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## **Emmanuel Hospice Announces New Volunteer Coordinator**

**Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 13, 2017** – Jackie Chandler has been hired as volunteer coordinator for Emmanuel Hospice.

In her new role, she will be responsible for recruiting, screening, training, supervising and celebrating Emmanuel Hospice volunteers. Chandler is also responsible for providing education to the community about Emmanuel Hospice and integrating volunteers into the interdisciplinary care the organization provides. Additionally, she will also make certain the volunteer program complies with state and federal guidelines.

Chandler steps into the role with eight years of program development and volunteer management experience working with seniors, most recently in positions at Porter Hills Village. She led the volunteer program at Porter Hills for three years, realizing double-digit increases in volunteers and volunteer hours before becoming the organization's first wellness coordinator for its assisted living and memory care areas.

Her career began at in North Carolina in 1993 as a mental health clinician. She then moved on to the Gerontology Network in Grand Rapids as a geriatric clinician where she served participants with psychiatric, medical and social needs. Chandler also serves as an adjunct professor at Western Michigan University in the Family and Consumers Sciences department.

Active as a community volunteer, Chandler founded and facilitated Third Thursday Club, a monthly social club for senior community members in Wayland that included guest speakers, entertainment and educational presentations. She also served at the Wayland Union Schools community education program. She most recently became a member of Wayland Union Schools Education Foundation.

Chandler received her bachelor's in social work and her master's in arts, family and consumer science from WMU.

Chandler now resides in Wayland with her husband, Pat, and children, Eric and Grace.

### **About Emmanuel Hospice**

Emmanuel Hospice is a faith-based nonprofit provider of compassionate, person-centered hospice care to patients and families in West Michigan. Serving the community since 2013, the organization is a collaborative effort of St. Ann's, Clark, Porter Hills and Sunset designed to complete the continuum by providing end-of-life care to those inside – and outside – the walls of these organizations. For more information, visit [www.emmanuelhospice.org](http://www.emmanuelhospice.org).

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