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Saul Recognized for Volunteer Service

Local honored for sacrificial service

LONDON, OHIO – Charlene Saul of London was recognized for contributing more than _____ accumulative hours as a certified volunteer for Loving Care Hospice and Home Health during their annual fall dinner at Der Dutchman in Plain City. Volunteer Coordinator Sherry Doggett honored Saul for her dedicated, faithful service at the fundraising event on Nov. 5.

“There’s something about volunteering once a week that sustains me,” said Saul.

Saul began her volunteer journey with Loving Care in March 1998. Her volunteer time increased in January 1999, when she retired as audit supervisor for John Deere in the Ag Sales division after 28 years of service.

When asked why she chose to volunteer for Loving Care, Saul replied, “I saw an ad in the newspaper regarding a volunteer training class. I knew what hospice meant, but I knew nothing about the organization.

“After the class I knew I wanted to be a part of Loving Care. I believed in their mission, I liked the people I met and I believed in their policy of caring for people who were uninsured or unable to pay for their health care.

“I like the fact that it’s a Christian organization. It was a good fit for what they needed in the office and what I could contribute. My time freed the nurses and aides to spend more time with the patients.”

Saul credits her more than 40 years of work experience to help her smooth transition into the hospice routine. “Finally, I can share the gift God gave me in a meaningful way. Since I’m retired, I don’t need monetary compensation but I do need blessings. I can’t tell you how much I’ve been blessed because I volunteer.”



When asked if others should get involved, Saul responded, “There are all kinds of ways to volunteer. Don’t be afraid to try it. Help is always welcomed. The attraction of volunteering is the ability to pick your own hours and days you want to work.

“A selfish motive is the satisfaction you get back from volunteering. Jump in! You won’t regret it.”

Loving Care Hospice and Home Health is a non-profit, faith-based agency serving Madison, Union and surrounding counties. It began services in 1993 with two employees and has grown to employ more than 40. Last year, Loving Care served more than 500 patients and families. In addition, Loving Care provided more than \$130,000 in non-reimbursed care for patients who did not have adequate insurance or funds to cover their much needed health care.



“Volunteers are an important part of our organization,” said Loving Care’s Volunteer Development Director Cornelia Hostetler. **“We value who they are and what they do.** We encourage you, your family, friends and co-workers to get involved. We need dedicated people who desire to help others, strengthen our communities and enrich lives.”

Volunteering opens doors to learn or develop new skills, share work experience, build self-esteem, enhance your resume, meet new people and, most importantly, impact a life.

“Our prayer is that you will become a partner with our **Circle of Friends!** Volunteer Program,” added Hostetler.

Loving Care Hospice and Home Health will host a volunteer training session in mid-January. To register, call 740-852-7755 or e-mail corneliah@lovingcare.us.

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PHOTO CUTLINES (top to bottom)

1. Loving Care honors Charlene Saul of London for her commitment to the organization during their fall dinner.
2. Executive Director Wendy Starr presents Charlene Saul with an award of excellence for her volunteer services during the past 11 years.
3. Auctioneer Dave Troyer takes bids during the annual Loving Care event to raise funds to benefit patients who are unable to pay for health care.
4. Nearly 300 community members support Loving Care’s annual event at Der Dutchman in Plain City.
5. Sisters Connie Ballah and Sherry Green receive the prestigious Wall of Fame plaque for their continuous support of Loving Care during the fall fundraising event.
6. Same as 5.

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