

My Story by volunteer Mike Becker

I did not ask to be a volunteer six and a half years ago for what I could get out of it. I only wanted to spend my free time doing something constructive to help someone. I needed to feel useful. Despite difficulties in life, I felt very blessed and wanted to give back. I had no idea that volunteering for Halifax Health Hospice of Volusia/Flagler would transform my self image, and much of my life for the better.

I don't know who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but I do know he/she was wrong because I am learning so much with every experience with Hospice.

One of the things I have learned is how to appreciate life and all the good people who surround me with kindness. I have learned not to dwell on failures, but to learn from them and celebrate victories instead. I have learned how to laugh at my own imperfections. I have learned how precious time really is with friends and loved ones. I have learned how to laugh and how to cry and not to be ashamed when I do either. I have learned to celebrate each moment of life.

If life is about lessons to be learned, then Halifax Hospice of Volusia/Flagler is an amazing teacher, and I love school.

I did not ask to be a volunteer for what I could get out of it, but I am constantly aware that I seem to be receiving far more than I can ever give. Thank you Hospice for the privilege of serving.....