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Haven Hospice honors Chiefland area volunteers for dedicated service

(CHIEFLAND, Fla.)—Haven Hospice recognized outstanding volunteers in the Chiefland area during a recent luncheon at Haven. At the luncheon, volunteers received praise for their time and dedication to Haven Hospice as a part of Volunteer Appreciation Month.

The Community Outreach and Special Projects award was presented to **Arnold Dittenber** for his work on Haven's special events, such as the Veterans Day breakfast and the Relay for Life yard sale. Dittenber has been volunteering with Haven for eight years and is always recruiting volunteers.

The recipient of the Patient and Family award was **Janice Hood**. Hood visits patients and families every Wednesday at Cross City Rehabilitation and Health Center, Tri-County Nursing Home and Ayers Health and Rehabilitation Center. Hood has the most Patient and Family volunteer hours of all Haven volunteers in the Chiefland area.

The recipient of the Tri-Counties Hospice Care Center award went to **Shelley Therogood** for her commitment and dedication to helping patients and families in the care center. Therogood can be called on anytime, day or night, to sit with patients and families. She also helps wherever needed in the care center. Therogood volunteered over 300 hours in 2010.

The Administrative Volunteer award was presented to **Eirlys Rawcliffe** for her office skills and computer experience. Rawcliffe also does pastoral patient visits with the chaplain in the care center and helps with the Love and Remembrance Memorial Services every fall and spring.

The Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award went to **Tonya and Brack Tucker**. The Tuckers visit with patients in the Care Center and in area nursing homes. In addition to visiting patients, the Tuckers have volunteered at numerous community events and health fairs. Tonya has also assisted with craft projects and Brack has extended his help and transportation to a fellow volunteer going through radiation therapy.

Each volunteer plays an integral role in the daily operations of Haven Hospice. Volunteers of all ages dedicate their time across Levy, Gilchrist and Dixie counties. Haven appreciates the dedication and hard work of every volunteer.



Photo (L to R): Haven Administrator, Patrick Allen; Tonya Tucker; Eirlys Rawcliffe; Arnold Dittenber; Shelly Therogood and Haven Volunteer Coordinator, Vondla Sullivan. Not pictured - Janice Hood and Brack Tucker.

About Haven Hospice

Haven Hospice is North Florida's expert in end-of-life and palliative care and is one of three 2008 Circle of Life Award[®] winners nationwide to be recognized as leaders in improving the care of patients near the end of life or with life-threatening conditions. Haven Hospice has also been recognized as a Florida Pacesetter for its leadership in promoting living wills. Haven Hospice has served more than 50,000 patients and families since 1979 and has been licensed in Florida as a not-for-profit hospice since 1980. For more information, visit www.havenhospice.org or call 800.727.1889.

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