Victoria Hunt has been a Sacred Heart volunteer for the past 5 years. She came to the decision to volunteer like so many others, as a way to “give back” to the hospital after the death of her husband in 2005. Victoria got wonderful care and support from the staff, that helped her through her sad time. When she began volunteering she first worked on the in-patient floor, then became a “floater” and presently volunteers in the Emergency Department on Friday afternoon.

Victoria moved from Scotland to Connecticut at the age of 3, where as an adult she taught school for 32 years. Currently Victoria lives in Point Washington where her second floor studio houses pane after pane of beautiful glass. She began studying the art of stained glass construction 8 years ago at the Craven Community College in New Bern, NC and became fascinated by glass.

“I often will buy a piece of glass just because I love it, not because it’s going into a specific design. Most of my works contain bright colors and at least some section is iridescent glass. The amazing thing about glass is the way light changes it. A design may look one way during the day and totally different at night. It will look one way on a sunny day and another on a cloudy or dark day. Light is such an integral part of a piece that I have chosen to name my stained glass company Visions in the Light”.

One of Victoria’s favorite pieces, a vase of sunflowers, was created for Paul Newman’s Hole in the Wall Gang, a camp for terminally ill children in Ashford, CT. “The sunflower is the camp flower. I was able to attend the gala where the piece was auctioned to raise money for the camp. It was Mr. Newman’s last appearance and I was quite moved by the experience.”

Victoria also enjoys going to old buildings in Europe and Scotland to see the beautiful stained glass works that are housed there. She is inspired by Masters such as Tiffany, Robert Oddy and Peter McGrain.

“I also enjoy taking a special family memento, such as Grandma’s old plate or Dad’s Medal of Honor or Junior’s commemorative plaque and placing them in the glass design. I use both foil and lead to hold the glass and commemorative pieces in place. Working with clients to create a glass piece that has special meaning to them, is also a great joy.”
Sacred Heart Celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week April 15th – 21st

Every year during National Volunteer Appreciation Week our hospital takes time to recognize and thank our 200+ volunteers for the sharing of their time, and the giving of their compassionate hearts and hands to help others.

Sacred Heart Hospital volunteers serve in 30 areas throughout our hospital, 365 days a year, on 4-hour shifts that start as early at 7 am and go to 12 Midnight.

Sacred Heart volunteers provide an average of 33,000 hours of service each year, the equivalent of 16 full-time staff members.

Our volunteers are important members of our Sacred Heart team and we could not serve our community without them!

Thank You Volunteers Past and Present – For Your Service!

Our Newest Volunteers
Grace Bell        Jean Eisel        Paula Meekulski
Margaret Best    Phyllis Gilliland  Carol Probst
Katelyn Blankenship  Karen Hager  Joan Pullen
Charlene Brannon  Manuel Henaopena  Bruce Shields
Debbie Coppola    Mary Anne Johnson  Suzanne Smart
Gimmy Davis       Mary Kennedy       Karen Valaitis
Monique De Chazal  Leigh Kirkman       Martha Vonarx
Maria De La Cruz   Catherine Kneeland  
Bobby Dean        Sherry Londe
Larry Dungan      Susan McGinnis
Donna Durieih    

Active Volunteers with 1 Year of Service
John Beaton        Linda Gibbons        Chase Lee
Mary Beaton        Toni Hughes        Art Miller
Janice Braxton     James Kiesby        Carol Miller
Anna Brown         Kent Lafiin         Bill O’Neal
Kevin DelOach      Jo Ann Laible       Erin Patterson
Al DiSalvio        Jon Laible         Jessica Sosio
Linda Fullerton    Marlon Ledbetter   Mary Zahner

Active Volunteers with 2 Year of Service
Margaret Armstrong  Tom Corcoran        Sandy Paradis
Richard Armstrong  Connie Edmondsdon  Sue Perez
William Baker      Denise Hatcher      Betty Smith
Helen Barnhart     Jennifer Howard      Karen Trahan
John Barnhart      Robert Johnson      
Gates Barry        Susan Labrie
Melita Brantley    Peggy Link
Ed Breslin         David Maret

Active Volunteers with 3 Years of Service
Paula Coleman  Barbara Gorman
Barbara Edlin  Janice O’Connor
William Fassler  Bonnie Pleegkenkult
Charles Shuler  Kelly Thomas
Mary Ellen Toomey  Beverly Whitfield

Active Volunteers with 4 Year of Service
Barbara Borchert  Mary Ann Dean
Jim Borchert  Pauline DiBernardo
Margie Calkins  Michael Dwyre

Active Volunteers with 5 Years of Service
Franca Byrd  Victoria Hunt
Gloria Clayton  Pete Hyde
Larry Falk  Marion McKeon
Sally Gaskin  Helen McMillan
Eileen Hughes  Charles Murray
Sylvia Murray  Robert Osik
Marlyn Shuler  Will Snell
Doris Tharpe  Jim Waters
Pauline Waters

Active Volunteers with 6 Years of Service
Ann Blunt  Maryann Jones
Jim Blunt  Van Jones Carolyn
Carolyn Cavalaris  Kamm Anne Kleist
Becky Chidsey  Nadine Kuhns
Dorothy Clark  Pete Kuhns
George Dean  Bobbie Maybrier
Linda Douglass  Roy Merkley
Wally Edmands  Jan Nicholson
Barbara Fine  Bill Oeding
Laura Hall  Robbie Rogers

Active Volunteers with 7 Years of Service
Carole Bergstrom  Dorothy Herrmann
Virginia Dwyre  Donna Luedke
Anna Fowler  Barbara Marasia
Lyman Guidry  James Marasia
Odile Guirdy  Virginia Norcross
Kathy Hamilton  Peggy O’Bannon
Paul O’Daniel  Roseanne O’Daniel
Georgia Pappas-Johnson  Susan Polley
Marilyn Schroer

Active Volunteers with 8 Years of Service
Rosalie Bootz  Anne Ferguson
Sally Crowell  Monique Filion
Darrell Dabria  Peggy Foster
Joanna Ellington  Charlotte Guttery

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Active Volunteers with 9 Years of Service

Kay Buro, Marge Mitchell
Mary Caffee, Jeanette Moerschel
Elizabeth Carnell, Joyce Moffatt
Joseph Colello, Jr., Betsy Moreau
Shirley Constable, Peggy Sue Mullen
Chuck Dickinson, Joyce Nolan
Harriet Dokken, Robert Nolan
Betty Dungan, Nancy O'Donnell
Eloise Flanagan, Jeannie Ogle
Judy Freed, Barby Parks
Ruth Haglund, Barry Parks
Irene Haliday, Vern Quast
Clarence Hinch, Brenda Radtke
Joe Johnston, Billie Reinhart
Rowena Johnston, Myra Rhodes
Dolores Logue, Edsel Riopelle Jr.
Jeannetta Loyall, Margaret Rogers
Gayle Lyman, Richard Ryan
Stewart Lyman, Jan Stanko
Jackie Lynch, Donna Stiles
Jodene Lysinger, Dot Taylor
Lorraine Maioriello, David Watson
Virginia Malone, Sara Wood
Louise Mangum, Ed Wright
Carol Marshall, LaDonna Wright
Lois Merkley

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Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast Named Among Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals

It was recently announced that your Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast is one of Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals for 2012. This is the second time SHHEC has been recognized with this honor since opening its door over nine years ago.

I thank our associates, medical staff, Board of Trustees, volunteers, our community and the entire Sacred Heart Health System for their dedication, vision, and support to make this another successful step in our healthcare journey.

To conduct the 100 Top Hospitals study, Thomson Reuters researchers evaluated 2,886 short-term, acute care, non-federal hospitals. They used public information — Medicare cost reports, Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MedPAR) data, and core measures and patient satisfaction data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Compare website. Hospitals do not apply, and winners do not pay to market this honor.

Based on comparisons between the study winners and a peer group of similar high-volume hospitals that were not winners, Thomson Reuters found that if all hospitals performed at the level of this year’s winners:

- More than 186,000 additional lives could be saved.
- Approximately 56,000 additional patients could be complication-free.
- More than $4.3 billion could be saved.
- The average patient stay would decrease by nearly half a day.

This analysis was based on the Medicare patients included in this study. If the same standards were applied to all inpatients, the impact would be even greater.

More information on this study and other 100 Top Hospitals research is available at www.100tophospitals.com.

Thank you and God Bless,
Roger Hall
Arts In Medicine Program Comes to Sacred Heart Hospital

Sacred Heart Hospital has received a grant to implement an Arts in Medicine program at its Emerald Coast location with funding provided through the State of Florida Department of Cultural Affairs, The National Endowment of the Arts, and the University of Florida Center for Arts in Medicine.

WHAT IS ARTS IN MEDICINE (AIM)?

Arts in Medicine (AIM) programs are transforming health care experiences for patients, their family members, and health care providers across the nation through the delivery of art activities at the bedside and in out-patient clinical areas and waiting rooms. AIM is an emerging field within health care that addresses what many have long known and medical research is now proving. That music, writing, dance, storytelling and other art activities can play an important role in healing not just the body, but the mind and spirit of an individual towards holistic wellness.

WHO ARE AIM VOLUNTEER ARTISTS?

AIM programs are as unique as health care facilities themselves with staff, physicians, hospital volunteers, local residents, and visitors serving as artists. Sacred Heart is looking to partner with volunteer artists who are passionate about sharing their love of art in a joyful and uplifting manner. Art activities can be provided to the benefit of our hospital patients and their visitors, staff, or our community as a whole.

HOW CAN I BECOME AN AIM VOLUNTEER ARTIST?

The first step in becoming a Sacred Heart AIM Volunteer Artist is to complete a program application. Once an application has been approved, AIM Volunteer Artists can provide services on a one-time basis or several times throughout the year based on Sacred Heart’s AIM program schedule.

For more information or to receive an application, please contact:

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast
Attn: Sharon Abele, Arts in Medicine
7800 U.S. Hwy. 98 W, Miramar Beach, FL 32550
Phone: (850)-278-3081  Email: sabele@shhpens.org
Summer days are still ahead of us and we are already seeing record sales for the year! Do drop by to view all of our exciting items. You can start thinking about gift giving for the fall season, and even for the holidays! Remember that all profits are returned to the hospital, as you “SHOP WHILE SERVING OTHERS!” Our volunteers are happy to locate items for you, and if not found we can place a special order. I will be attending the Atlanta market in July, so be sure to read our next Guild newsletter to learn about all the exciting items I found!

Mark your calendar and save the date for our Annual Holiday Extravaganza to be held on Saturday, November 10th – Friday, November 16th.

Items will fly off of the shelves Saturday morning so be sure to join us early! Sign up to volunteer in the halls, or, if you want to help with the pricing and displays, call the office at 850 278-3534.

Thanks again for continuing to support the Guild by shopping in our gift shop. Spread the word about our great Baby Boutique at the Family Birth Place, and “Like” us on Facebook! I put updates about new items and discounts that we are offering each week on Facebook, so please share our page with your friends so that they can come and shop too!

www.facebook.com/GuildGiftShop

See you in the Shop,

Barby Parks
Progress Continues On New SHHEC Additions

Since opening in 2003 Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast has grown steadily to meet the needs of our community, and this year won’t be any different. This spring, the hospital will open two state-of-the-art centers, the Judy and Steve Turner Heart & Vascular Center and a new Cancer Center and Ob/Gyn office located on Mack Bayou.

In March, the hospital performed the first procedure in its new 6,600-square-foot Judy and Steve Turner Heart & Vascular Center. The center is the first in the Florida Panhandle to feature a state-of-the-art hybrid cath lab. A hybrid room adds surgical capabilities to a traditional cardiovascular cath lab, allowing both surgical and interventional procedures to occur sequentially or simultaneously. In addition to the cardiac diagnostic procedures, the hospital now provides life-saving interventional procedures, such as angioplasty and stent implantation to open blocked coronary arteries. This summer, electrophysiologist Dr. Francis Le will join Sacred Heart Medical Group. Dr. Le graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina and completed fellowship training in cardiovascular medicine and electrophysiology at Northwestern University. With the addition of Dr. Le, the hospital will be able to perform new procedures, such as cardiac defibrillator implantation and pacemaker insertions.

Additionally, construction on the new building at Mack Bayou continues to progress. Once completed, the building will house a new state-of-the-art Cancer Center and new offices for the Sacred Heart Medical Group Ob/Gyns. The Cancer Center will include 12 semi-private chemotherapy infusion chairs, two private chemotherapy infusion beds, six patient exam rooms, and an infusion pharmacy. The expanded center will provide more than double the space of existing offices on the campus of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast. The Cancer Center will occupy the first floor of the new building which is expected to open May 2012.

The 2nd floor of the new building will house Sacred Heart Medical Group Ob/Gyn physicians, Dr. Melinda Graham and Dr. Julianne Kenton. They will move from their current location in the Medical Office Building at SHHEC. Later this summer, the physicians welcome an additional Ob/Gyn to the practice, Dr. Anne Marie Piantanida-Whitlock. Dr. Whitlock earned her medical degree from Florida State University and completed residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola.
Saturday, Oct. 6 • 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Village of Baytowne Wharf in Sandestin

Adopt a duck and join in a day of family fun at the 2nd Annual Emerald Coast Duck Regatta! Prizes will be awarded to the adopters of the first ducks to cross the finish line! The event will have fun activities for the whole family, including Abrakadoodle face painters and scavenger hunts.

**New This Year!**
The Chance to Win a $50,000 Golden Duck Grand Prize!

Visit www.emeraldcoastduckregatta.com for details

**Adoption Fee**
1 duck for $10 • 3 ducks for $25 • 6 ducks for $45 • 12 ducks for $85
Race time, 1 p.m.

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