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### **Houston Hospice Names Debbie Hoelscher Volunteer of the Year**

Eleven-year volunteer, Debbie Hoelscher, has been named volunteer of the year by Houston Hospice. As a nonprofit organization, Houston Hospice relies upon over 300 volunteers to help set the tone for the compassionate care patients and families receive. Since 2003, Debbie Hoelscher has volunteered in both the inpatient care center and in patients' homes. Volunteer Coordinator, Patsy Piner said, "It wouldn't be Monday at hospice without Debbie here tending the flowers, tending the patients, and bringing serenity and calmness into our lives."

About her work in hospice Debbie states, "The families truly appreciate the smallest gift of your time and doing this type of work gives me a great sense of gratefulness." Debbie also trains incoming volunteers and many have noted her ability to engage and be at ease with patients and their families. Ms. Piner added, "We often say that volunteering with hospice is not for everyone, but Debbie has a gift for this type of work and we are glad she spends her Mondays with us."

Volunteers are an integral part of nonprofit Houston Hospice's team; serving patients and families with caring expertise in the Houston Hospice care center, in patients' homes and in assisted living facilities. To learn more about volunteering at Houston Hospice, call 713-467 7423 or visit [www.houstonhospice.org](http://www.houstonhospice.org).

Founded in 1980, Houston Hospice has evolved from an alternative, grass roots concept to a leader in hospice care for people of all ages and walks of life. Houston's oldest, largest, independent hospice, is a 501 (c) (3) organization that is community-based, community-supported and not for profit. Thanks to the support of corporate and private sponsors, Houston Hospice serves Texans from all socio-economic groups irrespective of a person's ethnicity, beliefs or ability to pay. Hospice care is provided in-home and in residential facilities throughout Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Jackson, Matagorda, Montgomery, Waller and Wharton Counties. In-patient and respite care is provided through the Margaret Cullen Marshall Hospice Care Center located in the Texas Medical Center.