

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION EVENTS FOR 2016

Over the past few years, some of our wonderful St Barnabas and Chestnut Tree House volunteers have enjoyed the annual event for volunteers at the Charmandean Centre in Worthing. This year we are making some changes and holding a range of different new events for volunteers to maximise attendance and offer choice.

Chestnut Tree House

If you are a volunteer for Chestnut Tree House – at the hospice, in our shops, fundraising or CTH Friends Groups – you will receive an invitation to a choice of gatherings held on different

dates at the end of May/early June. These will be in different locations - at Chestnut Tree House, in Chichester and in Eastbourne. We hope that a date and location will be convenient for you. The purpose of the CTH volunteer events is to say thank you, to celebrate the contribution of volunteers to our children's hospice, to present some long-service badges and to talk about future plans for Chestnut Tree House. Invitations will be sent after Easter to all CTH volunteers and shop sites and below are the confirmed dates for CTH volunteer events in 2016. ♥

- ♥ **Eastbourne – Cumberland Hotel – Thursday 26 May at 6pm-8pm**
- ♥ **Chichester – The Fishbourne Centre, Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne – Thursday 2 June 6pm-8pm**
- ♥ **Chestnut Tree House – Tuesday 14 June, three events at 3pm or 4.30pm or 6pm (guests choose)**

St Barnabas House

Can you believe we have

been in our new building on Titnore Lane for five years?! To celebrate this milestone and to recognise all that you do for us as a volunteer for St Barnabas House, we would like to invite you to the hospice to say 'thank you' and share our new plans for St Barnabas House over the next 5 years.

St Barnabas House volunteers – at the hospice, in our care services, Community Companions, in our shops, fundraising or STB Friends Groups – will all be invited to a choice of gatherings over the summer at the hospice. We expect to offer at least six dates on various days and at different times to maximise attendance - each event will be for around 50 volunteers and will be informal style.

I can hear you thinking, what does this look like, why should I go? The hospice is about to launch an ambitious range of new services: we would like to share our plans for the future and how we aim to

reach many more people in our community – there will be a short presentation and an opportunity to ask questions relating to this. We will present some long service badges, there will be refreshments available and time for you to meet and chat to other fellow volunteers and staff. We also expect that our new Chairman, Derwyn Jones, and other Trustees will be able to attend some of the events to meet volunteers.

We appreciate that many of you have enjoyed the annual Volunteer Celebration Evening at the Charmandean but this year we wanted to reach as many of you as possible with a different kind of event - you are all important ambassadors for the hospice. We really do value your contribution and feel this is great way for us all to go forward together and strive to make St Barnabas House care services accessible to many more people who could benefit from our care and support. We do hope you can join us to celebrate your voluntary contribution and how you enable us to give such excellent care and face the future with such ambitious goals. ♥

All volunteers

You will receive an invitation letter from Voluntary Services with a list of the dates for each hospice. Chestnut Tree House volunteers will receive this during April and St Barnabas House invites will go out

during May. Those who volunteer for both hospices, will receive both invitations. You will be asked to inform Voluntary Services of your choice of event. We hope that many of you will take this opportunity to visit the hospice that you so passionately support.