

Appreciation for Hospice's ties to community

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FORT PIERCE — Jimmie Anne Haisley, chairwoman of the Treasure Coast Hospice Board of Directors, showed appreciation for fellow board members and staff by hosting a casual dinner party at her and husband Rick's home- stead, "Renegade Ranch," located in western Fort Pierce.

Haisley, a native of the Treasure Coast, has an appreciation for community involvement and Treasure Coast Hospice's deep-rooted ties to the region. For her and many others, the organization's compassionate and expert services — end-of-life care, grief support and other program offerings — have spanned generations.

With that community spirit in mind, Haisley strategically places fellow members of the operating and foundation boards — all local volunteers — together with a Treasure Coast Hospice staff member to better facilitate the exchange of free-flowing information, a management strategy to help build strong bonds of camaraderie between the different groups.

Haisley coined the dinner a "hands-off" day for invitees. "This group, all they do is give back to the community. This is my way to give back to them, thank them, and allow them to simply relax!"

Guests were given tours of the property that included meeting the couple's horses, miniature therapy horses, and a miniature therapy cow named "Bill." Haisley also granted access to her tiny "home away from home," a unique and cozy abode that overlooks a scenic pond.

Dinner was a catered, cooked-up and served meal prepared by Carter's Grocery that included honey-chipotle pork loin, barbecued beans, salad, coleslaw, rolls and peach cobbler for dessert. Epic Events took care of the hospitality details.

"Treasure Coast Hospice is thankful for Chairwoman Jimmie Anne Haisley's leadership this past year and for hosting such a lovely evening for our board of di-



Jordan Fields, Marty and Holly Carmody and Jean Fields. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARYANN KETCHAM



Rick and Jimmie Anne Haisley.



Karin and Jack Mitchell.



Lise Hudson and Glenn Graves.

rectors. Our organization is fortunate to have a dedicated group of board members, all of whom are deeply committed to providing the highest quality hospice care and grief support services to pa-

tients and families in our community," said Jackie Kendrick, CEO of CHPCA.

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