

# The BRH Volunteer Newsletter

April 2026



## Updates:

Should you have any concerns over a weekend, Our weekend administrator, Jamie is reachable by calling the office number 508-945-4601.

## *A Note from Karen:*

After a tough long winter, I do believe that Spring is on the door step. Hoping it brings sunshine, warmth and a refreshing Spring spirit. It is my hope that all of you will refresh your hospice volunteer spirit and continue to bring your smiles and compassion to those we serve.

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month. You will all receive an invitation to our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 24<sup>th</sup>**. This is Broad Reach's opportunity to thank all of you for your volunteer work. I hope you can come!

As I'm sure you all understand, our census (caseload quantity) changes daily. Some patients come on hospice and have a long trajectory disease process, others are admitted to hospice when their illness have progressed and end of life is imminent. Some of you have been seeing patients for over a year, others your visit time is limited to only a few weeks. Please know that you make a difference regardless of the amount of time spent with the patient. You simply showed up!! And that folks, is what hospice volunteering is about.

From ALL of us at BRH...  
Sincere Gratitude Abounds!



*In February and March we are welcoming new volunteers:*

*Barbara Bellacosa, will be seeing patients in Chatham*

*Mary Kirk, will be seeing patients in Harwich area*

**Welcome all and thank you for your interest in hospice work!**

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### Infection Control Issues

We ask that you continue to be aware of any notices of viruses in facilities. Watch for signs on the units and patient's rooms. If you have concerns about whether to visit or not, feel free to ask facility staff or if a Broad Reach staff if available you can consult with them. Karen continues to try to keep all of the volunteers up to date with their patients condition and if patients have any viruses.

**Together we will do our best to keep everyone healthy this Spring!**



## Visit Report Forms

Thank you for getting report forms to the office in a timely fashion.

If you live near the office in Chatham and are among those who drop off your reports at the office please continue to do so.

Karen will be sending envelopes to those who live outside of Chatham every two months.

- ♥ Reminder to fill out one form for each patient, we scan these reports into each patient file
- ♥ Black ink is needed for the reports! Thank you Everyone!!!

### Reminders and Need to know info:

- Reminder that visits should be made on a **weekly basis** to build relationship and to be compliant with the guidelines for hospice volunteer visits. If you are unable to make weekly visits, please let Karen know. Thank you
- To reach Karen 508-945-1611 ext 382  
[karensangler@broadreachhealth.org](mailto:karensangler@broadreachhealth.org)
- **Karen's hours:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri  
8am-4pm. (note Mon and Wed working remotely). Day off is Thursday
- **When filling out report forms, please be sure they are signed, dated correctly, in BLACK ink and on clean paper as they are scanned into patient's charts.**
- Blank volunteer **report forms** are available by either stopping at the office, or by email
- Reminder to please wear your **ID badge** when you visit. If you need a new one, please let Karen know





Now that Spring is arriving, on warm pleasant days a plan of care tool can be taking a patient outside. Please speak to a facility staff prior to doing so. At the office we have an abundance of donated shawls and lap blankets. If you would like to bring one to a patient for them when outside, feel free to stop by.



**BROAD REACH**  
**HOSPICE**

*In Celebration of National Volunteer Awareness Week  
You are Cordially Invited to  
2026 Volunteer Appreciation Event  
Friday April 24th  
400 East Restaurant  
1421 Orleans Rd, (Rt 39) East Harwich  
Noon  
Please RSVP to Karen by April 10th*

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*A Volunteer's Heart*

*A Volunteer's heart in fields of service, hands of grace, A  
volunteer's heart finds its place.*

*With every task, a sacred art, to lend a helping hand a  
helping start.*

*With gentle touch and loving deed, you sow the seeds of hope  
indeed.*

*Your time and strength, a blessed gift, In God's own work,  
your spirits lift.*

*Through trials faced and burdens worn, A spirit bright, a  
new day born.*

*With faith as guide, and love as light, you shine so strong,  
both day and night.*

*So let us praise with voices clear, this volunteer so  
kind and dear.*