

Introducing...



Because *everyone's* life story should have a happy ending.

Meaningful volunteer opportunities are now available to help LINK of Hampton Roads create a non-profit hospice service for our Virginia Peninsula community. *A Peaceful Place* (APP) will provide free end-of-life care, in a home-like setting, *for anyone who needs it* - regardless of socio-economic status, age or gender.

LINK is establishing this new community service (still in its planning stages) in partnership with area hospitals, United Way of the Virginia Peninsula, and other local non-profits.

This is being undertaken to meet a critical need on the Virginia Peninsula. Within our community, there are terminally ill people who don't have homes or caregivers that would make it possible for them to receive in-home hospice care when they desperately need it. And many actively dying individuals who *do* have homes, have caregivers who are truly overwhelmed and exhausted, but can't afford residential hospice care.



APP's urgently needed, entirely free hospice service will allow terminally ill people to pass away in a comfortable, home-like environment, with round-the-clock palliative care. Based on the "social model" for end-of-life care, APP will receive no federal or state funding because it will officially function as a social facility, rather than as a medical facility.

In addition to a crucial network of volunteers, APP's hospice team will include a doctor, and nurses, working in partnership with clients' social workers and chaplains.

A new thrift store is currently being created to generate a portion of the operating revenue that make APP's free hospice care possible. As well as thrift store revenue, APP will rely on community fundraising, foundations, grants and contributions from individual donors. Together, we can meet this dire community need, and provide compassionate end-of-life care for *anyone* who needs it. Will you please join us?

Volunteer Opportunities

LINK is now seeking a group of dedicated volunteers to assist in creating a thrift store that will help make free hospice care possible for our community. Retirees - your assistance with this meaningful work is needed most of all! LINK's new thrift store will be modeled after Yorktown's non-profit "Bargain Box," which raises over \$300,000 each year for charitable purposes. A member of the Bargain Box executive board has offered to assist with setting up LINK's thrift operation to create and sustain the new, free hospice service.



Planning & Implementation

- Actively participate on LINK's steering committee to plan for the new thrift store.
- Help implement store plans after being trained in the successful

methods Yorktown's "Bargain Box" thrift uses



Building

- Help build simple shelves and dressing rooms
- Expedite repairs and improvements
- Assist with lifting and carrying
- If we build it, they will come!



Decorating

- Share your creative talents with wall color and store decor
- Aid in planning store layout and arrangement of fixtures



Communications

- Help generate donations of furniture, clothing and household items to be sold.
- Assist in creating Grand Opening events
- Promote community participation in shopping
- Help recruit other dedicated volunteers



Merchandising

- Use your creative flair for retail
- Assist with sorting and organizing
- Plan and implement creative displays
- Guide the team in placing the right stock in the right place at the right time



Sales

- Help set sales prices
- Interact with customers to enable purchases



Management

- Oversee day-to-day store operations
- Monitor financial transactions
- Coordinate volunteer schedules



Hospice Implementation

- Help transform ideas into action
- Aid in evaluating prospective locations

***To volunteer, please call
LINK at (757) 595-1953.***

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