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Melva Max,
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Dr. Ted Max

"Light Up A Life" Celebrates 25 Years

During the holiday season many people search for meaningful ways to remember their loved ones who have passed away. Each year for the past 25 years Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. has helped members of the community to honor or remember someone special with a personalized ornament tag on our holiday trees.

The "Light Up A Life" tradition continues this year with Chairperson Melva Max returning for her eighth year coordinating our event that lights up our area and our hearts. Melva and her husband, Dr. Ted Max, have been loyal supporters of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for many years.

"I invite you to join me in celebrating 25 years of growth and compassion by giving in memory of your loved one or honoring someone special in your life." – Melva Max

Personalized ornament tags recall the memory of someone special, pay tribute to individuals or groups who have made a difference, and honor men and women serving in the military. We are happy to notify honorees or family members of those memorialized by your gift. Please provide us with their name and address, and our dedicated volunteers will send them a "Light Up A Life" acknowledgement card.

Thank you to our major sponsor, Excellus BlueCross Blue Shield-Utica Region, and our media and advertising sponsors, Cathedral Corporation, WKTV, Big Frog 104 and WIBX.



Please visit our holiday trees at the following locations:

Holiday Tree Locations

Sangertown New Hartford
Friday, November 16 —
Friday, December 28, 2007

**AmeriCU Black River Blvd
and Griffiss Park, Rome and
Commercial Drive, Yorkville**
Monday, November 26 —
Friday, December 21, 2007

**Oneida Savings Bank
Hamilton & Oneida**
Thursday, November 29 —
Friday, December 21, 2007

Kinney Drugs Old Forge
Thursday, November 29 —
Sunday, December 9, 2007

Little Falls Antique Ctr Little Falls
Sunday, November 25 —
Friday, December 21, 2007

WAL★MART Herkimer
Saturday, December 1 —
Saturday, December 22, 2007

Honorary Chairpersons



Eleanor Wertimer

"My four siblings and I, all upwards of 70, could not have endured the death of our beloved sister without Hospice. Hospice does not tell you what to do. It finds you where you are at and what you need to have done. At the end it helps you to let your loved one go. All five of us are privileged to support "Light Up A Life".



John Emery
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"It's great to be a part of an organization that can help people and their families at such a critical time in their lives. I am honored."



James Wasielewski
AmeriCU Credit Union
Board Member

"Please join me in supporting Hospice this year as you memorialize those special loved ones who are no longer with you."



Joel Meltzer
Operations Manager
WMCR FM/AM

"The Light Up A Life" Campaign is a fantastic way to memorialize a loved one during the holiday season, while at the same time helping to support the good work of Hospice & Palliative Care. All of us at WMCR hope you will take part in this worthwhile effort."

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A Message from the Executive Director

**Another summer is gone and the fall season is upon us.
Often a favorite time of year, fall is a time of reflection
and thanks; a time to review what has been
accomplished and what remains to be done.**

Glenn Beville, Executive Director



Director's Message

In reflection, fall is the time to celebrate **National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.** Throughout the month of November, hospice professionals and volunteers work to raise awareness of this invaluable system of care. Hospice is more than traditional healthcare. Hospice and palliative care programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, spiritual support and bereavement support to patients and their families when a cure is not possible. Hospice and palliative care combines the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that families need most when facing the end of life.

Touching upon a few of our accomplishments, **Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. celebrated thirty years** of bringing comfort, compassion and dignity to patients and families during one of life's most important journeys. Since its humble beginnings in 1977, Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. has been welcomed into thousands of homes.

Our Service to the Community Continues to Grow – In keeping with our mission – to provide quality, compassionate end-of-life care to all that want and need it throughout the communities we serve – the number of patients and families served throughout 2007 continues to expand beyond levels attained in 2005 and 2006.

Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Completes Landscape Project – The final phase of a two-phase landscape improvement project at the HPCI campus was completed earlier this year. Funded by a generous grant from the Butler Conservation Fund the final phase included a wheelchair accessible concrete walking path, mowed walking paths, benches and extensive tree, shrub and flower plantings. The landscaping, although carefully planned and executed, incorporated the existing terrain and foliage to create a natural environment that has enhanced the overall beauty of our campus and has served to create a tranquil environment for the benefit of

our patients, families, staff and visitors to both our offices and the Siegenthaler Center. The first phase of the project, completed last fall, included the construction of a covered and lighted walkway at the entrance to the Siegenthaler Center and various trees and shrubs surrounding the front of the campus.

Room to Grow – Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. is expanding its administrative offices to accommodate current and anticipated growth in patient care staff in response to a growing patient census. The project, expected to be completed by the end of 2007, will provide additional workspace to accommodate nearly twenty patient services employees.

New offices for the Community Support Center – Due to growth in Community Support Center (CSC) services and the need for space at the Hospice main office, additional offices for the CSC were established at the Dove Medical Center on Middle Settlement Road in New Hartford. This new space creates an environment to better serve the current needs of our community and provide for future growth. An open house to introduce our new location to the professional community was held on November 1.

Most importantly, thanks to everyone that has contributed to the success of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Thanks to all of our volunteers that give the gift of their time and talent, thanks to all of our employees who demonstrate everyday their dedication to our mission and thanks to all that contribute to our success through direct financial support and financial support of community organizations that support hospice.

It has been a good year, not without its challenges, and there is much that remains to be accomplished, but with your continued support, HPCI will continue to reach ever-higher goals.

Sincerely, Glenn

Why I serve on the HPCI Board of Directors

— By Marietta vonBernuth, HPCI, Board President



The Hospice movement and its philosophy always appealed to me but when my mother became terminally ill, I learned first hand what a difference hospice care makes. Deeply grateful, I willingly accepted an invitation a year later to serve on the Development Council, which eventually led to a position on the board.

I quickly learned that Hospice attracts a remarkable group of people, whether it's staff, volunteers, or board members. Working with and getting to know these people has been inspiring, interesting and fun. In becoming familiar with the services Hospice offers the community -- and the way the community supports Hospice -- I've gained a lesson in civics and economics, as well as health care.

But the heart of my attachment to Hospice is my firm belief that the organization performs an invaluable service, one that I am proud to be associated with.

Siegenthaler Center Letter

Dear Glenn,

I am a hospice volunteer, but have never had a personal experience with the Siegenthaler Center before. However, my daughter-in-law's great aunt spent her remaining days there, which gave me the opportunity to view first hand how patients are treated and cared for.

We were all very impressed with the knowledge, care and compassion of all the people working there and also the volunteers. She was allowed to maintain her dignity throughout her stay. The rooms are set up beautifully and where the beds are situated in the rooms it gives the patient complete privacy from anyone who passes in the hall, should the door be open.

The "living room" and the kitchen provided a wonderful atmosphere for those of us who visited. The convenience of the kitchen was certainly welcomed by those who stayed a long time. Some even said it was more like a beautiful hotel rather than a hospital.

I had been asked many times about the Siegenthaler Center and could never really answer questions...now I feel I can very proudly recommend it for anyone who needs it.

Sincerely, Bertha Lawson
Hospice & Palliative Care Volunteer

Bereavement Support Groups

To register for these free groups, call Gina Ashmore or Linda Clark, Hospice Bereavement Counselors, at 735-6484 or 1-800-317-5661. All groups meet at the Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Office at 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, except where otherwise noted.

WHAT ABOUT ME?

A **monthly** art therapy group for children ages 5-12 years old whose loved one has died. **Meets the third Wednesday of each month from 4:15-5:45 p.m.**

JOURNEY TOGETHER

A group that provides social activities for the bereaved. Call Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for a list of activities or call Bill or Joan Riemenschneider at 736-6373 for more information.

HOSPICE WALKERS

Meets at Sangertown Square Mall in front of Macy's. For any adult who has experienced a death. **Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. (and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.)** Contact Nan Hyde at 737-5833, Rosemary O'Leary at 797-2795, Regina English at 736-7881, Gloria McRorie at 737-5103 or Bertha Lawson at 724-5026.



HOSPICE WALKERS (continued)

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. This group is only for newly bereaved whose loved one died a year ago or less. Contact Rosemary O'Leary at 797-2795 or Gloria McRorie at 737-5103.

HERKIMER COUNTY WALKERS

For any adult who has experienced a loss. **Meets every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.** at Herkimer County Community College Physical Education Building at the Inside Track on Reservoir Road, Herkimer.

WATERVILLE PASSAGES

For any bereaved adult who has experienced the death of a loved one. Meetings are held the **third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m.** at the Waterville Public Library Program Room, 206 White Street, Waterville.

SAVE THE DATE:

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS – For any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one. This workshop will focus on how to cope with the upcoming holidays. **Meets Wednesday, December 12, 2007 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and another session meets from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Many contributors help Hospice provide its excellent and essential services to patients and their families in our community through memorial gifts. Memorial gifts offer a meaningful expression of one's sympathy, love and respect when remembering family members and friends. We're particularly grateful to those who designate Hospice as beneficiary of memorials encouraging donations be made in memory of their loved one. Appropriate notification and acknowledgement of all memorial gifts is sent to both the family and the donor. Unrestricted gifts of this kind help Hospice continue to provide special care and support to patients with advanced illness and their families.

This feature lists memorial gifts made to Hospice. Space limitations permit only donations of \$25 or more between January 1, 2007 – June 30, 2007 in memory of those listed below, whether the individual was under the care of Hospice or not. To the family and friends of those remembered, we express our condolences. If there is an error or omission, please contact the Hospice Development Office at 735-6487 ext. 249.

Note: Donations made to the Annual Appeal and other fundraising events are not included in this list.

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WEBSITE UPDATE

As more and more people turn to the internet for information, many not-for-profits have spent considerable time and resources to make their websites more responsive to their constituents' needs. Hospice is no exception, and we are pleased to announce that the first phase of our upgrade, "Giving to Hospice," has been completed.

For information on a multitude of topics, including methods of giving to Hospice, upcoming special events and Hospice projects and news, go to hospicecareinc.org, click on "Giving to Hospice" and select a section from the drop down menu. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or comments.

SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE TO HOSPICE

You can make a huge difference in people's lives, and you do not have to be Warren Buffett or Bill Gates to make a significant gift whose benefits can begin to be realized in your lifetime or deferred for the future benefit of Hospice. Either way, the benefits of your generosity will last for generations.

The conventional methods of giving, cash and/or equities, are also among the easiest and most popular ways to give, but many other giving options exist.

For prospective donors who rely on investment-generated income, life income gifts, including charitable trusts and charitable gift annuities provide an opportunity to make a significant contribution while ensuring an income stream and reaping tax benefits.

For donors who want to ensure that their estates provide for their loved ones and the organizations which are important to them, bequests under will may be the best way to make sure that their wishes are realized.

Unconventional gifts, gifts that could very well be compatible with your estate plan AND your philanthropic goals, include real estate (in its many variations) or life insurance, a potentially idle asset if it is no longer needed for the purposes for which it was purchased!

For more detailed descriptions of these, and many other gift giving methods, please see the newly updated Development website. Click on the "Giving to Hospice" link at hospicecareinc.org and select "Ways of Giving" from the drop down menu.

GET ON THE "A" LIST!

Well, okay, it's not the Hollywood "A" list, but those on the Hospice Care Foundation's "A" list receive informative and timely mailings on planned giving topics 3-4 times per year. Recent topics have included "Wills with a Twist", "Your Guide to Gifts of Real Estate" and the comprehensive and easily readable "Planning Strategies" brochure.

If you are a Hospice supporter, or if you are a financial planner, we would love to add you to our "A" list. If you would like to receive these periodic mailings, if you would like a copy of any of the brochures listed above, or if you would like to suggest a topic for a future mailing, please contact Fritz Barns at 735-6487, ext. 234.

HERE COMES ANOTHER DEADLINE FROM THE IRS

Deadlines. We are sure you have enough of them, but we would be remiss if we didn't remind you that unless Congress reauthorizes the Pension Protection Act of 2006, you only have until December 31, 2007 to take advantage of a unique opportunity for donors who want to make a gift to Hospice.

If you are at least 70 years old, and if you are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA this year, this legislation allows you to take your RMD and donate up to \$100,000 to a qualified charity without having to pay any income tax on the amount withdrawn and donated.

ANNUAL APPEAL IN FULL SWING

The Hospice Care Foundation's 2007 Annual Appeal of Hope was launched in late August. Thousands of generous and loyal Hospice supporters from central New York and across our nation were asked to consider making an annual gift to help advance the mission of Hospice & Palliative Care. Annual gifts are vitally important to not-for-profits as they provide a generally unrestricted stream of revenue to assist them in funding their most pressing needs. If you have already given to the Annual Appeal, thank you. If you have not yet given and would like information about the Appeal or about the Circles of Caring Annual Giving Society, please contact Fritz Barns at the number listed above. As always, you can count on Hospice to be efficient stewards of your generous contributions.

Boy Scout Tony Cangello and Troop 4

My name is Tony Cangello and I am a Boy Scout with Troop 4 in New Hartford. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout. My Eagle Scout Project was to construct three bird feeders and three benches and place them outside the windows of the patients of the Siegenthaler Center in New Hartford, NY. I also planted a ring of flowers around the bird feeder posts to create a more relaxed atmosphere for the Hospice patients.

I know about Hospice through my grandfather, Michael Cangello, who volunteers for Hospice and my cousin, Sean Reilly, who recently passed away from Rhabdomyosarcoma and was cared for by Hospice. I have helped volunteer for Hospice events before, but this was an honor for me to be able to help in another way.

What Hospice employees and volunteers do for their patients and families is wonderful and inspires me to also want to make the patients' stay at the Siegenthaler Center both comforting and relaxing.

My fellow scouts and I had a great time building the benches and bird feeders and installing them along with the landscaping.

I would like to personally thank everyone at Hospice with a special thanks to Glenn Beville and Joanne Moskal for their help in making this project possible.



Glenn Beville, Executive Director and Boy Scout Tony Cangello in front of one of the bird feeders constructed by Troop 4 in New Hartford.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 4 in New Hartford.

Wish List for Homecomings

Holiday gifts for children who have lost a parent;

- Gift certificates for Target, WalMart, Toys R Us, Chuck E. Cheese and Marquee Theater
- Holiday wrapping paper
- New art supplies including crayons, markers, paper and paints

Items for the Siegenthaler Center

- Twin size new sheets in packages – Sage green or beige, solid color, minimum 300 thread count
- Towels and wash cloths - sage green color

Auction Items for the 2008 Epicurean Delight (new items only please)

- Spa packages
- Gift certificates to local businesses
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- Vacation Packages

To make a donation of these items please call the Hospice Development Office at 315-735-6487 ext. 249; or items may be dropped off at 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford.

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Remember your loved one in a special way.*



2007 Event

TELETHON — Phone Number 1-800-411-6367

We are pleased to offer you a meaningful and unique way to honor your loved one's memory. During the telethon from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. we will air a series of memorials. For a donation of \$100 or more, you can submit a photograph of your special loved one to be aired during a special memorial segment of the telethon. The memorial segments are a series of photographs set to music. Each photograph is individualized with your loved one's name, their date of birth and their date of death.

We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity — what a

wonderful way to remember your loved one! Your photograph must be an individual, close-up photograph no smaller than 2" x 3" and no larger than 3" x 4". **Please send your donation and a photograph of your loved one by Wed., November 28, 2007 to Hospice & Palliative Care, Attn: Telethon Memorials, 4277 Middle Settlement Rd., New Hartford 13413.** Remember to print your loved one's name, date of birth, and date of death on the back of your photo along with your address so that we may return your photo to you. Donations are deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Save the Dates for 2008

2008 Events

Epicurean Delight - Sunday, April 6, 2008- 6:00-9:00pm

Thirty years of the area's finest restaurants gather together for this food tasting event. Over 500 guests attend Epicurean Delight at the Hart's Hill Inn each year to enjoy the delicious food, entertainment, and live auction featuring various spa, restaurant and travel packages, artwork and more. This fundraiser is one of HPCI's most recognizable and enjoyable events!

The Hospice Memorial Golf Tournament - Friday, June 27, 2008 - Shotgun start at noon

The Valley View Country Club in Utica, NY is the home of our 2008 tournament. With lush greens and a good cause at hand, it's easy to see why 144 golfers each year are eager to join us. The tournament features lunch, contests along the course, dinner, raffle prizes, goody bags and awards following play.

Butterfly Release Celebration – Wednesday, August 6, 2008- 6:00 pm

The second annual butterfly release will be held on the Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. grounds. According to American Indian legend, if someone whispers a wish to a butterfly and then releases it, that wish will come true. The butterflies will be available for purchase in memory or honor of a loved one.

For more information, please call the Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Development Office at 735-6487 ext. 249.



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