

# Big Bend Hospice preparing for its 40th anniversary

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In February 1983, Elizabeth Dole was sworn in as the first female Secretary of Transportation, Wayne Gretzky set NHL all-star record of four goals in one period and the final TV episode of MASH aired (CBS) with a recordbreaking 125 million viewers.

That same year community leaders Dr. and Mrs. Al McCully, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Beck, Richard Lee, Loretta Armour and Lee Nahass, among others, saw the results of their hard work and determination come into fruition.

Big Bend Hospice (BBH) received a license from the State of Florida to provide hospice care in eight counties of the Big Bend.

Three years later, BBH Foundation was granted approval by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization for the purpose of supporting the mission and services of BBH.

Over the years, BBH has been named “Non-Profit of the Year” by the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce (1997 & 2004); and given the Nonprofit “Best of Tally” award by



*your hometown hospice, licensed since 1983*

Tallahassee Magazine (2005 & 2015).

It's also no surprise that an organization created by a group of dedicated volunteers has been recognized over the years by the community, receiving the “Volunteer Management Excellence” award by Volunteer Leon (2001), the “Volunteer Group of the Year” by the Tallahassee

Democrat (2006) and the Democrat’s “Volunteer of the Year,” sponsoring Kristian Hogue, (2017) who went on to represent the city in Washington, D.C. as the recipient of the “Jefferson Public Service” award.

Next year, your Hometown Hospice begins its 40th year of inspiring hope by positively impacting the way our community experiences serious illness or grief – one family at a time.

BBH’s holistic approach to dying is founded on the principles of providing quality healthcare for the whole person, including their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs.

Staff consider the patient’s entire family as the “system of care” and empowers them to have greater control over end-of-life choices.

“As we approach our 40th year in the community, we are planning several special events and recognition opportunities focused on thanking everyone for their support,” says Bill Wertman, BBH CEO and Administrator. “I am proud to be part of a longstanding, legacy not for profit organization.”

For 40 years, BBH has continued to inspire hope by empowering those with an advanced illness to focus on life and living. Big Bend Hospice has been serving this community since 1983 by positively impacting the way residents in Leon, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties experience a serious illness or grief.



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## Call today to join DMH Auxiliary

### DMH AUXILIARY

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a tour of DMH, so you can give directions to locations throughout the hospital.

Due to the COVID-19 vaccine mandate on all Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) providers, all volunteers

must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or have a religious or medical accommodation on file.

Auxiliary members will be given a photo ID, smock and sleeve patch.

Auxiliary members are expected to be prompt, neat, honest and courteous to all, have dignity and good

judgment and do thorough work.

DMH recognizes its volunteers each year in April during National Volunteer week with a special luncheon.

Current DMH Auxiliary officers are: President Joann Bova, Vice-President Jim Mitchell, Treasurer

Dottie Gleaton and board members Jean Caraway and Bonnie Becker.

For more information about joining, call Human Resources at (850) 584-0866, or visit the Human Resources department, Auxiliary Gift Shop or the front desk in the main lobby to get an application.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF PERRY, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF PERRY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the City of Perry Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Perry, Florida, serving also as

the Local Planning Agency of the City of Perry, Florida, at a public hearing on March 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Council Meeting Room, City Hall located at 224 South Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida.

LDR 21-01, an application by Dennis Martin to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations by amending Section 4.20.24 entitled Supplementary District Regulations, Travel Trailer Parks and Campgrounds by reducing the twenty-five (25) foot lot line setback requirement for travel trailers in travel trailer parks or campgrounds to ten (10) feet if a six (6) foot high masonry or wood opaque structure is installed and maintained along the lot line.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public

hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall located at 224 South Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may contact the City Manager’s Office at 850.584.7161 Ext. 113 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).



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