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OCTOBER VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

MCH Volunteer Office

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Greetings, Volunteers!

October is a jam-packed month at MCH, with a plethora of great activities and events scheduled for the residents. Please look at page 2 for a complete listing.

I want to personally invite you to attend the Fantastic Stories Dance Performance on Friday Oct 9 at 2 PM. This is an event I organized and it will include a dance theater piece which I choreographed and directed! Please attend and bring down a resident or two as well!

The 3rd annual Spooktacular Trick or Treat on Oct 21 is a standout event and we would love your help transporting residents to it, starting at 4:30 PM. Costumes are encouraged! 😊

MCH will also host Mass with new Bishop John S. Bonnici on Oct 15, and the Garth Fagan Student Ensemble performs on Oct 29. We truly have something for everyone this month!

September was also a beautiful month with 10 volunteers supporting the Annual MCH Fireworks on Sept 14 and another 12 volunteers attending our Volunteer Meeting on Sept 29.

Thanks so much for your interest and engagement with all things MCH! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Laurie

Training Update – Good News & Bad News

Volunteers, the good news is that 55% of you have completed the MCH Mandatory Annual Training!

The bad news is that means 45% of you have not!

If you have not done the training, please complete it as soon as possible. I will reach out individually to those who need to do it. If you have any questions about this, let me know.

If you started volunteering in 2026, you have already done the training.

If you do not complete it by the end of the year you will be dropped from the volunteer roster. 😞

Thank you for your attention to this!

Flu Vaccine Clinics at MCH

Volunteers are welcome to get their flu vaccine at MCH to protect residents and themselves from seasonal illness. If you are not vaccinated against the flu, you will be required to wear a mask in the facility throughout flu season.

Clinics are in the Garden Lobby:

Wednesday Oct 21	7 – 9 AM and 3 – 4 PM
Monday Nov 30	7 – 9 AM and 3 – 4 PM

Please bring your MCH ID and your insurance card.

If you are vaccinated somewhere other than MCH, please bring proof of vaccination to the Personnel office and they will sticker your badge.

MCH Bicentennial Celebrations Continue!

- Save the Date for the MCH Bicentennial Reception and Mural Unveiling! Tuesday November 17 at 2 PM. (rescheduled from September 14)
- Please pick up a copy of MCH TODAY, a beautiful magazine that celebrates MCH both past and present! They are available in the Locker Room, in Laurie's office, and throughout the facility.

Volunteer Department Needs

- Paper shopping bags with handles for the Thrift Shop
- Magazines for the MCH Collage Collective
- More Friendly Visitors!
- A volunteer to assist with Ceramics transport and in the studio, Thursday Nov 5, 12, and 19 from approx. 9 AM – 3:30 PM.

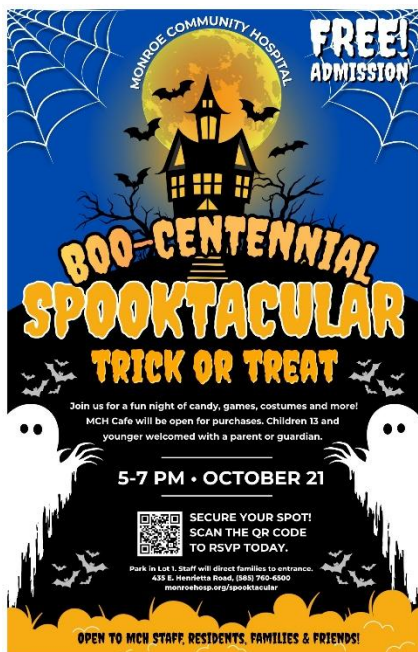
Volunteering By the Numbers!

In September, **1** volunteer joined us – welcome to Patti B!

68 volunteers spent **1240** hours in service, the equivalent of **8** full-time employees!

50% of transport shifts were filled.

52% of our Friendly Visitor requests were filled, meaning 59 residents have a volunteer visitor, and 54 are still waiting.



Happy October Birthdays to:

Angelina B
Tom Haley
Brendan M
Marcia O
Edmond Q
Debbie S
Kelly S
Allen S



October Events and Activities

Please sign up to help transport, or attend with a resident you know!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Friday October 9 at 2 PM
Fantastic Stories Dance Performance

Thursday Oct 15 at 11 AM
Mass with Bishop John S. Bonnici

Wednesday October 21, 5 – 7 PM
Spooktacular Trick or Treat!

Monday Oct 26 at 7 PM
Garth Fagan Student Dance Ensemble

Tuesday Oct 27 at 2 PM
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Thursday Oct 29 at 2 PM
Ecumenical Memorial Service

And Save the Date! Monday Nov 2 at 2 PM
Day of the Dead Celebration and Performance

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

Monday Oct 5 and 19 at 2 PM
Monday Movie Matinee

Tuesday Oct 13 and 20 at 2 PM
Feeling Fit Exercise

Wednesday Oct 7, 14 and 28 at 2 PM
Worship Service or Bible Study
No service on Oct 21

Every Thursday at 11 AM
Catholic Mass

Please sign up online to transport by clicking here
→ [October Transport Schedule](#) or contact Laurie!

Save the Date!

Monday Nov 2 at 2 PM, Laurie is coordinating a Day of the Dead Celebration here at MCH! Day of the Dead is a holiday celebrated on Nov 1 and 2, where families and communities come together to remember loved ones and create altars in their memory. This holiday originated in Mexico, but the impulse to celebrate and remember is common to many cultures and traditions.

Volunteers will be needed to help transport and also to help set up and direct residents during the event. Please let Laurie know if you are able to help, or would like to learn more!

