

Tanner Hospice Care recognizes volunteers

Tanner Hospice Care this week honored 45 volunteers who work together to bring "compassion, support and dignity" to those facing "life-limiting illnesses."

"The gifts you give are simply irreplaceable," said Mandy Jackson, volunteer coordinator for Tanner Hospice Care. "You give your time, your hearts and your labor to help so many lives."

This week is National Healthcare Volunteer Week.

Jackson reported that in the last year, the 45 volunteers provided 1,675.8 hours of service to Tanner Hospice Care patients, worth a financial value of \$36,515.68.

Volunteers helped Tanner Hospice Care patients and their families with visits, bereavement support and transportation assistance to doctor's appointments. Volunteers also provided administrative support to the Tanner Hospice Care office.

Several volunteers were recognized for their service, including Nancy Barnes as Volunteer of the Year/Office, for the most hours volunteered at the Tanner Hospice Care office, and Myra McElhannon for Volunteer of the



Tanner Hospice Care volunteers Diane Rowe, left, Linda Hutchens, middle, and Parris McCoy were recognized for their volunteerism by Tanner Hospice Care Volunteer Coordinator Mandy Jackson during National Healthcare Volunteer Week.

Year/Patient, for volunteering the most hours in-patient homes.

Parris McCoy was recognized with the Rising Star Award, Diane Rowe received the Everyday Hero Award and Bill Johnston was awarded the Hands-on Award. Jackson presented Linda Hutchens with the Sunshine Award for her "positive attitude that always brightens up the room."

Tanner Hospice Care is currently seeking volunteers to assist with patient care. A volunteer training program will take place next month. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and be willing and physically able to visit with patients and families in their homes. Those interested should contact Mandy Jackson at 770.214.2355 to complete an application.