

## *Tuesdays are for Thanks*

Every Tuesday, an elegant group of ladies convenes at Hinds Hospice to stuff waiting envelopes with thank you notes to donors and volunteers. This would seem to be mundane work, but the “Infamous Tuesday Volunteers” have made it anything but.

Mary Vollman started with these envelopes twenty-five years ago, before computers were commonplace. She worked at Hinds every Tuesday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm writing out thank you notes by hand, and she remembers filling out the overflow at home while watching TV.

Anything to get the job done, but why this level of dedication?

In 1992, after the hospital and convalescent homes refused her, Hinds Hospice was the only place that would take in Mary’s eighty-nine-year old mother after her surgery disclosed widespread cancer. Doctor’s gave her weeks. “She lived long enough so that the kids and other grandkids could say their goodbyes,” Mary said, and for that she is still thankful.

And that was her impetus to volunteer. “...because I was grateful to Hinds for the care they gave my mother, especially since nobody wanted my mother. That was the biggest part of it,” said Mary.

“I’m not one to express myself very well, but I can do this. This is how I say thanks.”



*Mary Vollman - Hinds Hospice Volunteer*



*The Hinds Hospice "Tuesday Ladies"*

The joy spills out loudly on Tuesdays when the Ladies assemble, so much so that the staff often has to close the door.

When asked what volunteering is like, Mary says, “I think for me volunteering is giving back...I received a lot of blessings in my life...but through volunteering...I can give back for the good things I’ve had happen...”

And is it fun? “Oh yes, definitely. We get together sometimes socially outside since we’ve met, none of

us knew each other until we started, until we started volunteering here...”

When grief becomes action, then grief can become joy; and that joy can eventually become a peace that trickles through families we may never meet.

This is Hinds Hospice.

We invite you to join our joy.

So, how are your Tuesdays?

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