

Hospice Compassus gets new director

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Things are changing at Hospice Compassus. Executive Director Carol Davison is leaving April 23 to go to Houston where she will continue working for the company.

Her replacement, Mary Jane Rogers, started April 8 and there is also a new medical director, Dr. Paul Gilbert, who also works in the emergency department at Payson Regional Medical Center.

The corps of volunteers who make it possible for Hospice Compassus to provide its special services to the community are still in place though, and will be celebrated Tuesday, April 20 as part of National Volunteer Week, April 18 through April 24.

The administration, staff and volunteers are also planning a special event for the community April 27, Understanding Hospice and Hospice 101, which will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 27 at Mountain Bible Church, 302 E. Rancho Road, Payson.

Rogers has been in the health care industry for 22 years, but her new job is her first venture in hospice work.

Her background included nurse staffing and home health care.

A military brat, she comes to Payson from Fresno, Calif., where she worked for seven years. Before that she was in Phoenix for three years, so she is familiar with the area.

"When I heard about the opportunity here, I jumped at it. I feel very fortunate that I was in the right place at the right time," Rogers said. She added she feels the job perfectly rounds out her health care career.

Rogers said she has had the opportunity to work with other hospice providers in the past, "I have so much respect for hospice. Actually I am amazed by it."

She said she thinks the Hospice Compassus facility is lovely and the people she has met have been tremendous.

"To be associated with this place and

these people is a dream come true," Rogers said.

Volunteer celebration

Hospice Compassus will honor its volunteers with a luncheon at noon, Tuesday, April 20 in its conference room.

Last year the men and women who have chosen to donate their time, talents and energy to helping their neighbors in need provided more than 1,230 hours of volunteer services.

The community forum, Understanding Hospice and Hospice 101, is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 27 at Mountain Bible Church, 302 E. Rancho Road, Payson.

The program will provide an overview of the services provided by Hospice Compassus. Specifics will also be discussed on the topics of the facility's in-patient unit, qualifications for its clients, the staff of nurses, aides, social worker, chaplain and bereavement counselors, as well as the volunteer services provided clients.

Reservations for the forum are requested, call (928) 472-6340, extension 121.



Mary Jane Rogers

