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The Butterfly Release Celebration!

The Butterfly Release Celebration
Wednesday, August 1, 2007
at 5:30 p.m.
(rain date Thursday, August 2nd)
at
Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.
4277 Middle Settlement Road
New Hartford, NY 13413

A life-affirming expression of hope and peace, our Butterfly Release Celebration is a unique opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones by sponsoring a butterfly in their name. Their release signifies freedom and happiness. The highlight of the Butterfly Release will be the individual release and flight of over 100 Monarch butterflies accompanied by live music and followed by refreshments on the beautiful grounds of Hospice & Palliative Care.

Sponsorship is \$25 per butterfly or five for \$100. To ensure acknowledgement of your loved one in our program, all butterfly orders must be received by July 25th. If you are not able to attend the Butterfly Release Celebration we will be happy to release your butterflies for you. To sponsor butterflies you can complete and return the enclosed enve-

lope or contact the Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Development Office at (315)735-6487 ext. 249.

The proceeds from the Butterfly Release will be used to support Children's Bereavement programs at Hospice including children's and teen support groups, individual counseling, children's remembrance services and children's bereavement literature. These programs are for children who have experienced the loss of a parent, sibling, grandparent, friend or classmate.

(We have ensured that proper protocols are followed for the release of the butterflies through the assistance of the NYS Department of Agriculture and Cornell Cooperative Extension.)



*Join the celebration
as we release
our butterflies.*

*Enjoy music and refreshments
on our beautiful grounds.*

Butterfly Release

Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc: 30 Years of Caring

Glenn Beville, Executive Director

This year, Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. marks thirty years of bringing comfort, compassion and dignity to patients and families during one of life's most important journeys.

As we celebrate this occasion, I thought I would take this opportunity to review some of the organization's milestones over the past thirty years.



A few years after the introduction of the hospice concept in the United States, Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. began in **1977** as a volunteer based organization founded by Dr. William Krause, Joan Murphy, Pi Gentile and others. Nearly all hospices at the time were volunteer based organizations seeking to provide a unique service to those suffering from a life-limiting illness.

30 years of caring

The introduction of the Medicare Hospice Benefit in **1982** recognized the value that hospice services can bring to Medicare enrollees and transformed the hospice movement. The benefit became permanent in **1985** and allowed states to include hospice services in their Medicaid programs. As a result, hospice services became available to an ever increasing proportion of the population.

Other key events in our history include:

1987 ~ Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. was awarded by New York State the opportunity to serve patients and families in Madison County. Prior to that time Madison County was not served by any hospice program.

1993 ~ Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. had more than one place it called home over the previous sixteen years, some borrowed, some rented, but 1993 marked the move to our current base on Middle Settlement Road in New Hartford. From this central location Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. serves patients and families in three counties.

2002 ~ Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. was awarded by New York State the opportunity to provide hospice services in Herkimer County. Sadly, the hospice program that served Herkimer County at that time had lost its county funding and closed. Although, Hospice & Palliative Care is based in New Hartford, we take our service to the residents of Herkimer County seriously and have witnessed an average 6% annual increase in the number of patients served in Herkimer County since 2002.

2005 ~ Marked the opening of the Siegenthaler Center hospice residence facility for terminally ill hospice patients and their families whose medical conditions or care giving needs do not allow them to remain in their homes. To date, the Center has served over 100 patients and families from Oneida, Madison and Herkimer Counties.

2006 ~ Marked a significant growth in our service to the communities we serve with over 650 patient and families served in 2006, a 17% increase over 2005 and marked by increases in all counties served.

In 2007 and beyond ~ Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. will continue to build on the foundation of the previous thirty years to provide the special care that is called hospice.

This is by no means a complete history and listing of milestones. One important thread that connects the years is the commitment by the board of directors and staff to the hospice movement and to the organization. Another important thread is YOU as a member of the communities we serve. You have been with us every step of the way, and we could not have had the impact we have had without your donation of time and talent as a volunteer, your direct financial support and your support of community organizations that support hospice.

Here's to thirty more years of serving the hospice needs of the community.

Sincerely, Glenn

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Director's Message

The Face of Hospice... Volunteer of the Year ~ Jim Mullin



Glenn Beville, Exec. Director with Jim Mullin, Volunteer

Offering bereavement support to grieving family members is an integral part of the services Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. provides. Jim Mullin completed hospice volunteer training 13 years ago and has devoted his volunteer time to helping others deal with the devastating loss of those they loved.

Jim's wife Karen died of cancer in 1992. In Jim's words, Karen's death "changed my life forever." They were a devoted couple who worked together, built dreams together, and had recently bought a lovely vintage home just across the road from their business. With Karen's death, their dreams died as well. Jim, a young widower, began to search for ways to understand and deal with the debilitating grief and sense of loss he was experiencing; writing his thoughts and feelings in a journal was his first step. This process helped him to identify and express the depth of his emotions.

Jim's need to search for others who had experienced a similar loss led him to a Hospice bereavement support group. Patricia Shenberger, Director of Social Services and The Community Support Center at HPCI, said, "**Jim's ability to articulate his grief was inspiring. He expressed his feelings and thoughts in words that touched everyone because they were experiencing them, too. Jim was an active participant in the group and demonstrated leadership ability even then by instinctively reaching out to the others in the group to ease their pain, even as he dealt with his own.**"

A year after Karen's death, Jim applied to become a hospice volunteer. He wanted to "give back" to Hospice and continue to help others through the journey of grief and loss.

Filomena Salsbury, a hospice volunteer who has facilitated groups with Jim, explains why he is so good at what he does: "**It's the way he talks to people... like a friend.**"

Jim has a special place in his heart for young widows and widowers. He facilitated the Rainbow Group which was designed to meet their

unique needs. Jim was instrumental in the formation of a group called "Over the Rainbow" to aid individuals in the transition of social interaction within a safe and structured environment. For those needing additional support, or who weren't quite ready to attend a support group, Jim would offer one-on-one telephone support. A compassionate listener, his individualized attention was pivotal in helping a person take the next step.

It was through one of these groups that Jim met Carolyn Canary. As Carolyn puts it, "When I lost my husband, I couldn't function and my children were seriously worried about me." After reading about the Rainbow Group, she decided to attend and met Jim for the first time. She cried during the entire first session and couldn't even manage to introduce herself to the group. Jim shared his personal experience about losing his wife. Carolyn said it meant so much that someone else understood what she was going through, and Jim's loss lent credibility to the discussion on ways to cope. He had been there.

The group was just what she needed. Jim's suggestions for coping with anniversaries, birthdays and holidays were invaluable and gave her the courage to go on without her life partner and best friend. Carolyn said Jim's sense of timing in facilitating the Rainbow Group was phenomenal. He managed to throw in humor at just the right time. Group members could go from tears to laughter after hearing one of Jim's "stories."

Jim's example led Carolyn to become a hospice volunteer. She also wanted to "give back" for all the help she received and provide support and understanding to others who were grieving.

At a recent bereavement seminar for widows, Jim presented a workshop on home and auto repair. His energetic and informative presentation empowered the participants and increased their confidence. Megan McKeon, the coordinator of the event, was amazed at Jim's knowledge and expertise.

When our inpatient hospice residence, The Siegenthaler Center, opened in 2005, Jim agreed to be one of the many volunteers who help to make this final home for our patients a pleasant place to be. With his friendly manner and engaging grin, he makes everyone feel "at home."

Hundreds of people have benefited from Jim Mullin's kindness, generosity, and compassion. He is truly "the face of Hospice" for many bereaved men and women. They came through our door, sat down around a table with perfect strangers and left after a few weeks with new friends, renewed hope for the future and a more peaceful heart.

Jim Mullin's life was changed forever after the loss of his wife, but with courage and determination, Jim found a way to change others' lives for the better.

Connie Ferguson Selected For DOVE Award

Connie Ferguson was selected by the Valley Health Services Palliative Care Center as the 2006 recipient of the Dove Award.

As nursing home liaison for Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., Mrs. Ferguson's work in the field of palliative care made her an easy choice as a recipient of this recognition.

Lisa M. Betrus, CEO/administrator of Valley Health Services, stated, "Early in 2004 as Connie embarked on her new role with Hospice, she immediately recognized the "culture shock" experienced by Hospice staff members as they entered long-term care facilities to assist a hospice patient and the facility's nursing personnel to develop a meaningful and caring relationship. Her initiative and significant accomplishments in a relatively short period of time, easily brought her name to the top of the list of possible recipients.



Left - Lisa M. Betrus, CEO/Administrator of Valley Health Services
Right - Connie Ferguson, Nursing Home Liaison

"As important as it is to understand and quickly assess the family dynamics of a hospice patient in the home setting, it is equally as important to assess the same within a long-term care environment. Connie accomplishes this while determining how best to communicate with staff members of both organizations and achieve the best possible outcome for patients and their families."

Betrus concludes, "Specifically to Valley Health Services, Mrs. Ferguson compassionately and efficiently meshes the work of VHS palliative care staff members with that of Hospice personnel. This creates a caring, comforting and warm atmosphere for the resident and their families."

Memorial Gifts To Hospice

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 July 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 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 Development Office at (315) 735-6487 ext. 249.

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FOUNDATION BOOK SIGNING EVENT A FIRST AND A SUCCESS

During the fourth quarter of 2006, the Hospice Care Foundation Board made the decision to host a series of special events to broaden public awareness of the Foundation's mission and to complement its major gifts and annual appeal work. With that decision, the Board undertook to develop an event that would be unique, intriguing and fun, and the idea for a book signing and dinner was born.

*Hotel Utica, February 1, 2007
book signing and dinner
Joseph Kanon, best-selling author
of The Good German, Alibi,
Los Alamos and others*



Fortunately for the Foundation who really was not certain where to begin, Marietta von Bernuth is very good friends with Joseph Kanon, best-selling author of The Good German, Alibi, Los Alamos and others, and Marietta convinced Mr. Kanon to share his wit and charm and erudition with more than 75 loyal supporters of Hospice at the Hotel Utica on February 1. Following a delectable dinner, Mr. Kanon, who frequently weaves historical elements, Holocaust motifs and moral dilemmas into his fiction, spoke on the topic "Writing the Past." Many of the questions that followed made reference to the movie adaptation of The Good German. The movie, directed by Steven Soderbergh, stars George Clooney and Cate Blanchett, and takes place in post-war Berlin. For more information on Mr. Kanon and his work, please visit his website at www.josephkanon.com.

All in attendance agreed that the Foundation's first event was wonderfully entertaining, and the book signing netted more than \$4,500 which will enable the Foundation to continue its strong support of the good work of Hospice. Stay tuned for future events or visit the Foundation's website at www.hospicecareinc.org.

RETIREMENT PLAN GIVING

By virtue of their tax-deferred nature, retirement plan assets, including IRAs and 401(k) and 403(b) accounts, play an extremely important role in estate planning. Because retirement accounts may be subject to income and estate taxes with a combined marginal rate that can exceed 65% on large, taxable estates, more and more philanthropically-inclined individuals are looking at carefully planned charitable gifts to reduce or avoid these taxes.

If you and your financial consultants believe that a retirement plan gift (or any planned gift) to Hospice is the ideal expression of your philanthropic intent, please contact Fritz Barns at (315) 735-6487, ext. 234.

HOSPICE IS GROWING AND SEEKS YOUR HELP

These are exciting times for the dedicated professionals who bring comforting and therapeutic hospice services to the growing number of patients who we serve in their homes, the Siegenthaler Center or other residence of choice. Hospice has entered a period of unparalleled, sustained census growth, and the opportunity for further census growth is significant as underscored by the fact that the number of patients served in 2006 (659) grew by 17% over the number of patients served in 2005 (563).

As we reach out more broadly to make our services available to everyone who is eligible for and wants those services, we are finding it a challenge to properly allocate our resources, particularly office space for our clinical and administrative team. Further, as we make additional inroads in community awareness and clinical excellence, it is imperative that we add key staff people, including a full-time medical director. As we effect these changes, the demand on resources continues to grow.

After much study, it appears that the most cost effective and logistically feasible solution is to add 1,000 square feet to our existing facility on Middle Settlement Road. To this end, detailed working drawings will be submitted shortly to several contractors for bids, and, with luck, construction could begin this summer.

While we at Hospice continue to strengthen our position as the pre-eminent provider of quality, compassionate end-of-life services, our growth comes at a cost. We hope that you will consider helping us grow, and if you would like to be a philanthropic partner in any of our growth-oriented initiatives, please contact Glenn Beville or Fritz Barns at 735-6484.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT TO HELP FUND FULL- TIME MEDICAL DIRECTOR, ADVANCE HOSPICE MISSION

Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. is pleased to announce a \$50,000 grant award from The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc.'s Faxton Street Home and Olive S. Quackenbush Funds. The grant will assist Hospice with first-year funding of a full-time medical director.

In the award letter Community Foundation President & CEO, Peggy O'Shea, noted that the Foundation's Grants Committee was impressed by Hospice's "comprehensive plan including the need and benefits of having a full-time medical director." Ms. O'Shea noted further that the Community Foundation was pleased to once again support the meaningful work and far-reaching impact of Hospice within the central New York region.

Hospice's full-time medical director will complement and expand upon the fine work of Hospice's six part-time medical directors. The medical director will be responsible for the overall care and treatment of Hospice patients and will direct all aspects of clinical training and credentialing to ensure professional excellence throughout the organization. The medical director will also be responsible for increasing community awareness of Hospice services and for ensuring that Hospice is available to all patients who want and need our services in Oneida, Herkimer and eastern Madison Counties.

In addition to this most recent grant, The Community Foundation also currently provides funding for the acclaimed "What About Me? Grief in the Classroom" program in the Utica public schools and for a number of smaller programs that also have significant impact in our community. Hospice is truly grateful to The Community Foundation for its civic vision and support.

The Community Support Center Is Expanding

Community Support Center

The Community Support Center provides some of the most important and enriching services in our region by helping individuals manage many of life's changes by providing counseling and support for those facing illness, caregiver stress, or the loss of a loved one.

Services are provided in a variety of settings including office counseling for anyone under 65 and in-home counseling for ages 65 and older. Counseling is also available for cancer patients in local oncology offices and for children dealing with all types of losses within ten Utica city schools.

To better serve our clients and respond to the growth in referrals, The Community Support Center is moving to the Dove Medical Park at 5350 Middle Settlement Road. Our new office will increase the availability of counseling to three counseling rooms and a conference room for counseling that will serve families. The new facility will provide a setting that is inviting, soothing, and confidential. The impact of these services extends in a positive way far beyond the individual to their families, co-workers, and our community.



To support and become a part of this exciting expansion of The Community Support Center, Hospice is offering naming rights to each of the four counseling rooms. Your contribution can be dedicated in memory or in honor of an individual or group and will be

prominently displayed within The Community Support Center. For more information on how the programs of The Community Support Center can assist you or someone you know, or for more information on how to support our expansion efforts, contact Patty Shenberger, Director of Social Services and The Community Support Center, at 735-6487 x243.

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Dove Medical Park
5350 Middle Settlement Road,
New Hartford, NY*

2007 - 2008 Volunteer Training

Being a Hospice volunteer may be one of the most unique, exciting and rewarding experiences of your life.

CLASS MEETS ONCE A WEEK – CAR POOLING AVAILABLE

2007				
Location	Day	Dates	Time	Pre-Register by
Rome	Tuesday	Sept. 25-Oct. 23	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Sept. 17, 2007
New Hartford	Thursday	Oct. 4-Nov. 1	6:15-9:15 p.m.	Sept. 17, 2007
2008				
Location	Day	Dates	Time	Pre-Register by
New Hartford	Monday	Mar. 24-Apr. 21	6:15-9:15 p.m.	March 17, 2008
Oneida	Wednesday	Mar. 26-Apr. 23	6:15-9:15 p.m.	March 17, 2008
New Hartford	Tuesday	Sept. 30-Oct. 28	6:15-9:15 p.m.	Sept. 22, 2008
Herkimer	Thursday	Oct. 2-Oct. 30	6:15-9:15 p.m.	Sept. 22, 2008

For more information contact Kate Doran, Volunteer Services Supervisor at 735-6484, ext. 240.

Volunteer Classes

Save These Dates

Join us for these upcoming Golf Tournaments to benefit Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.

- Jennie Pickett Memorial Golf Tournament – Saturday, July 14 at Maplecrest Golf Course, Frankfort, NY
- Big Moose Classic Golf Tournament – Friday, August 10 at Inlet Golf Course, Inlet, NY

For more information about these tournaments and how you can support them, please contact the Hospice Development Office at 735-6487 ext. 249.

What About Me?

What About Me?

THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER OF HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE, INC.

is sponsoring a monthly bereavement group for children 5 to 12 years old called...

This group is for any child who has experienced a death of a loved one.

MEETS	The Third Wednesday of every month
TIME	4:15-5:45 p.m.
LOCATION	Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, NY 13413



This is an opportunity to give children a voice to heal their grief in a healthy and creative way. Please have a parent/guardian call Gina Ashmore at 735-6484 or 1-800-317-5661 to register their child for this free group.

Epicurean Delight Still Going Strong

2008 Event

After 20 years, Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.'s Epicurean Delight is still going strong. The event features gourmet foods from our area's finest restaurants, great entertainment, a live auction, and incredible raffle prizes. This year's Epicurean Delight attracted 560 guests and raised over \$53,000. **Next year's Epicurean Delight will be held on Sunday, April 6, at Hart's Hill Inn.**

In preparation of next year's Epicurean Delight, the Development Council is asking the community for donations. **"A few examples of items from previous auctions include: lessons with**

a personal trainer, spa packages, gift certificates to local businesses, furniture, time share usage, and much more," shared Doreen Nicholls, Epicurean Delight Chairperson. All kinds of goods are welcome, but the items must be new to ensure that the auction is a success.

All monies raised from the event go to support Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.'s services and programs. **If you would like to donate an item for next year's event, please contact Laurie Barr, Development Supervisor at 735-6487, ext. 249.**



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