



Volunteer Spotlight

Jim and Barbara Talton, both retired from government careers, have been serving Hart Felt clients since 2005. Barbara first learned about the new ministry from Andy Owens. She realized it could be a good opportunity for the couple to serve together, since they had worked well together caring for their own aging parents. So, Barbara became volunteer #034 and Jim volunteer #047.

"Working together is a blessing," Barbara said. "God has given each of us different talents and, working together, we are able to do much more than we would be able to accomplish alone."

The two provide transportation and other assistance to clients. One of their continuing projects involves monthly shopping trips to the Second Harvest Food Bank in downtown Jacksonville. The groceries they pick up are delivered to three Hart Felt clients, supplementing their limited income.

For the past several years and again for 2008-2009, Barbara and Jim will be Hart Felt's Coordinators for the distribution of money received from the Hope Fund.

The Taltons, members of Beach United Methodist Church, have two sons, a daughter, and two grandchildren. They have lived in Florida since 1983.

Barbara believes God has blessed the two of them in many ways. "In our retirement years," she says, "the opportunity to work with Hart Felt Ministries to serve home bound people in the Jacksonville area has brought many, very special blessings to us."



Client Spotlight

Elva Harrison, 88 years old next month, learned about Hart Felt when hospitalized after a fall last year. A hospital social worker gave her Hart Felt's number; she was soon contacted by Jane.

Thankfully, she didn't break anything when she fell, but was in a lot of pain. She has a neurological condition affecting muscles, *spasmodic torticollis*, and breathing problems that make it very hard to do any physical work. Mrs. Harrison worked for a trucking company until health problems forced her to retire. She lives alone and has no family locally.

Volunteer Julie Green visits Mrs. Harrison to take care of chores such as changing the cat's litter box, changing the bed, cleaning the bathroom and kitchen, changing the air conditioner filter and taking out the garbage. Hart Felt "has been a lifesaver," she said, allowing her to maintain her lifestyle.

Statistics for the Last 12 Months:

Volunteers	140
Clients	260
Donated Hours	7,100
Value to Community	\$135,700

Welcome to Our New Volunteers:

Mickey Buckley	Lynn Cason
Daphne Colbert	Cindy Felker
Monica Fall	Donnie Perdue
Lori Fennewald	Helen Plummer
Chris Trubelhorn	



“Did You Know....?”

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ANNOUNCEMENT

HART FELT MINISTRIES NAMED “BEST OF JACKSONVILLE 2008 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICE” by US Local Business Association

\$5,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE – We’ve been blessed to receive a challenge from a local group of United Methodist Men. They will match every dollar we raise over the next 3 months, up to \$5,000. Are we up to the challenge? With God’s help and yours, we are! We are so grateful for this opportunity to bring in monies to sustain and expand the Hart Felt Program. With these monies, we can recruit more volunteers, serve more of the 175 people on our waiting list, and pay for more of the repair and ramp construction materials our clients so badly need. We are already thanking God for the harvest!



HART FELT “MEET & GREET” We continue to grow in terms of volunteers, but seldom have an opportunity for the volunteers to get acquainted with each other. On October 18th we got to do just that, with Volunteer #1 Alan Foster, Volunteer #218 Mickey Buckley (both pictured), and all volunteers in-between invited to meet our 27 new volunteers for the first time. A big thank-you to Kaye Lawson and her hospitality team of Ann Cook, Julie Green, and Lynn Cason. The food and fellowship were great!!

Our mission is to provide, at no charge, through a network of community volunteers, non-medical support services and companionship to the frail elderly who require assistance in living independently.

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