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**COMMITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS HAS HELPED HUNDREDS OF  
SENIORS TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY**

***Volunteers at Redlands Community Hospital Extend Their Support  
Beyond Hospital Walls and Into the Homes of Redlands' Seniors***

REDLANDS, CA-- The Redlands Community Hospital Auxiliary has a long history of service to the community. One of their efforts has been to bring seniors support to extend their independent living.

Thanks to the dedication and effort of two volunteers, Carol Houston and Mary Dalton, Redlands Community Hospital is the only volunteer supported Lifeline Program available in the area. Lifeline, a personal emergency response system that allows patients to maintain independence, also gives families peace of mind. For more than two decades the duo has installed more than 500 Lifeline systems into the homes of area seniors. At a push of a button, help can be sent quickly – 24 hours a day, seven days a week thanks to the device. The user-friendly medical alert service is designed to reduce the risk of living alone.

“Clearly the RCH volunteer program relies heavily on the ability of its members to generously share their time. It is members like Carol and Mary who care about the hospital, the community and the Auxiliary as an organization that allows us to provide support beyond the walls of the hospital,” said Schindler. “Carol and Mary are to be

congratulated on their many accomplishments and on the positive impact their kindness and caring has had on the community.”

Twenty-eight years ago, Alice Raumin, Vice President Nursing Services at Redlands Community Hospital, approached Pat Schindler, Director of Volunteer Services, and requested assistance in support of the Lifeline program, now known as Philips Lifeline Medical Alert Service and Carol and Mary have met the needs of the community and more often than not, exceeded their promise by ensuring the safety of Redlands’ seniors.

. Carol, who also volunteers within the hospital, has been a member of the Auxiliary since 1972 giving 37 years of service and donating more than 19,500 hours. Mary Dalton, previous Redlands Woman of the Year recipient and Auxiliary member for 25 years has donated more than 4,500 hours of service as a hospital volunteer and the Lifeline program.

In June, after 28 years of installing Lifeline units, Carol and Mary are stepping down from the Lifeline Program.

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