Apologies, but some important information was omitted from the original newsletter. Here is an updated one.

Blooms of Kindness

Volunteer Update | October 16, 2026

Wedding Flowers Are Blooming Into Kindness!

I think October must be *the* wedding month here in Western North Carolina! Is it the great venues, the colorful leaves, or the cooler weather? I honestly don't know—but I'm thrilled that Blooms of Kindness, and more importantly, our communities, are benefiting from all the donated wedding flowers!

This Week's Bouquet Report

On Monday, we made and delivered **196 bouquets** at the AmeriHealth Caritas Wellness and Opportunity Center. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!

On Tuesday, we received a generous donation of flowers from **Bobby Marks Design**, and our team made and delivered an additional **84 bouquets**.

We have delivered more than 7,000 bouquets this year! Thank you all for helping spread kindness, one bouquet at a time.

HELP! We Need Vases!

As you all know, every bouquet needs a vase—and **we're running low!** We've given out more than 600 vases this month alone.

If you're willing and able to organize a vase drive in your neighborhood, church, school, club, or other group, we would greatly appreciate your help restocking our storeroom shelves!

Need a flyer to help with your collection? We'd be happy to provide one.

Where Our Bouquets Went

This week, our bouquets brought smiles to residents and patients at:

- Transformation Village
- Pisgah Manor
- Brookdale Assisted Living and Rehab
- Elevate

- Life Care Center in Hendersonville
- The Greens in Weaverville
- Deerfield Retirement Center

Thank You to Our Flower Donors!

We are so grateful to everyone who donated flowers this week:

- Grateful Mountain Farm
- Red Clay Dahlias
- Whole Foods
- Cathedral of All Souls
- Bobby Marks Design
- Val, who brought us flowers from an event held at Biltmore Country Club

Your generosity gives beautiful flowers a second life and brings joy to so many people.

Special Shout-Outs!

A belated thank-you: My apologies for not including this in last week's update! Thank you to **Longleaf Vineyard in Marshall** and **Flourish Flower Farm in Asheville** for donating flowers last week.

Thank you, Provisions Mercantile! We are grateful for the wonderful venue you provided for our Fall Tablescape Workshop on October 15.

A special thank-you to Board Directors **Paula and Lynn** for all the hard work they put into organizing this event. And heartfelt thanks to four of our treasured volunteers: **Holley and Lisa**, who provided the educational portion of the evening, and **Joyce and Judy**, who helped make it all happen!

We couldn't do it without you!

New Section added to Website

We have added a new section to our website for our Weekly Emails. If you missed an email or want to revisit one, please check it out.

Upcoming Bouquet Days

Asheville — Monday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m.

AmeriHealth Caritas Wellness and Opportunity Center
216 Asheland Avenue, Asheville

- Please register as a volunteer before attending.
- If you can help with deliveries, please sign up on our website calendar.

Hendersonville — Monday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m.

First Congregational Church
1735 5th Avenue West, Hendersonville

We look forward to seeing everyone and continuing to spread kindness, one bouquet at a time!

Blooms of Kindness T-Shirt Design Contest

The Board is considering creating **Blooms of Kindness T-shirts** and would love to see your design ideas!

Please keep these guidelines in mind:

- **Design tip:** Please do not include a year in your design so our shirts will be timeless.
- **Submission deadline:** November 16
- **Format:** PDF
- **Email submissions to:** lindaheaton.bok@gmail.com

The Board will review the designs, and volunteers will vote for their favorite.

We look forward to seeing your creativity!

Welcome, Anna!

A warm welcome to Anna S.!

Anna joined us this week, bringing plenty of smiles and enthusiasm. She stayed until the very end and even helped with cleanup!

Thank you, Anna—we hope to see you often!

With gratitude,
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