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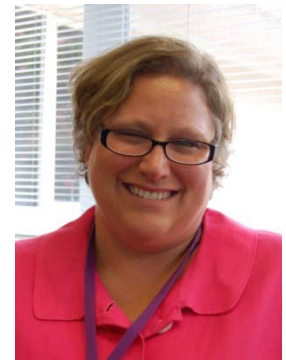
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## Haven Hospice welcomes new director of volunteer services

(GAINESVILLE)— Haven Hospice is pleased to welcome Courtney Quirie as director of volunteer services.

Her primary responsibility will be recruiting and retaining valued volunteers who can meet Haven’s organizational needs and at the same time, fulfill their own goals. “It’s important to understand what the motivation is for volunteering,” she said. “Our younger volunteers may be here to complete community service hours, accomplish a project, gain experience in their chosen fields, or make contacts.



“Many of our older volunteers have had a meaningful relationship with a hospice and have a need to give back,” she added. “Others may be looking to keep their skills sharp, or are in the market for new career opportunities.”

Quirie comes to Haven after serving as volunteer services director for a hospice in southwest Florida. Prior to that, she was director of membership and marketing for Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida, based in Sarasota. A graduate of the University of Florida with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology, she started her career in hotel sales and marketing.

“I feel passionate about hospice care,” said Quirie, who served as caregiver for a friend’s mother when she was dying of lymphoma. “It changed my perspective on the end of life.”

“Hospice staff are the best volunteer recruiters I have,” she added. “It’s what they do at the bedside that inspires a daughter, a wife, a son or a husband to pick up the phone and volunteer.”

For information about volunteering at Haven, visit [www.havenhospice.org](http://www.havenhospice.org), or call 1-800-727-1889.

### 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 45,000 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](http://www.havenhospice.org) or call 800-727-1889.

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