



Planning Underway for GMH Golf Tournament with Support From Two Gilmer County Natives

The 17th Annual John Davis-Evelyn Hice-Griffin Golf Tournament will be held at the Bent Tree Golf course on Monday, June 8, 2009. The proceeds from this event support Georgia Mountains Hospice, Inc. Home-grown celebrities John Davis and Evelyn Hice-Griffin both have connections with Houston, TX, and are Gilmer County natives.

John Davis was a 1983 graduate of Gilmer High School and a four-year letterman in football for the Bobcats of Gilmer High. He attended Georgia Tech and was a four-year starter on the Tech Yellow Jackets football team. He was awarded the *Sports Illustrated* National Offensive Player of the Week for his play in a victory over Clemson and earned a tag as “The Refrigerator Mover” for his outstanding performance against All-American William “The Refrigerator” Perry. Davis was inducted into the Georgia Tech Athletics Hall of Fame in 1991. His pro football career began when he was drafted by the Houston Oilers in the 1987 NFL Draft. He played for the Oilers for the ’87 and ’88 seasons and then went on to play for the Buffalo Bills for six years. Davis was a member of four Super Bowl teams with the Buffalo Bills before retiring in 1994. He was awarded the NFL’s Ed Block Courage Award in 1993. This award is given “to honor one player from each NFL team who, in the eyes of his teammates, exemplified a commitment to sportsmanship and courage.”

“I was on a team that did something that will never be done again, and that’s playing in four-straight Super Bowls.” John Davis

Philanthropist Evelyn Hice-Griffin is also a native of Gilmer County. Mrs. Griffin resides in Houston, TX, and Palm Springs, CA, and is president of the William and Evelyn Griffin Foundation, which supports education and animal protection organizations. Her late husband, William Griffin, created the foundation two years before his death in 1999.

An avid golfer, Mrs. Griffin was struck with rheumatoid arthritis at an early age. The disease was so debilitating that it confined her to a wheelchair for a short time. But her condition did not stop her from excelling at the

Georgia Mountains Hospice Honors Nurses During May, National Hospice Month

May 6, 2009, begins National Nurses Week, and Georgia Mountains Hospice urges everyone to honor nurses throughout the nation. If you have the privilege to work with a nurse, you have experienced the care and compassion that they offer not only to their patients, but to all of those around them.

Hospice nurses have a particularly tough job because, from the onset, they know that the patient for whom they are caring is terminally ill. Hospice nursing requires a unique assembly of traits and talents found in no other area. GMH salutes you, our nurses:

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| Nobie Adams | Kim Hendrix |
| Elizabeth Broadhead | Cecelia Ison |
| Sonya Burleson | Pam Law |
| Cheryl Chadwick | Kathy McIntyre |
| Latisha Cook | Norah Rice |
| Kellie Coyle | Priscilla Smith |
| Dotti Fryer | Gretchen Townsend |

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sport she loved. She was a several time winner of the Houston Women’s City Amateur Golf Tournament, Tournament of Champions, and State Women’s Amateur Golf Tournament, 21 time River Oaks Country Club champion in Houston, TX, and 10 time club champion at Eldorado Country Club in Palm Springs, CA. Mrs. Griffin continues to maintain a single digit handicap.

Mrs. Griffin is a board member on the University of Texas Health Science Center Development board, Free Enterprise Institute, Board of Trustees, Member of Houston SPCA Advisory Council, and on the Honorary Committee of the Houston Capital Campaign.

Mrs. Griffin was honored as the Angel of the Year at the annual Houston SPCA Gala in recognition of her support of the SPCA.

Please join GMH at the golf tourney on June 8th. Registration begins at 9:30am and tee off time is 11:00am.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HOSPICE

Who is in control of my care?

When was the last time someone in health-care asked you, “What are your goals, what do you want?” Our staff wants to know your goals for care and service at this time in your life. We then use our team to try our best to help meet those goals. We will travel this path together; you don’t have to travel it alone.

How can Georgia Mountains Hospice help family members?

We care for both patients and family members. One of the wonderful things that set hospice and palliative care services apart from other healthcare services is that we treat the patient and family as a unit. We focus on meeting the patient’s goals, while making sure the family members are receiving the support they need—spiritually and psychosocially.

Can I keep my physician?

You can maintain the relationship you have established with your physician. GMH will work with, and coordinate your care with, your physician. If you and your physician prefer that our Medical Director assume care for your family member, we can accommodate that request. Afterwards your physician will be updated on their findings and collaborate on recommended changes to the plan of care.

We are here to help. We walk alongside the patient, the caregiver, and the family. Often, after the hospice and palliative care experience, many will say, “we wish we would have known about your services sooner.” The staff of Georgia Mountains Hospice strives to ensure all those in our area know about us. We do not want anyone to walk their journey alone.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Georgia Mountains Hospice honored volunteers in April with an Appreciation Luncheon. The theme this year was “Dinner and a Movie”, where volunteers enjoyed movie fare, popcorn, and movie candy. GMH staff had transformed our conference room into a movie theater where the smell of popcorn invited all to enter. Movie packages were awarded to volunteers, along with annual certificates and service award pins ranging from one year to thirteen years.

Georgia Mountains Hospice invites you to join this elite group and become a hospice volunteer. Volunteers attend an orientation, with the next one being held on June 23, 2009. The training takes place at the Georgia Mountains Hospice office in Jasper, GA, beginning that morning at 9:00am. For more information on becoming a volunteer, or to confirm dates and times, please contact Gina Pendley at 706-253-4100 or 800-692-7199 .

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- To offer Hope to a patient for whom all Hope for a cure has been exhausted;
- Hope for a maximum alertness, Hope for independence and control over one’s life;
- To offer support to families by allowing Terminal patients to live at home, pain-free, with dignity;
- To offer the opportunity to tie up loose ends, make reconciliations, to know “good” goodbyes;
- To offer spiritual guidance and answers to one’s search for meaning in one’s life and death;
- To offer relief from financial strain;
- To offer care and support to family members/ significant others through the bereavement period;
- To offer support to the community through education on death and dying.

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