

## **Estate Treasures honors founding volunteers at 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**

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On April 19, 65 volunteers and guests gathered at Fisherman's Inn in Grasonville to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Estate Treasures. This upscale resale shop located at Kent Towne Market in Chester opened April 19, 1991, and has raised over \$2 million for Compass Regional Hospice.

Guests of honor for the celebration were six of the volunteers who founded Estate Treasures and continue as active volunteers today. The honorees were Carolyn Dobyngs, Kathy Hovland, Jackie Mageovage, Camilla Parrott, Peggy Thompson and Alice Wiseman.

Debbie Dean, a member of the Estate Treasures committee and the Estate Treasures liaison to the Compass Regional Hospice board of directors, recognized each of the founding volunteers who were able to attend the dinner.

Delegate Steven J. Arentz (R-District 36) presented each honoree with a citation from the Maryland House of Delegates. The citation recognized these long-standing volunteers "for contributing to the 1991 founding of Estate Treasures and for 25 years of continuous volunteer services that have resulted in over \$2 million of funding for Compass Regional Hospice."

Carolyn Dobyngs of Grasonville is an Eastern Shore native and a 34-year resident of Queen Anne's County. She was a member of the Hospice of Queen Anne's (now Compass Regional Hospice) board of directors and has served in leadership roles for Estate Treasures. Her most demanding role with the shop was a four-year term as volunteer coordinator.

Kathy Hovland of Stevensville moved to the Eastern Shore from Potomac more than 33 years ago. She has been an Estate Treasures volunteer for more than 20 years and served as a shift captain throughout her decades of service. She is known among her peers for her quiet demeanor, kindness and dedication.

Jackie Mageovage of Stevensville has been the Estate Treasures historian for 25 years. She also organized the shop's first Fashion Show held in 1991 as a way to introduce the community to Estate Treasures and its upscale inventory.

Camilla Parrott of Chester was unable to attend the celebration. A friend invited Parrott to join the Estate Treasures volunteers. She began working a Saturday shift while still working full-time as a principal of an elementary school in Baltimore County.

Peggy Thompson of Grasonville is an Eastern Shore native. She served on the board of directors of Hospice of Queen Anne's (now Compass Regional Hospice) and has held every position at Estate Treasures, from shift scheduler to chair of the board. A long-time advocate for hospice, Thompson participated in the capital campaign that raised \$3 million to build the Compass Regional Hospice residential Hospice Center and administrative headquarters in Centreville, which opened in 2008.

Alice Wiseman of Stevensville moved to Queen Anne's County 35 years ago. A church friend invited her to volunteer at Estate Treasures. What began as one afternoon a week grew into many hours of service and cherished friendships with her Estate Treasures colleagues.

Today, Estate Treasures is run by more than 100 men and women, who volunteer their time and talent to manage shop operations, staff retail shifts and plan fundraisers that benefit Compass Regional Hospice.

Compass Regional Hospice is the sole provider of hospice care for people of all ages in Queen Anne's, Caroline and Kent Counties. Compass Regional Hospice also offers the pre-hospice program Bridges for people who are not yet ready for hospice and a variety of grief support services through the Hope & Healing Center. As a non-profit organization, Compass Regional Hospice relies on financial support from the community to provide services not covered by Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance.

Estate Treasures is located at 17 Kent Towne Market in Chester. Store hours are 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Saturday. All retail sales are tax free. Donations of clean, gently used items in good condition are accepted during store hours.

For more information about Estate Treasures and how to become a volunteer, call 410-643-7360. Also visit [www.compassregionalhospice.org/estatetreasures](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org/estatetreasures).



Guests of honor for the Estate Treasures 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration were founding volunteers (left to right) Alice Wiseman, Peggy Thompson, Jackie Mageovage, Kathy Hovland and Carolyn Dobyns. Unavailable for the photo was Camilla Parrott.



Lorraine Sincavage, co-chair of the Estate Treasures Committee, and volunteer Sharon North greeted the 65 volunteers and guests who attended the upscale resale shop's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on April 19 at Fisherman's Inn.



Debbie Dean, a member of the Estate Treasures committee and the Estate Treasures liaison to the Compass Regional Hospice board of directors, introduced the founding volunteers who attended the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on April 19.



Delegate Steven J. Arentz (R-District 36) presented six of the Estate Treasures founding volunteers with a citation from the Maryland House of Delegates. Pictured with Delegate Arentz is Alice Wiseman.

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