# Celebrating Life's Stories

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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#### Our Nurses Make a Difference

Each and every day, our nurses show our patients and families compassion, kindness and support – no matter the circumstances, the challenges, the complexity, the time of day, or the miles apart. The care our nurses provide matters. We are grateful and thankful for all they do to deliver superior care and superior services wherever we are privileged to serve, now and always.

Our hospice-certified nurses serve as important members of the care team, providing compassionate care alongside our board-certified hospice and palliative care physicians, personal care specialists (state tested nursing assistants), social workers, chaplains, bereavement counseling professionals,

and volunteers.

Nurses are an integral part of our care teams, providing expertise in hospice and palliative care.

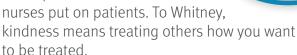
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Several of our nurses chose their profession to

make a difference in the lives of others. Others felt that they were called to serve as a

nurse. Here are a few of their stories.

Meet Whitney

Whitney watched her grandmother go through cancer and receive hospice care. After that experience, she felt a passion and a desire to take care of others. She has many memories of her time as a nurse, but never forgets the impact and the smiles





**Meet Susan** 

Susan grew up with siblings
who required a lot of medical
care. One of her favorite
memories as a nurse is
helping a hospice patient
make a recorded Christmas
book for her child before
she passed shortly before
Christmas. "We both cried
after it was completed," she
said. "I was able to help her make

forever memories for her daughter."

#### **Meet Robynne**

Robynne became a nurse to help and care for others. She always will remember holding the hand of a Holocaust survivor before she took her last breath. The patient explained the numbers on her arm and told her about her family.

We're thankful for all that our nurses do to support our mission!



Learn how you can join a mission that matters at: www.OhiosHospice.org/Careers

## Time, Talent and Treasure



Stacy Geller Vice President of Philanthropic Development Ohio's Hospice Loving Care

In the world of giving, we often talk about the

Three T's: time, talent and treasure. You can support the mission of Ohio's Hospice Loving Care with your time — attending our special events,

liking our posts on social media, or reading our newsletter. Friends of Ohio's Hospice Loving Care also may offer their talent by volunteering for a task that best fits their skill set or passion, including helping with office administrative work, stitching comfort quilts, or reading to a patient at their bedside. In addition, you can support the mission with your treasure — making a donation.

A treasure or donation can be made in many different ways. You can make a one-time gift in memory of a loved one or a monthly donation. There are other unique ways to contribute your treasure to our mission. One way is to donate directly to Ohio's Hospice Loving Care from

your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Once you reach 70 ½ years of age, you may distribute up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA directly to a charity and not be taxed on the distribution. If you do not itemize deductions on your tax return, this strategy is particularly efficient.

If you have questions about making a charitable distribution from your IRA, first meet with your financial advisor. Your advisor may want to meet by phone or in person with a representative from Ohio's Hospice Loving Care, and I welcome that opportunity. Please feel free to contact me at 740.788.1488.

Thank you for contributing your time, talent, and treasure to Ohio's Hospice Loving Care and thank you for exploring the possibilities of how your gifts can impact the lives of many patients and loved ones in the future.



#### Meet Andrea Baker, Our New Executive Director

Ohio's Hospice has named Andrea Baker, BSN, RN, CHPN, executive director of Ohio's Hospice Loving Care. She has been a registered nurse for more than 20 years with experience in acute care, continuing care retirement communities, skilled nursing facilities, and nursing education. For the past 15 years, she has served in hospice leadership.

In her role as executive director, Baker will bring mission-focused leadership to Ohio's Hospice Loving Care. She is committed to building a strong care team to provide hospice care to patients and their families in Madison and Union counties.

"At Ohio's Hospice Loving Care, we're committed to setting the highest standard of care to ensure that everyone in our care has access to world-class end-of-life care," Baker said. "I am looking forward to working with the care team at Ohio's Hospice Loving Care to provide superior



care and superior services to each patient and family we have the honor and privilege of serving."

# In Memory & Honor of Our Loved Ones

"If I had a flower for every time I thought of you ... I could walk through my garden forever."

- Alfred Lord Tennyson

In appreciation for the superior care and superior services Ohio's Hospice Loving Care provides.

Each year we give family members an opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones by participating in our Memorial Day mailing. Listed below are these special remembrances. Loved ones being recognized are printed in green with the names of those who are honoring/memorializing them appearing below in black, if requested.

Ada Beachy

James R. Bowen

Larry Eastman
Paula Eastman

Mildred Good

Carl A. Guzzo
Tim & Gina Peart

Ralph Kleiber

Steve Masters

Mary Miller
Marie Slabaugh

Rick Ormeroid
Karen Ormeroid

**Donald Phillips** 

Betty Poffenberger Iodi Osborne

Elizabeth Ann (Betsy) Schott

Don & Marian Eberhard;

Amy, Derrick & Grace Villa;

Andy, Amelia, & Alivia Eberhard

Jim Senecal Marianne Senecal

Carlene K. Smallwood
Gary Smallwood

Cindy Stuthard

Patricia A. Swain Melissa Brickner & Gary Swain

## Our Volunteers at Evening With the Stars Event

As part of National Volunteer Month, Ohio's Hospice Loving Care recognized its dedicated volunteers at the Evening With the Stars recognition event on April 21 at Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio.

"Our volunteers are an important part of our mission to celebrate the lives of those we have the privilege of serving by providing superior care and superior services to each patient and family," said Annetta

Dellinger, manager of volunteer services at Ohio's Hospice Loving Care. "We're grateful for our amazing volunteers and the difference they make in the lives of the patients and families we are honored to serve."

When the volunteers arrived at the event, they walked on a red carpet lined with their pictures in stars while staff paparazzi took pictures. Gold stars outlined in lights covered the photo booth and stage, shining a light on volunteers as they were honored for their time and skills. After dinner, the volunteers were surprised to find that each one had a gold envelope with a personal note written inside. Each volunteer received a starshaped trophy and a certificate.



Two volunteers were recognized for their outstanding commitment to the hospice mission. Liz Yutzy received special recognition for 25 years of volunteering with Ohio's Hospice Loving Care. John Dellinger was recognized for volunteering 257 hours of service in 2021.







#### for Attending the 30th Annual Patty Boerger Golf Scramble

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Ohio's Hospice Loving Care's Annual Patty Boerger Golf Scramble on June 18 at The Ridge Golf & Gardens in Marysville, Ohio. Since 1993, our supporters have loved taking to the course for a fun day of golf, dinner and prizes.

Thanks to the participation of our sponsors and golfers, we raised more than \$21,000 to support patient and family services. We are incredibly grateful to this great community who help support our mission. Thank you to our sponsors!

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# Thank you

#### for Attending Our Inaugural Butterfly Release Ceremony

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our first-ever Celebrating Life's Stories® Butterfly Release on August 7 at French Hen Farm in Marysville, Ohio. More than 100 butterflies were released into the air, all in memory of a loved one. Net proceeds from the Butterfly Release support bereavement services through Ohio's Hospice Loving Care's Pathways of Hopes Grief Counseling Center. Pathways of Hope offers grief support to families and friends of hospice patients and anyone in the community who is grieving a loss. We are grateful to our generous sponsors for their support of our mission.



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