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## **Grand Lake Hospice Volunteer Awarded Honor**

Grand Lake Hospice has been informed that, volunteer Fern Johns has been selected as a Daily Point of Light honoree. The Daily Point of Light award, thru the Points of Light Institute, was established by President George H. W. Bush 1993 and reinstated in 1998.

Fern Johns began volunteering with Grand Lake Hospice in 2009, but has been very active in volunteering with several other organizations prior to staring at Grand Lake Hospice. Fern retired from 30 years of teaching and soon began her new "job" of volunteering. She actively volunteers at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, along with volunteering at the American Red Cross blood mobile. Fern also volunteers at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital and their Community Outreach program along with her Grand Lake Hospice duties. Fern is also dedicated to her 5 children, 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. After her husband received hospice services during his final weeks, Fern decided to volunteer with Grand Lake Hospice and help others as they had helped her. She is beloved and adored for her positive attitude, devotion to others and her community.

The Daily Point of Light Award honors individuals and groups that are creating change in communities across America. Each weekday, one volunteer or volunteer effort is recognized with the Daily Point of Light Award. The Daily Point of Light Award was established by the former President George H. W. Bush to engage individuals, families, businesses and groups to solve community problems through voluntary services. President Bush continues to sign all of the awards today along with CEO Michelle Nunn. For more information on the Daily Point of Light Award visit the Points of Light website at www.pointsoflight.org. "I think of Points of Light as the soul of America. They are ordinary people who reach beyond themselves to touch the lives of those in need, bringing hope and opportunity, care and friendship. By giving so generously of themselves, these remarkable individuals show us not only what is best in our heritage but what all of us are called to become." -President George H.W. Bush.

For more information about the services that Grand Lake Hospice provides or for more information about volunteering please contact Grand Lake Hospice at 419-394-7434.