Blooms of Kindness

Volunteer Update | October 23, 2026

October Is Exceeding All Our Wildest Expectations!

We had another **record-breaking week!** The Asheville and Hendersonville teams worked many hours to create and deliver **370 bouquets**. Well done, everyone!

We have delivered **7,574 bouquets so far this year!** Do you think we can reach our goal of 9,000 by the end of the year? Let's keep spreading kindness, one bouquet at a time!

This Week's Accomplishments

On Monday, we made and delivered:

- **200 bouquets** at the AmeriHealth Caritas Wellness and Opportunity Center in Asheville.
- **170 bouquets** at First Congregational Church in Hendersonville.

A huge thank-you to everyone who contributed their time and talents to make this record-breaking week possible!

Fall Tablescape Workshop



Our Fall Tablescape Workshop at Provisions Mercantile on October 15 was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event happen, and to all who participated. Your support makes a difference!

Upcoming Fundraiser: Christmas Gift Wrapping!

Our next big fundraising event will be Christmas gift wrapping at both **Tanger Outlets Asheville** and **Blue Ridge Mall in Hendersonville**.

We are still working out the logistics, but we hope you can set aside a few hours to volunteer during **December 19–24**.

Blooms of Kindness will provide all the supplies—wrapping paper, tissue, scissors, tape, and more. You just need to bring yourself!

Not interested in wrapping? You can still support us by bringing your gifts to be wrapped by our volunteers. Stay tuned for more details!

Help! We Need Vases!

Every bouquet needs a vase, and **our vase supply is running low!** We have given away about 800 vases this month alone.

Could you organize a vase drive in your neighborhood, church, school, club, or other community group? We would greatly appreciate your help restocking our storeroom shelves. **Our thanks to Stephanie Stroupe at Hominy Valley Elementary School who will be holding a vase drive for us on 11/2-11/13. More details later.**

You can also check our drop off locations here.

Need a flyer to get started? We can help!

Bouquet Deliveries

This week's bouquets brought smiles to residents and patients at the following facilities:

- Hendersonville Health and Rehabilitation
- Carolina Village Medical Center
- Safelight
- Valley Hill Health and Rehab
- Terra Bella
- Mountain Ridge Health and Rehab
- Stonecreek
- Swannanoa Valley Health and Rehab
- Brookdale
- DaVita Arden
- MMH Children's Hospital

Thank you to our delivery volunteers for helping us share kindness throughout our communities!

Floral Donations

A heartfelt thank-you to this week's floral donors:

- Whole Foods

- Harris Teeter
- Grove Park Inn (Stella Rose Floral)
- Fresh Market
- Carolina Flowers
- Bobby Marks Designs
- Grateful Mountain Farm (Our home gardeners who regularly bring us beautiful greenery!)

Your generous donations help us turn flowers into meaningful moments of joy.

Shout-Outs!

College HUNKS Hauling Junk
A big thank-you to Jonny, Gabriel, and Ann for stopping by with a load of vases! What a wonderful contribution.

www.collegehunkshaulingjunk.com

St. Gerard Center for Autism
Thank you for helping with deliveries in Hendersonville!

www.sgforautism.org

Upcoming Bouquet Day — Asheville

Monday, October 26 | 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 through our website calendar.

We appreciate every helping hand!

Blooms of Kindness T-Shirt Design Contest

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

A few guidelines:

- 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 our volunteers will vote for their favorite.

We can't wait to see your creativity and the wonderful ways you envision representing Blooms of Kindness!

Welcome, New Volunteers!

We are delighted to welcome our newest volunteers!

Hendersonville: Sharon W. joined us for her first volunteer day this week after being invited by our regular volunteer, Susan.

Asheville: Welcome to Joan J. and Cathy C., who also joined us this week!

We are so happy you chose to be part of Blooms of Kindness. We hope to see all of you often!

Thank you, volunteers, for your time, generosity, and dedication. Every bouquet we create and deliver brings a little more joy into someone's day. Together, we're making a difference—one bouquet at a time! ??



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