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Hospice of the Piedmont's volunteer training registration now open

(High Point, NC) – Registration is now open for Hospice of the Piedmont's spring volunteer training, which is set to begin Thursday, March 1. New volunteers must receive 20 hours of specialized training before working directly with patients and their families.

The training sessions run from 5 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through March 22 in the community conference room at Hospice of the Piedmont, 1801 Westchester Dr. in High Point.

As part of the interdisciplinary team, volunteers serve an important role in hospice work by not only providing practical support, such as running errands and assisting with household tasks, but more importantly emotional care and companionship. Volunteers are asked to spend a minimum of one hour a week with their assigned patient.

In addition to working with homecare patients, volunteer opportunities are available at Hospice Home at High Point, Hospice's inpatient facility. Volunteers perform various duties including visiting with patients and their families, greeting visitors and answering phones at the team desk.

In order to volunteer, you must be at least 18 years old, pass a criminal background check and an initial TB test, and commit to the program for at least one year. Registration and a pre-training interview are required.

Anyone interested in more information or registering should contact volunteer coordinator Kim Kaufmann at 336.889.8446 by Feb. 15, or visit www.hospiceofthepiedmont.org/volunteer.aspx to download an application.

Hospice of the Piedmont is a not-for-profit organization providing medical, emotional, and spiritual support for those with life-limiting illness and their families since 1981. The agency serves four counties – Guilford, Randolph, Davidson, and Forsyth. For more information about Hospice of the Piedmont, visit www.hospiceofthepiedmont.org.

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