the group had a great time driving down together and getting to know each other better.



The group photo aboard the *Arkansas Queen*. Pictured from left are (front row) Doris Reeves, Beverly Hall, (second row) Paula Boatright, Nancy Fiske, Susan Carr, (back row) Kathy Weaver, Bud Hall and Jerry Wilcoxon.

## Celebrations

**Samantha and Russell Dewey** announce the birth of their daughter, Chyanne. She was born March 6 and weighed 5 pounds 6 ounces. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Samantha is a CNA in the Home Care Program.

**Stephanie Simmons** and **John Leckert** announced their engagement and upcoming wedding. Stephanie is a Billing Associate with Hospice, and John is the Hospice Nursing Coordinator. **JoAnne Gumm** is the official wedding consultant and is currently helping plan the honeymoon destination.

Congratulations to both couples.

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## Spring Volunteer Training

Please welcome new volunteers that graduated from the Spring 2008 class: **Frank Baker** (Frank had been a volunteer and took the training for review), **Joyce Fulco**, **Karen Henderson**, **Janey Jones**, **Linda Pawlak**, **Bonnie Stahl**, **Marcella Tancsa**, and **Anne Taylor**. We are delighted to have you on the team!

## Relay for Life

The Baxter County Relay for Life was May 2, and the Hospice of the Ozarks team, raised over \$4,000! The entire BRMC Team raised over \$10,000! **Misty Cullipher**, the Hospice Team Captain, did a fantastic job. Thank you to all the volunteers that gave of their time, talents and funds.



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