Caring Paws Volunteers Dedication Wall at Morton Plant Hospital

On December 7, a Caring Paws Dedication Wall was unveiled on Morgan 3 in Morton Plant Hospital. The wall was made possible by a generous donation to Morton Plant Hospital’s Caring Paws program from volunteers Gerda and Ray Massieu.

The wall features photos of Morton Plant Hospital’s four-legged volunteers, including the Massieu’s Zeus and Callisto. Our 18 Caring Paws volunteers and their 25 dogs bring smiles and joy to our patients and visitors.

All of Morton Plant Hospitals’ Caring Paws pet therapy dogs

Caring Paws plaque in honor of Zeus and Callisto

Cathy Bence, Ray Massieu, Gerda Massieu, Callisto, Zeus, Ernestine Morgan, Suzanne Scott and Matt Novak
Did You Know?

Volunteering:
- Helps you make new friends and contacts
- Provides a sense of purpose
- Combats depression
- Helps you stay physically healthy

Tell your friends: Volunteering is healthy and rewarding. Ask them to call their nearest Volunteer Office.

Spotlight on Office Volunteers

Step into any of the Morton Plant Mease volunteer offices and the first person to greet you will be one of our office volunteers. The four Morton Plant Mease campuses have a total of 28 office volunteers who perform many tasks, such as greeting visitors and fellow volunteers, assisting volunteers with signing in and paperwork, answering phones, filing, taking messages for the van dispatcher, entering volunteer hours and updating information in Voltrak. With their cheerful attitudes and smiling faces, our office volunteers offer positive customer service and enhance the volunteer experience.
Puppy Trading Cards
The next time you see one of the Morton Plant Mease Caring Paws volunteers, ask them for a puppy trading card. The trading cards are part of a $5,000 donation from the PetSmart Gives Back program. In November, Morton Plant Mease Caring Paws canine volunteers had professional portraits taken for the cards. Additional photo shoots are added periodically for new pup volunteers.

Morton Plant Hospital Celebrates 100 Years
On January 1, 1916, Morton Plant Hospital opened to serve the community with 20 beds, five bassinets and one operating room. The two-story facility was the first hospital built in northern Pinellas County. A century later, Morton Plant Hospital is a nationally recognized 687-bed facility providing highly technical and specialized care to more than 50,000 patients annually. Working in more than 50 specialty areas, Morton Plant Hospital’s board-certified physicians, highly trained nurses and other skilled staff take research, diagnostics and patient-centered care in bold new directions. Watch for news about events and activities celebrating this milestone.

Foundation News
100 Years of Philanthropy: Save the Dates
Morton Plant Mease Health Care Foundation is celebrating 100 Years of Philanthropy in 2016 and hosting two educational presentations for Morton Plant Mease volunteers. The events are free and refreshments will be provided. Invitations with further details will be mailed in February.

Thursday, March 10
Morton Plant Hospital
Tuttle Auditorium Rooms A-D
2-4pm

Thursday, March 17
Mease Countryside Hospital
Meeting Rooms 1-5
2-4pm

For more information, contact Sally Judiscak at sally.judiscak@baycare.org or (727) 461-8657.
Morton Plant Mease Transportation Services

It’s more than a ride... it’s an uplifting experience!
The Morton Plant Mease van services play a vital role in the lives of the customers we serve. We provide transportation to some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Many would not receive the medical treatment they need without our service. Here are just a few words and acts of appreciation from our customers:

“Everyone is so kind; you lifted my spirits when I was feeling down. You are a great group of people.”
~ John S., van passenger

“I don’t have any family in the area, so it would have been impossible for me to get to my daily treatments without them.”
~ Mark, van passenger

In appreciation of the Morton Plant Mease Van Service, a gift was made to Morton Plant Mease Foundation in support of 3-D breast imaging equipment.

SPECIAL THANKS to Morton Plant Mease Foundation for the purchase of two new vans and the new technology that is bringing our van service to the cutting edge!

Morton Plant Mease Van Service Volunteer Leadership Team:

**CareLift**
Ken Friou
Dave Hall
Fred Hobson
Dennis Johnson
John Lantz
Barbara Smith

**CareVan**
Shirley Gentry
Bill Snyder

**HealthRide**
Dale Armstrong

Special thanks to Bob Boisvert for engineering and building a beautiful wooden rack for our new tablets at CareLift!

Van /Tram Drivers

If you are due for your National Safety Council Driving Course:

**For CareLift/CareVan:**
Schedule an appointment with the Suncoast Safety Council at (727) 373-7233 or online at Safety.org. Select the Basic Driver Improvement (BDI classroom). Courses are provided at no charge to you and are held at locations in Clearwater and St. Petersburg. Morton Plant Mease Volunteer Resources is billed directly and you will receive a certificate that can be used for a discount on your personal auto insurance.

**For Health Ride:**
Contact Don Lichter at (727) 494-7348 for the AARP Senior Safety Driving Course.
MPM Van Transportation Statistics
Continually Growing to Meet the Needs of the Community!

Mease Dunedin Hospital
BayCare Health System

Mease Countryside Hospital
BayCare Health System

CareLift
2015 – 11,535

Morton Plant Hospital
BayCare Health System

CareVan
2015 – 6,000

Morton Plant North Bay Hospital
BayCare Health System

HealthRide
2015 – 3,859
Holiday Smiles from Our Volunteers
Annual Education

All MPM volunteers are required to complete the 2016 Annual Education Training by April 1, 2016. Annual checklists and evaluations for 2016 are also required for volunteers with patient contact. Please stop by your Volunteer Resources Office for these forms.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Coming Soon for All Volunteers

Patient Experience class for volunteers is an interactive class which defines the BayCare mission and values, describes the Service Recovery philosophy within BayCare and describes how HCAHPS and Press Ganey surveys drive the care we provide.

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Week Tea Dates
Mease Countryside Hospital
Wednesday, April 13
Mease Dunedin Hospital
Thursday, April 14
Morton Plant Hospital
Friday, April 15

Staff/Family Recruitment Event
Bring a friend to learn about our volunteer program.
Mease Countryside Hospital
Monday, March 28, 2–4pm
Morton Plant Hospital
Wednesday, April 6, 2-4pm
Mease Dunedin Hospital
Friday, April 8, 2-4:30pm

Jewelry Sale
Morton Plant Hospital
Thursday, March 3, 8am-4pm
Friday, March 4, 8am-4pm
Morton Plant North Bay Hospital
Tuesday, April 19, 5:30-8pm
Wednesday, April 20, 8am-4pm