

Texas & New Mexico Hospice Organization 2005 Volunteer of the Year



Lion Hospice Volunteer Linda Dunham (pictured center) poses with Donna Reddell, R.N., President of Lion Hospice (pictured left) and Joanne Pryor-Carter, Ph.D., T&NMHO Board Member and Lion Hospice Bereavement Coordinator

Congratulations to Lion Hospice volunteer Linda Dunham who was recently honored as The Texas & New Mexico Hospice Organizations 2005 Volunteer of the Year.

Linda has been a Lion Hospice volunteer for the past two years. She provides a unique and beautiful service to our patients who are actively dying. During their “transition” into death, Linda plays the harp comforting the patient and family during this most difficult time.

Prior to her service to our patients, Linda spent time with dying AIDS patients and discovered the value of touch with these isolated patients through the art of massage therapy. The loss of her job nine years ago turned out to be a positive change in many lives. Viewing a television program on the healing power of music, Linda was drawn to enrolling in the Music for Healing and Transition program. Linda completed the two year study program, and since then, has made herself available to patients who are transitioning into death.

Donna Reddell, President states, “We are certainly proud of Linda for the service she provides to the terminally ill in our community. This award is heartwarming and inspiring for our agency. Those of us working in hospice recognize the incredible gifts made by our volunteers.”