

# Celebrating Life's Stories<sup>®</sup>

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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## Ohio's Hospice Loving Care Helps Patient Celebrate 100th Birthday With Golf Event

When Gladys Marl was admitted to hospice with Ohio's Hospice Loving Care, she was approaching her 100th birthday. Her care team wanted to celebrate and make the day special.

Ashley Griffith, RN care manager, and Mark Miller, medical social worker at Ohio's Hospice Loving Care, teamed up to plan a birthday golf event for Gladys.

After Gladys was widowed in the late 1970s, she started travelling to Florida every winter where she developed a love for golf, often winning against her friends and family. She participated in golf leagues.

"Golf had been a passion for her for many years, and she was quite competitive," said Jason Lambert, manager of social workers and ancillary services at Ohio's Hospice Loving Care. "Mark took the idea and coordinated an event with Timberview Golf Club in Marysville and the patient's family."



Gladys' family provided transportation, and Ohio's Hospice Loving Care staff helped her safely move from her vehicle to the hole and back. Timberview Golf Club provided access to the 10th green and multiple golf carts for friends and staff to move across the course.

Gladys' son set the ball off the green, about 25 feet from the hole, and steadied her as she chipped the ball within eight inches of the hole. She went closer and tapped the ball in with her next putt.

Following this event, Mark was recognized with the Bouquet of Recognition Tulip Award, which honors chaplains, social workers, therapists, counselors, physicians, pharmacists, and other patient care professionals at Ohio's Hospice. The award recognizes staff members for demonstrating excellence through their expertise and extraordinary compassionate support for patients and families.

Mark said he is honored and privileged to provide care to patients and their families. "I've been with hospice



for five and a half years, and I love my job because people invite me in to be a part of their family," Mark said. "I am extremely honored they would do so, especially in so many cases where I'm involved at a very tender and emotional time."

For more information about how you can support Ohio's Loving Care, please visit: [www.OhiosHospiceLovingCare.org/Donations](http://www.OhiosHospiceLovingCare.org/Donations)

# Providing Superior Care and Superior Services to the Community



**At Ohio's Hospice Loving Care, we are grateful for your continued support, which helps us offer care and services above and beyond what Medicare requires.** We are committed to providing superior care and superior services to members of the community in both Union and Madison counties.

We also celebrate the lives of those we serve. Our team has been involved with some wonderful events this past year. We also have some unique opportunities coming up, which have been included in our newsletter. We invite members of the communities we serve to come out and celebrate our mission with us this year at our

annual golf outing in June. We also are offering a new opportunity to remember and honor loved ones through our Celebrating Life Stories® Butterfly Release in August.

Through our Pathways of Hope<sup>SM</sup> Grief Counseling Center, we offer grief support services to members of the community at no cost. If you or someone you love is in need of grief support, please reach out to us by calling 937.644.1928. Since 1993, Ohio's Hospice Loving Care has been a part of the community. We look forward to serving you for many more years to come.

## Focusing on the Important Things



Stacy Geller  
Vice President of  
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Ohio's Hospice Loving Care

At Ohio's Hospice Loving Care, we honor the lives of our patients and their family members by Celebrating Life's Stories®. Our mission is to provide our patients with superior care and comfort, no matter their ability to pay. Along with family and friends, we celebrate their loved one's life by remembering and preserving their legacy.

Ohio's Hospice Loving Care works to help lift the burdens that may come with care at end of life. Many patients and families enter our care filled with worry. They worry about finances, transportation, their homes, or the future. The concept of estate planning, working through a will, and anticipating what comes next can weigh heavily on the minds of our patients and family members. We seek to ease those worries with our assistance in advance directives and legacy planning. We will work with you on determining the next steps, so you can focus on more important things — spending precious time with your family, viewing photo albums, and sharing your stories together.

We are honored that the community trusts Ohio's Hospice Loving Care to provide care for their loved ones now and for the future. For more information on legacy gifts and planning, please call me at 740.788.1488.



# Veteran Volunteers Recognized at Surprise Appreciation Event



**Ohio's Hospice Loving Care recognized six Veteran volunteers on Nov. 16 with a surprise appreciation event at Der Dutchman in Plain City.** As our Veteran volunteers gathered for what they thought would be a breakfast event, their families and other volunteers were assembled in another area of the restaurant. When they were led to the dining area, the volunteers and family members sang "God Bless America."

The six Veteran volunteers who were honored are John Dellinger, Charles Stenner, Jerry Poff, Greg Wolfe, Rolly Rausch, and Gene Nicol.

"We were honored and privileged to surprise our Veteran volunteers with this event," said Annetta Dellinger, volunteer manager at Ohio's Hospice Loving Care. "This surprise event was a way to recognize and express our appreciation to our Veteran volunteers for their support of our mission."

As part of American Pride® Veteran Care by Ohio's Hospice, these Veteran volunteers help honor the service of our Veteran patients. The American Pride program assures Veteran patients of receiving the highest quality of care. In addition to celebrating and thanking Veterans for their service, American Pride assists patients in obtaining access to all the benefits to which Veterans are eligible, provides spiritual support, and addresses post-traumatic stress issues. Through participation in Veteran recognition ceremonies, Honor Flight, and special observances and celebrations, Ohio's Hospice Loving Care celebrates the lives of Veterans and honors their contributions.

The event at Der Dutchman included personal thank-you notes from families who had a loved one recognized in a Veteran recognition ceremony. Tom Schwind, chaplain; Stephanie Jeffords and Mark Miller, medical social workers; and Robert Allen, American Pride coordinator, also spoke about what the Veteran volunteers' gift of time truly means to our Veteran patients.

For more information about American Pride® Veteran Care by Ohio's Hospice, visit [www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride](http://www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride)

## Thank a Veteran Patient with a Personalized Card

**As a service of American Pride® Veteran Care by Ohio's Hospice, we are honored and privileged to offer our Thank a Veteran program to recognize Veterans in our care.** Through this program, members of the community can help us thank our Veteran patients who have sacrificed and served our nation by recognizing and expressing appreciation to them.

If you are in a position to support our American Pride Veteran Care by Ohio's Hospice program, please consider making a donation. Your donation will directly support the services and ceremonies we provide to our Veteran patients and their families. For a comprehensive list of the services supported through American Pride, please visit our website:

[www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride](http://www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride)

As part of our effort to recognize and thank Veteran patients, we invite you to send a personalized card.

### Here's how it works:

- Scan the QR code below or visit: [www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride](http://www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride)
- Complete the online form with your heartfelt, personalized message.
- A hospice volunteer will handwrite your message on a specially designed card.
- The card will be delivered to one of our Veteran patients and their families.



Scan here to learn more.

# Save the Date: 2022 Events

## 30th Annual Patty Boerger Golf Scramble

6.18.22



Join us for a day of golf with special events including hole competitions. Net proceeds benefit patient care and services at Ohio's Hospice Loving Care.

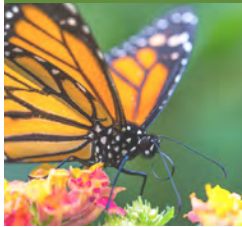
**When:** Saturday, June 18, 2022. Registration begins at noon with a 1 pm shotgun start.

**Where:** The Ridge Golf & Gardens  
17487 Robinson Rd., Marysville, OH 43040

**How:** For more information, contact Stacy Geller at 740.788.1488 or visit:  
[www.OhiosHospiceLovingCare.org/Golf2022](http://www.OhiosHospiceLovingCare.org/Golf2022)

## Celebrating Life's Stories® Butterfly Release

8.7.22



Ohio's Hospice Loving Care is holding a butterfly release as a way to remember and honor loved ones who have touched our lives and who live on in our memories.

**When:** Sunday, August 7, 2022, 2 pm

**Where:** French Hen Farm  
14458 Fladt Rd., Marysville, OH 43040

**How:** For more information, call 740.788.1503 or register online at:  
[www.OhiosHospiceLovingCare.org/Butterfly2022](http://www.OhiosHospiceLovingCare.org/Butterfly2022)

# Five Easy Ways to Support Our Mission



**Volunteer your time.** Time is a valuable resource and is one of the ways you can support our patients and families. From socially-distanced flower deliveries to office support, volunteers help Ohio's Hospice Loving Care deliver on its mission.



**Donate at [www.OhiosHospiceLovingCare.org/Donations](http://www.OhiosHospiceLovingCare.org/Donations).** Donor dollars are the main source for grief support services and complementary therapies. Your generous gift stays in our local community.



**Explore employer match programs.** Many employers offer matching funds when employees donate to charities. Be sure to check with your human resources department.



**Like our Facebook page.** Share with your friends to keep the community up to date on Ohio's Hospice Loving Care happenings.



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