

Show appreciation for staff and volunteers

No Home Care and Hospice Celebration would be complete without recognizing the home care and hospice team's dedicated staff and volunteers. Let these important people know how much you appreciate the physical and emotional support they provide for patients and their families. Following are some easy ways to say thank you:

- Hold an Open House for physicians, discharge planner, prior case managers, elected officials and others in the community
- Designate awards for a physicians, elected official or media representative, and present the award at the Open House
- Cater a breakfast, lunch, or ice cream social at a staff meeting
- Have an Open House or other event aimed at recruiting new staff
- Invite a motivational speaker or comedian to address your staff
- Consider honoring the different types of home care and hospice providers and their areas of specialty on specific days or weeks in November.
- Enlist the help of local businesses in placing a public service announcement or paid advertisement with your local television or radio stations and newspapers, announcing NATIONAL HOME CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH and thanking your agency's employees and volunteers.
- Ask patients and their families to sign a giant "thank you" card for staff and volunteers.
- Distribute cookies or other treats with a special message thanking personnel for their time and commitment.
- Post a message in your company's e-mail system and on its paycheck stubs or envelopes thanking your staff and wishing them a happy home care and hospice month.
- Honor your employees and volunteers with special gifts, such as T-shirts, coffee mugs, and bags honoring the importance of home care and home care and hospice.
- Create an in-house bulletin board profiling each of your employees and volunteers.
- Host an "Employee and Volunteer of the Year" awards event, recognizing the top staff members from each division of your organization.
- Host a breakfast, luncheon, picnic, or banquet honoring all of your employees and volunteers. Invite patients and their families, public officials, and your board of directors to come and show their appreciation.