

Lee and Owsley Superintendents join Congressman Hal Rogers and other 5th district superintendents to discuss federal funding that impacts students across the rural region

Congressman Hal Rogers convened a meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025 with superintendents from 25 school districts in Kentucky's 5th Congressional District, along with the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA), to discuss federal funding that impacts students across our rural region.

Congressman Rogers listened to them and their concerns about the future of vital programs and resources that directly benefit our students and the opportunities that they have access to.

Congressman Rogers assured the superintendents that as he returns to Washington this week, he will work to ensure that our schools and our students have the resources they need to be successful. He stated, "I deeply appreciate the work of our educators and their passion to pave the path for a brighter future in southern



Left to Right: Lee County Superintendent Earl Ray Shuler and Owsley Superintendent Gary Cornett, Unknown



Lee County Superintendent Earl Ray Shuler (front right) and Owsley Superintendent Gary Cornett (back left).

Hospice Care Plus Honors Volunteers at Annual Appreciation Dinner

Hospice Care Plus hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, April 22, at Chenault Vineyards, celebrating the commitment and compassion of the volunteers who serve patients and families across Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison, Owsley, and Rockcastle counties.

The gathering emphasized the vital role each volunteer plays in the mission of hospice care and was filled with gratitude, fellowship, and heartfelt recognition as the organization honored all its volunteers.

The celebration featured a catered dinner, complimentary cookies by Golden Whisk cookies, appreciation gifts for each volunteer, and messages of appreciation.

teers and spotlighted four individuals reaching major service milestones:

Ann Miller – 10 Years of Service (pictured)
Linda Hall – 10 Years of Service
Karen Linville – 10 Years of Service
Deb Condrey – 5 Years of Service (Not pictured)

"These individuals represent the heart of our mission," said Mariah Smith, Volunteer Coordinator at Hospice Care Plus. "Like pieces of a puzzle, each volunteer brings

something unique and essential. Together, they create the full picture of compassion and care that defines our work."

Held amid the scenic beauty of Chenault Vineyards, the dinner was a moving reminder of the power of community and the deep impact volunteers have on the lives of patients and families.

Hospice Care Plus



continues to welcome new volunteers for a variety of roles, including patient companionship, administrative support, and event assistance. They will host a volunteer training on Saturday May 17, at the Madison County Public Library.

For more information on how to join the volunteer team, please contact Mariah Smith at 859-986-1500.



Pictured: Linda Hall and Karen Linville, 10 year recipients, stand with Hospice Care Plus CEO Lisa Cox, and Volunteer Coordinator Mariah Smith



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