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Social Worker, Pat Matthes, Retiring After 39-Year Career

After a long career dedicated to helping others, Bay City native, Pat Matthes, is retiring at the end of May. Pat has served as a Social Worker for the local team of Houston Hospice for thirteen years. During that time, he regularly traveled throughout a 50-mile radius of his El Campo office; helping patients and families during their times of greatest need.

Pat's career as a Social Worker began in 1976. During an almost 40-year career he worked in private practice, helped special needs patients in Bay City, and tried his hand at Hospital Administration before filling a rewarding niche as a Social Worker for Houston Hospice. "I love my job very much," said Pat. "I love the team. I love the people at Houston Hospice. They're a class act." When asked what he'll miss most Pat answered, "I'm going to miss hearing people's stories. There are always beautiful stories in hospice."

Pat's colleagues anticipate that his absence will be strongly felt. Houston Hospice Professional Relations Liaison, Tiffany Livanec said, "If there was a national 'Heart of Hospice' award, Pat would certainly be the recipient. I've rarely met anyone who didn't know him, and I've never met anyone who didn't sing his praises. He will definitely be greatly missed."

Volunteer Coordinator, Gloria Garza said of Pat, "We have been together for so many years with Houston Hospice – El Campo. He is an amazing, compassionate and kind soul. I am greatly going to miss my friend!"

Pat's not exactly sure what he'll do in retirement, but he knows it will involve helping people. He plans to volunteer for First Baptist Church of Bay City where he's a member. Pat said he likes building things and looks forward to helping the Baptist Men's Association, a group that provides assistance in the aftermath of disaster. He said he might consider volunteering with hospitals and hospice too.

Pat Matthes will be celebrated May 19, 2015 from 5-7 p.m. at the Matagorda Regional Medical Center Foundation Office at 1833 7th Street, Bay City, Texas. The community is invited to attend and wish Pat well, and thank him for his years of professional service to local patients and families of Houston Hospice.

Houston Hospice is Houston's only nonprofit hospice, providing care for patients and families throughout ten counties. To learn more about Pat's retirement celebration or the local services offered by Houston Hospice, visit www.houstonhospice.org, or call 979-578-0314 or 800-420-6193.

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