

Heart to Heart reaches out for volunteers

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Employees with the Columbus, West Point and Starkville branches of the Heart to Heart Hospice are calling for “kind-hearted” volunteers to aid in caring for the company’s patients.

“A lot of our patients are elderly people who are stuck at home by themselves,” said Stephanie Frison, volunteer coordinator at the company’s Columbus location, said during a Monday afternoon cookout held to attract volunteers to the company. “We are asking for volunteers to help us make our patients feel loved.

“Just being there to provide company, or even just doing little things like sending them a card or an e-mail can really make a difference in their lives,” Frison added. “We have about 30 patients here in the Columbus area, and – since we are kind of spread thin and must also provide medical care – we really need kind-hearted volunteers to help us.”

Volunteers are being accepted at each of the company’s Golden Triangle locations, and those interested can perform a variety of duties from visiting with patients to helping with company fundraisers.

“We basically need help throughout the year,” said Frison. “And there are many different areas volunteers can help with; it all depends on what the volunteer is comfortable with.”

Heart to Heart is continually accepting volunteer applications. Those interested in volunteering with the organization are encouraged to call 662-327-1178, 866-813-4731 or visit the company’s Web site at www.heart2hearthospice.com and click the “volunteers” button on the left of the screen.



Heart to Heart Hospice’s Columbus Volunteer Coordinator Stephanie Frison, left, helps the company’s Starkville Volunteer Coordinator Angie Ruth, right, prepare a hot dog Monday afternoon during a cookout at the hospice’s Highway 45 North location in Columbus. The cookout was held to draw volunteers to aid the organization’s patients. (Photo: Roberson)