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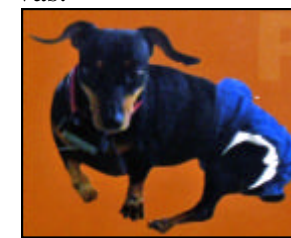
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ARFWORKS

Few combinations are as appealing as that of kids and dogs. Recently, pediatric oncology patients from the Children's Hospital at Providence Memorial Hospital in El Paso teamed with Paws for Love therapy dogs to create paintings which are featured in a beautiful calendar appropriately named Arfworks.

The fifteen furry Paws for Love artists went into action first. Each dog had its own canvas. Using their paws, tails, and sometimes tongues, they painted their unique trails across the canvases. Pearl on Wheels, a disabled dachshund whose hind legs travel on wheels, added a special touch with both paw prints and track marks on her November canvas.



Next came the children on the pediatric cancer floor of Providence Hospital. Each child chose a painting done by one of the therapy dogs and began transforming it into an amazing creation; friends and families also helped. Canine tracks and trails combined with human imagination and skill to make extraordinary paintings of people, animals and scenes of nature.

The paintings were sold at a live auction and gala where more than \$29,000 was raised and shared by Providence Memorial Hospital and Sierra Medical Center Auxiliaries, the Humane Society of El Paso's Paws for Love, and Creative Kids, Inc. All are not-for-profit organizations.

The paintings, together with the young artists and their tail-wagging pals, have become part of the daily lives of many families in the form of the 13-month Arfworks calendar. Each month and two extra pages feature not only a painting but brief histories of both the human and dog artists. Additional photos show the artists at work. Arfworks calendars cost \$10 and can be seen at www.humanesocietyelpaso.org.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit at my computer to write this letter, I think of all the good things I wish for you, your families, your volunteer organizations, and your hospitals in 2006. I think of all the wonderful friends, new and old, that I visited with on the District Meeting Tour. This was the tour of \$3.00-a-gallon gas, hurricanes, and detours through another state and another country! The tour was extended another three days when we returned to Lufkin, scheduled to be our first stop but ended up as the last stop because of Hurricane Rita. Our attendance numbers were down this year, but the quality of all our meetings was superb. I want to thank the District Coordinators and their committees for the wonderful way this year's TAHV projects, "Hospice Awareness" and "Signing Your Medical Directives," were presented and supported at the meetings.

The "Traveling Trio" went to visit both very large hospitals and very small hospitals, and we found that the successes and the problems were much the same. Our mission is to provide the best quality care to our patients and their families through superior healthcare facilities and first-quality staff. Our good image is crucial, and we must be ready to accept change...whatever that change may be. Our TAHV theme is **"Leading the way through change for a brighter Tomorrow...Volunteers are shining stars."** If we hope to encourage the next generation to become healthcare volunteers, we must be prepared to broaden our base and think outside the box. Traveling Topics has many new programs such as "Recruitment and Retention," "New Trends in Volunteering," and "Long Range Planning." Please go to our web site www.tahv.org or call Verneta Baxter, our Traveling Topics Chairman at 432/682-2392. Verneta will help you bring Traveling Topics to your hospital.

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." I have seen your successes, and I am so proud to be your President. Now, what can you do to help your sister hospitals across the state share some of your success?

PAT FORTUNE

**WELCOME BACK TO TAHV
PAMPA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
PAMPA, TEXAS**

99 YEARS AND GOING STRONG

Doyle McCulloch of Baylor Medical Center at Garland retired at 75 and traveled awhile before volunteering at the hospital Print Shop. Whenever a piece of equipment would break or have a mechanical problem, Doyle fixed it, and he became known around the hospital as “Mr. Fixit.”

He has worked in almost every area of the hospital and is currently the Premier Popcorn person on Wednesdays, arriving by 8:30 and sometimes working two consecutive shifts. He has earned over 7,000 hours.

Doyle has his own teeth and does not need eye glasses or hearing aids. He takes no prescription drugs and only just recently reluctantly started using a snappy looking walking stick to keep his balance. He still drives around Garland, including to the hospital, where his wife is also a volunteer.

There was a hospital-wide celebration September 14 when Doyle turned 99. Now he is headed toward 100 and still going strong.

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*If your organization has active volunteers over 95 years old, please send information about them to the editor for a future **Outlook** issue.*

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Do you have a quilt you could donate to the Gifts & Memorials Foundation to be raffled at convention in June? All proceeds go to scholarships for students in healthcare fields. Contact Jinx Gray, 972/579-0446 for further information.

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Marjorie Coester, and Jan Temple.*

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tahahealthvolunteers.org

GIFTS & MEMORIALS FOUNDATION

Memorials

Jinx Gray

William Hinton
Boothe, II
Alberta Viota
Alberta Viota
Alicia Cole

TAHV

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Mainland Medical Center

Gifts

Northeast Methodist Hospital Auxiliary, San Antonio
Shirley Fetzer in honor of Dorothy Watson’s 90th birthday

Donations: Shirley Volluz, Comptroller, 914 Curtis Drive,
Arlington, TX 76012

Scholarship applications: Bernice Wolfe, 24 Avenida de
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Gigi DuBois

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Alberta Viota
Alberta Viota
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Jeter

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Verneta Baxter

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Victoria, TX 77904

FROM AROUND THE STATE

Volunteers from **Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial** hold a monthly sale of donated used books.

Concerts sponsored by the **Auxiliary of North Austin Medical Center** are held during the noon hour in the Atrium Café. Past concerts included barber shop quartet, vocal ensembles, steel drum band and handbell choir.

John DeYoung of **Irving Healthcare Auxiliary** builds wooden toys spends each year building wooden toys to donate to hospitalized children to paint and color as they like, then take home when they are released.

One of the most popular assignments for Auxiliary men at **Hill Country Memorial Hospital** is the operation of the Turtle Trolley Service. The multi-seat golf cart, purchased and maintained by the Auxiliary, is used to transport patients and visitors to and from the parking lots and hospital buildings.

Texoma Healthcare System Volunteers believe strongly in the benefits of attending TAHV conventions. They are holding a special jewelry sale in the spring as a fundraiser to help more members go to this year’s convention.

Volunteers from **Wilson N. Jones Medical Center Auxiliary** attended Health by Design, a program for women, at Austin College and manned a display table of literature and volunteer applications.

The **Auxiliary to Arlington Memorial Hospital** is opening a Lactation Shop at the entrance of the Women and Children’s area. The shop will sell baby items and rent and sell breast pumps. Volunteers will operate the shop M-F from 8-5, and a Lactation Consultant will be available by appointment.

Before Christmas, the **Metroplex Health System Volunteers** purchased Christmas cards and stamps which were available at the Information Desk for volunteers, employees, and visitors to write in for recovering servicemen at Walter Reed Hospital.

When the Edinburg Children’s Hospital opens in February, the **Edinburg Regional Medical Center Auxiliary** will operate the Gift Shop combined Information Desk.

Kit Montz of **Seton Medical Center** was featured in an *Austin American-Statesman* article by Andrea Ball. Mrs. Montz has been a volunteer 20 years, earning 31,358 hours, and she met her second husband—also a volunteer—there.

Volunteers at **Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children** raised \$147,420 in fiscal year 2005. Some of the many items they funded are: Spanish language movies, puppets to educate patients before procedures, portable dental chair, airway clearance system, plasma freezer, and sleep disorder equipment.

One of **Medical Center Hospital’s** most dedicated volunteers is Faye Smith, who serves more than 40 hours a week. Mrs. Smith, featured in an *Odessa American* article, became interested in the hospital during the last two years of her husband’s life while he was a patient suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Sweet Charity is an upscale, off-site gift shop that is a project of **Seton Medical Center** volunteers. All profits are donated to at Seton’s community clinics. See some of their offerings at their web site, www.sweetcharitygifts.org.

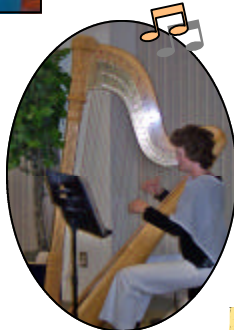
Graham Regional Medical Center Auxiliary has a chalupa luncheon fundraiser each year.

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Help us share information about your organization by sending your newsletters and articles to: Sherry Simmons, 2431 Brookhaven, Denison, TX 75020 (sands@sbcglobal.net).

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This year’s TAHV Convention will be held June 12-14 at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston.





Travelling Trio 2005

