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Cancer Services Gives Thanks to Volunteers

Baton Rouge, LA – Nov. 25, 2009—Volunteers with Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge were treated to a Thanksgiving Volunteer Party on Wed., Nov. 18 at the Cancer Services' office.

Guests included former Development Director Mary Dell Gerald and former Executive Director Mary Jane Howell who told the group about her favorite memories of volunteers at Cancer Services, including one memory of Ned Clark who, as President of the board, spent a Saturday afternoon pressure washing the old Cancer Services' building on Steele Blvd. "Imagine our neighborhood's reaction when they drove by and saw Ned and other board members, very well-known faces in our community, pressure washing our building," Howell laughed. "Indeed our volunteers made it possible for us to serve our clients. If not for them, we couldn't do what we do."

Volunteers dedicated over 3,000 hours of service in 2009. They help with tasks such as greeting clients in the library, answering phones, assisting with the Capital Chefs' Showcase, and participating in the monthly mail out.

"We are so blessed to have our volunteers. This Thanksgiving party is just a small gesture to say 'Thanks' for helping us make life easier for those living with cancer in our area," CSGBR Volunteer Coordinator, Cindi Tramonte, said.

To learn how you can be a volunteer with Cancer Services, contact Cindi at (225) 927-2273 or email her at ctramonte@cancerservices.org. You can also visit cancerservices.org for more information on volunteer opportunities.

Since 1959, Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge has provided free of charge programs, services, assistance and support to meet the changing medical, financial, educational and emotional needs of cancer patients and their families within a 10-parish area. Parishes served include: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. James, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana. For more information, visit the Cancer Services website at www.cancerservices.org.

Our mission is to improve life for those living with cancer.

