

For Friends and  
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Hospice  
& Palliative  
Care, Inc.  
Serving Oneida,  
Herkimer and  
Eastern Madison  
Counties



# Home Comings



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Melva Max,  
Chairperson  
and  
Dr. Ted Max

## "Light Up A Life" Holiday Season

**"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."** –Author Unknown

The holiday season is a time to share memories, remember loved ones, exchange gifts, and celebrate friendships. **"Light Up A Life" is a holiday tradition which offers us a meaningful way to remember or honor someone who has touched our lives, while making a difference in the lives of others, and at the same time, supporting the mission of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.** Each light on the tree will remind us of someone special who brought light to our lives. Personalized tags naming all those we wish to honor or memorialize will hang from trees across the three counties that we serve as a reminder that our special loved ones have not been forgotten.

The **"Light Up A Life"** tradition continues this year with Melva Max chairing the event for her tenth year and once again will include several tree locations. Through the years, many individuals and businesses sponsoring the event have coordinated these tree locations and volunteered their time to staff the locations, thus making "Light Up a Life" a community event. Family and friends volunteer together in the spirit of giving, and are joined by businesses that make time to volunteer in the very communities that support them.

**"Light Up A Life"** is made possible by our major sponsors, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield - Utica Region and Quadsimia, and our media sponsors, Big Frog 104 and WKTV. Graciously donating our printing and mailing this year are Cathedral Corporation and P.J. Green. Please join our sponsors and chairpersons in supporting "Light Up A Life" by visiting one of our tree locations during the designated dates, or return the enclosed donation card located on page 3 to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.

The Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Development Council raises funds by coordinating special events to help cover costs not reimbursed through Medicare, Medicaid, or third party insurers. **Proceeds from "Light Up A Life" provide patients and families with a peace of mind knowing that their needs will be met.**



Please visit our holiday trees at the following locations:

**Holiday Tree Locations**  
**Sangertown New Hartford**  
Nov. 17 – Dec. 24, 2008

**Hospice & Palliative Care Office**  
**New Hartford**  
Nov. 17 – Dec. 24, 2008

**AmeriCU Credit Union Locations**  
**Black River Blvd and**  
**Griffiss Park, Rome and**  
**Commercial Drive, Yorkville**  
Dec. 1 – Dec. 20, 2008

**Oneida Savings Bank**  
**Hamilton & Oneida**  
Dec. 1 – Dec. 20, 2008

**Kinney Drugs Old Forge**  
Dec. 4 – 14, 2008

**Little Falls Antique Ctr Little Falls**  
Nov. 24 – Dec. 20, 2008

**WAL★MART Herkimer**  
Dec. 1 – Dec. 20, 2008

## Honorary Chairpersons



**Sharon Miazga**  
AmeriCU  
Board Member

"I invite you to join us in supporting this very worthy cause this holiday season. A "Light Up A Life" holiday tree will be on display at AmeriCU's Rome, Griffiss, and Commercial Drive offices through Dec. 21st. For a small donation, you can place a personalized holiday ornament on the tree to honor or memorialize a loved one. Funds raised will support Hospice services. Please help us light up a life and have a joyous holiday."



**Tom Brackett**  
Madison County  
Hospice Volunteer

"Hospice provides professional compassionate care, and love at a time in our lives when we most need them. For that we should all be grateful."



**Albert Mazloom**  
Utica Area  
Hospice Supporter

"Hospice has been most helpful to so many individuals when compassionate care is most needed. They have lighted up the lives of thousands. I ask all of you to join me in supporting the "Light Up A Life" campaign, which will insure this wonderful organization's ability to continue their good work in our community."



**Sue Campagna**  
Herkimer County  
Hospice Foundation

"My favorite quote is by Mother Teresa – *We can do no great things, only small things with great love.* Please join me in supporting the "Light Up A Life" campaign. Your small donation in honor or memory of a loved one will assist the Hospice team in providing great services to terminally ill patients and their families. Thank you for your support."

## A Message from the Executive Director

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Glenn Beville, Executive Director



It's an all too common situation. A family is at the bedside of a loved one who is seriously ill and nearing the end of life. Each member of the family has a different idea of what should be done and what the patient would have wanted.

Far too many people wait until they are in the midst of a health care crisis before thinking about what options are available or what care they or their loved one would have wanted. Hospice professionals deal with these challenging situations every day – that's what we are trained to do.

When a family is coping with a serious illness and cure is no longer possible, hospice provides the type of care most people say they want at the end of life: comfort and dignity. Considered the model for high quality, compassionate care for people with a life-limiting illness, hospice care includes expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support. An inter-disciplinary team of professionals and trained volunteers provides care. The wishes, needs and beliefs of the patient and family are always at the center of care.

*Don't wait  
to talk about  
Hospice*

Most hospice care is provided in the home – where the majority of Americans have said they would want to be at this time. Care is also provided in partnership with nursing facilities, hospitals, assisted living facilities, and our hospice residence the Siegenthaler Center.

Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance plans and HMO's pay for care.

Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. provided care last year to over 650 people and their families across Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties.

Hospice can help with information about care option and choices and ensure you live a fully as possible throughout you entire life. We will make sure your loved ones receive support as well.

One of the best ways to make sure you and your loved ones benefit from hospice, should you ever need this care, is to talk about it before it becomes an issue.

**For more information regarding hospice services please call 315-735-6484 or 1-800-317-5661.**

Director's Message



Glenn Beville, Hospice & Palliative Care Executive Director and Al Carbone tour The Siegenthaler Center.

Al Carbone visits with George Henry recently in the family room of The Siegenthaler Center, which was named in memory of Joseph and Inez Carbone by Al and his brother Don.



## One Enchanted Evening

— By Marietta vonBernuth, Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Board Member



Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. (HPCI) and Mohawk Valley Community College representatives enjoy the reception following the book signing. From left to right: Bill Dustin, MVCC Theater Manager; Joanne Moskal, HPCI Director of Development & Human Resources; Glenn Beville, HPCI Executive Director; Author Elizabeth Gilbert; Marietta von Bernuth, HPCI Board Member & Event Chairperson; Laurie Barr, HPCI Development Supervisor.

Within a minute of appearing on the stage of Mohawk Valley Community College's Theatre, Elizabeth Gilbert, best-selling author of *Eat, Pray, Love*, had the audience in the palm of her hand. An hour later the 450 audience members emerged from the theatre amused, enthused and enlightened.

The talk, given to benefit Hospice, ranged from Ms. Gilbert's personal connection with Hospice in this area to a discussion of her new-found and sometimes, to her, baffling celebrity following the publication of *Eat, Pray Love*. One unexpected phenomenon was the assumption on the part of some of her readers that she could provide the answer to their problems, having faced down and recorded so many of her own. Throughout, the talk was peppered with sly asides, self-deprecating mockery, and madcap humor.

A lively question and answer period addressed topics as diverse as Ms. Gilbert's writing style and her (*not always successful*) practice of meditation.

For those holding VIP tickets, the talk was followed by a reception and book signing where audience members got to meet Elizabeth Gilbert and many of her family members who were in the area for a family reunion. All in all it was a memorable evening that raised over \$16,000 to support hospice services. We are truly grateful to Elizabeth, those who attended and our event sponsors who made the evening possible Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica National, WKTV and WIBX.

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## "Light Up A Life" DONATION CARD

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION

\$100  \$50  \$25  \$10  other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  In Memory Of or  In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift From (Your Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

No acknowledgement is necessary.  Please send an acknowledgement to the person listed below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Hospice – LUAL, 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, NY 13413

Please place my personalized tag on a Holiday Tree located at:

Sangertown Square Mall  
New Hartford

AmeriCU Credit Union  
\_\_\_\_ Black River Blvd., Rome  
\_\_\_\_ Griffiss Park, Rome  
\_\_\_\_ Commercial Drive, Yorkville

Oneida Savings Bank  
\_\_\_\_ Oneida  
\_\_\_\_ Hamilton  
 Kinney Drugs  
Old Forge

Wal-Mart  
Herkimer  
 Little Falls Antique Center  
Little Falls

## Bereavement Support Groups



To register for these free groups, call Linda Clark or Patty Shenberger 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 when 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.**

### TEENS GRIEVE, TOO

A monthly group for teenagers ages 13-18 years old whose loved one has died. **Meets the first Wednesday of every 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.

### ROME PASSAGES

For any bereaved adult who has experienced the death of a loved one. Call for spring 2009 start-up dates.

### 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.

## W.A.M. Camp



Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.'s first annual "W.A.M. Camp" took place on July 17, 2008. **This free one day camp was offered to children between the ages of 5 and 12 who had exper-**

**enced the death of a loved one. "W.A.M. Camp" is a bereavement "camp" that allows children to express their grief by participating in fun, specialized activities.**

A misconception of most people is that a bereavement camp is filled with sadness and tears. On the contrary – this day was filled with much laughter and good times. Fifteen children participated in Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.'s first bereavement camp. The day couldn't have gone any better. The children, staff and volunteers really had a great time together. It was truly a memorable day.

Children were able to share memories of their loved ones, learn ways to cope with their grief, and connect with other children who have experienced a loss. The children started the day off by creating memory quilts which was followed by painting hot air balloons and memory bags. The children also participated in a nature walk with its very own scavenger hunt. The smiles, laughter, and joy from the children were priceless.

Due to the turnout and the positive responses by participants and staff, Hospice will continue to offer annual bereavement camps to help children heal from their losses.

**For more information on the W.A.M Camp contact Patty Shenberger, Director of Social Services at 735-6487 ext. 243.**

### 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. **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. Contact Dorothy Suits at 866-3069.

### COMMUNITY-WIDE REMEMBRANCE SERVICES: A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

For the entire family. Monday, November 3, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at Hope Alliance Church, 4297 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford; Tuesday, November 4, Christ Church United Methodist, 417 Park Street, Sherrill; Wednesday, November 5th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 54 East Main Street, Mohawk.

## Veterans Recognition Program



*Jane and William Buck displaying the Veterans Recognition Quilt.*



*Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. volunteers Bertha Lawson and Eugene Penner presenting Hospice patient and veteran Ernest Talarico with recognition pin and certificate.*

In the spring of 2008, the Volunteer Department at Hospice & Palliative Care, initiated a Veterans Recognition Program to honor the hospice patients who have served in our country's armed forces. The purpose of our program is to show our gratitude and respect for the veterans service, and personal contributions to our nation as well as to let them know that they will not be forgotten.

Volunteers who are themselves veterans or family of veterans present the patients with certificates and patriotic pins in a brief ceremony in the patient's own home, nursing home or in the Siegenthaler Center. Volunteers have reported that without exception, patients and their families were very moved by the experience and grateful to have been remembered. Often patients have gone on to share stories of their military experiences, sometimes for the first time.

Now more than ever, citizens of the United States are aware of the vital role veterans in our country's history and future. Over the years many brave men and women have served our country and sacrificed to guarantee the freedoms and quality of life we are blessed with today. These veterans are our family members, neighbors, friends and co-workers.

Materials for the Veterans Recognition Program were purchased with a generous donation from Kathleen Howlett of Rome, N.Y. in memory of Chief Master Sergeant Herbert T. Hunt (*USAF Retired*), Rome, N.Y. **To learn more about how you can support this program contact Kate Doran, Volunteer Services Supervisor at 735-6487 ext. 240 or kdoran@hospicecareinc.org.**

# Memorials

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 \$100 or more between January 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008** 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.*

<b>In Memory of Becky Accuri</b> Harold & Mary Ellen Williams	<b>In Memory of Lloyd Darrow</b> Mrs. Joan D. Fitzgerald	<b>In Memory of Charlotte Graffman</b> Carmel Martucci	<b>In Memory of Joseph Morabito</b> Montague G. Ozan	<b>In Memory of Glen Roberts</b> Katie LaFave & Family
<b>In Memory of C. Keith Alcott</b> Hotel Solsville, Inc. Sandra B. Alcott Clifford & Elizabeth Alcott	<b>In Memory of Sam DeGregorio</b> James R. Thompson Richard Gilligan Mr. William Tice Col. & Mrs. Albert & Patricia Fleumer D'Arcangelo & Company	<b>In Memory of Preston Grant</b> Ms. Claudia M. Grant Haden & Cathy Jo Land Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Susan Zwolak Upstate Office Equipment, Inc. Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Donna Eck	<b>In Memory of Sophia B. Mosher</b> R.W. Burrows	<b>In Memory of John D. Rosato</b> John A. & Valerie Rosato
<b>In Memory of Russell Atwell</b> Lyle Light			<b>In Memory of Gladys Mullen</b> Gregory & Teresa Czerniak	<b>In Memory of Laura C. Salvatore</b> Michael Salvatore
<b>In Memory of Jean Barker</b> Chittenango Schools Transportation. Dept.	<b>In Memory of Riskey Dixon</b> Edward & Sookie Penczek	<b>In Memory of Ricki Harden</b> Michael & Lisa Brickey	<b>In Memory of Gertrude Mullin</b> Lennons's WB Wilcox Jewelers	<b>In Memory of Mary Scuderi</b> Dr. & Mrs. James P. Brognano William J. & Elaine Roberts
<b>In Memory of Regina Berthold</b> Bob & Karen Barrett	<b>In Memory of Eugene Doremus</b> Mrs. Ida Doremus	<b>In Memory of George A. Hartle</b> Timothy & Leslie Twiss	<b>In Memory of Emma Musengo</b> Joan L. Pawlick David M. Pawlick	<b>In Memory of Michael &amp; Rosemary Sharlow</b> Megan Schilling The Health Club
<b>In Memory of Catherine Billman</b> Mrs. Grace M. Billman	<b>In Memory of Jack Dowdall</b> Mrs. Melanie D. Clough	<b>In Memory of Donna Harvey</b> David Sonn	<b>In Memory of Virginia S. Narolis</b> Julie M. Cook	<b>In Memory of Jim Simmons</b> James M. Hinman Jack & Terry Uliniski
<b>In Memory of Joseph Bistrovich</b> Gloria Lawrence	<b>In Memory of Patricia Simpkins</b> Ms. Marguerite E. Gerstner W. Donald Jordan Donald Dunn	<b>In Memory of Jerome Herrick</b> Paul & Katherine Gilbert Dielectric Laboratories, Inc. Margaret F. Gerwitz	<b>In Memory of Elsie Rhein Newlove</b> Walter & Velthie Fitzgerald John W. Grow The Golden Girls Bob & Sandra Woodburn Bob & Maryann McInerney Sam & Nancy Hester	<b>In Memory of Beverly Slentz</b> Sue Leib Ken & Linda Slentz
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<b>In Memory of Jack Carter</b> Robert L. & Catherine Hall	<b>In Memory of Eli Freeman</b> Mrs. Marian Freeman	<b>In Memory of Moises Lenczewski</b> Elliot & Lynn Prigozen	<b>In Memory of Rosemarie Peruzzi</b> Mr. Donald Tomei	<b>In Memory of Dawn White</b> Garden Gate of Gifts
<b>In Memory of George E. Cavman</b> Alice M. Brown	<b>In Memory of Kenneth Gadbow</b> Mr. William Hoffman Irv & Kash Fisch Michael Plevyak Sophie A. Roman	<b>In Memory of Barbara Loucy</b> Edward Iles Family	<b>In Memory of Dorothy Raub</b> Mr. & Mrs. George & Marcia Schilling	<b>In Memory of Treva Wood</b> Ms. Ruth W. Bain
<b>In Memory of Marion T. Ceely</b> Greater Bay Mechanical, Inc.		<b>In Memory of Philip H. Lyman, Jr.</b> Ed Vincent Family	<b>In Memory of Laverne Reinhardt</b> Ms. Gyneve Kauahi	<b>In Memory of William Wood</b> John & Maxine Wood Brian & Diane Sheehy
<b>In Memory of Karen Connell</b> Marlene C. Denney Madison-Oneida BOCES	<b>In Memory of Samuel Geddes</b> Sandra French Mercyhurst College Athletics	<b>In Memory of Gertrude M McLain</b> Bassett Healthcare	<b>In Memory of Phoebe Renzi</b> Paul & Mary DeLand	
<b>In Memory of Frank Cureau, Jr.</b> Mr. Craig Cureau Mrs. Helen Cureau & Family Capita Bank	<b>In Memory of Mable S. Gilbert</b> George & Dottie Cady	<b>In Memory of Michael Mezzanini</b> Mrs. Anna M. Mezzanini	<b>In Memory of Jeannine Roberts</b> David J. Roberts	
<b>In Memory of Eleanor Czupryna</b> Czupryna Family		<b>In Memory of Julia Mondrick</b> Richard D. & Deborah Wagner		

**Herkimer County Butterfly Release  
Chairperson Sue Campagna  
and her niece Dakota  
proudly display their butterfly at the  
Herkimer County Butterfly Release  
held August 20, 2008  
at Herkimer County Community College.**



## **Hospice** *within the Nursing Home*

The goal of Hospice within the Nursing Home is to deliver comprehensive and compassionate care for those individuals facing a life-limiting illness who reside in area nursing homes. The Hospice team, including registered nurses, social workers, spiritual care coordinators, certified home health aides and highly trained volunteers, work side by side with the nursing home staff in managing the resident's care. For more information on Hospice in the Nursing Home and a complete list of Hospice contracted facilities, please contact us at 735-6487 ext 235 or ext 272.

### **Valley Health Services**

Valley Health Services, located in Herkimer, provides inpatient end-of-life care in a family friendly environment and embraces Hospice philosophy in their nursing home setting. According to Rebecca Root, Director of Social Services & Admissions Coordinator at Valley Health Services, *"I feel that the spiritual care coordination provided by Hospice helps to fill a large void in our facility. Many residents no longer have a strong affiliation with a church and do not wish to have counsel from a minister or priest. By being able to offer our residents someone with a faith based connection often residents who are in the end of their life are able to come to peace with any regrets they have had in their life or to reconnect with a faith they may have lost along the way. Often the Hospice Spiritual Care Coordinator is also able to work with families who come together from many faith backgrounds and offer them a spiritual connection. I am so pleased that twice a year Valley Health Services holds a memorial service for all residents who have passed away during the first and then last 6 months of the year. The Hospice Spiritual Care Coordinator makes themselves available to perform this service and to offer support to those families and residents who have attended it."*

### **Charles T. Sitrin Home**

Charles T. Sitrin Home, located in New Hartford, provides a wide range of services including inpatient care and is contracted with the Veteran's Administration to serve veterans in need of nursing home care. According to Lisa Spillet and Kristen Frawley, Social Workers at the Charles T. Sitrin Home, some of the benefits of Hospice in the nursing home are: Hospice expands the interdisciplinary team, creating more ways to make the resident

comfortable during end of life care through both traditional and alternative means. This joint effort provides enhanced expertise for individualized pain management and comfort. Nontraditional services can include aromatherapy, music therapy, and off-site acupuncture. The Hospice and Nursing Home team work in conjunction to ensure that the resident's medical needs are being met in accordance with their wishes. Since end of life care is so much more than medical needs, Hospice is able to provide companionship through Volunteer services. This is a great comfort for family when they cannot be at bedside. The Hospice Spiritual Care Coordinator assists in meeting the spiritual needs of the resident and their families, regardless of their faith. Hospice also provides additional support services and resources including bereavement counseling for family members, as well as staff. Hospice is truly beneficial, complimenting the services we provide while adding extra support for staff, residents, and their families.

### **Crouse Community Center**

Crouse Community Center located in Morrisville, New York is another facility where Hospice provides services along with their dedicated staff. Nancy O'Neill, Director of Social Work states Crouse Community Center and Hospice have had a wonderful working relationship since 2002. Over the years, Hospice has been instrumental to both staff and families in coping with end of life issues. The Hospice staff has always been very caring. They offer one on one care and emotional support when nursing home staff are busy with day to day activities with the other residents on the unit. Its been a pleasure to work with them and we will continue to do so for many years to come.

### **Oneida Healthcare Center Extended Care Facility**

Oneida Extended Care Facility in Oneida, NY also partners with hospice in serving nursing home residents. *"It's simple; Hospice provides seamless palliative care that naturally enhances the services that a Nursing Home can provide to its residents."* Bryan G. Ehlinger, Administrator, Oneida Healthcare Center Extended Care Facility *"Hospice services prove invaluable at times when residents and families need support the most."* Sherrill Boyce, Director of Nursing, Oneida Healthcare Center Extended Care Facility.

## Holiday Wish Lists

**To make a donation to the Hospice & Palliative Care Wish Lists or for more information, please contact the Hospice Development Office at 735-6484. Your gift today will benefit those when they need it most.**

As a not-for-profit organization, donations will always play an important role in helping us to fulfill our mission of quality, compassionate end-of-life care. Your support can and will make a difference for those we serve. Here are a few listings of things we need for the Siegenthaler Center, Children's Bereavement Programs and upcoming fundraisers.

### Children's Bereavement Programs

- ♥ Juice boxes and individualized snack bags for Children's
- ♥ Bereavement Groups
- ♥ Gift cards for bereaved children for the holidays – Hospice, with help from the community, provides Christmas gifts to children who have had a parent or a sibling die in the past year.
- ♥ Holiday gift bags and wrapping paper
- ♥ New arts & crafts supplies – markers, crayons, construction paper, glue, paint, etc.
- ♥ Scrapbooking supplies

### Siegenthaler Center

The Siegenthaler Center has welcomed 182 patients and their families and visitors since the doors were opened on February 22, 2005. Please help us to make the stay of future patients and families as comfortable as possible. As we enter our fourth year of serving the community, please help us replenish the following needed new items:

- ◆ Digital Video Camera for patients to share life stories/messages with their loved ones.
- ◆ Sheet Sets-minimum 300 thread count, twin size (*sage green or beige*)
- ◆ Bath and hand towels, wash cloths (*sage green or beige*)
- ◆ Fleece blankets- twin size (*beige or sage green*)
- ◆ Unscented baby wipes
- ◆ Pajamas for men- sweat suit style cotton crew top and bottoms or traditional pajamas with button down top and elastic waist pants sizes small, medium and large
- ◆ Pajamas for women- sweat suit style cotton crew top and bottoms or ladies cotton calf-length cotton gowns sizes small, medium and large
- ◆ Black Oil Sunflower Seed
- ◆ Long distance calling cards
- ◆ Gift certificates for newspaper subscriptions to local newspapers
- ◆ Microwaveable shampoo caps
- ◆ Christmas DVD's
- ◆ Puzzles & large print books
- ◆ Tissues, paper towels and napkins
- ◆ Tea Kettle
- ◆ A set of non-stick pots and pans
- ◆ Small non-stick frying pans
- ◆ Gift Cards for: Grocery and bookstores stores, Michaels, JoAnn Fabrics, Wal-Mart, JC Penney, Macy's, Sears, Kohl's and Bed, Bath and Beyond

### Fundraising Wish List

Auction items (*new only please*) for the 2009 Epicurean Delight and other fundraisers are needed such as:

- Gift certificates to restaurants, spas, stores and other local businesses
- Furniture, home décor items and unique glassware
- Jewelry, purses and accessories
- Wine and liquor



## Grants To Hospice

**Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. is truly grateful to the following foundations and United Ways whose grants were received from January – June 2008 and have been a tremendous support to the hospice mission.**

Community Chest of Canastota  
 Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties  
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## Volunteer Services

**Being a Hospice volunteer may be one of the most unique and rewarding experiences of your life!**

### Become a Hospice Volunteer!

Call today for more information, Kate Doran, Volunteer Services Supervisor 735-6484 or 1-800-317-5661 or email: [Kdoran@hospicecareinc.org](mailto:Kdoran@hospicecareinc.org). Class meets once a week for six weeks – car pooling available.

**[www.hospicecareinc.org](http://www.hospicecareinc.org) for more information**

## 2009 VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Location	Day	Dates	Time	Pre-Register by Monday
Oneida	Tues.	Mar. 10-Apr. 14	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	March 2, 2009
New Hartford	Weds.	Mar. 11-Apr. 15	6:15 - 9:15 p.m.	March 2, 2009
Herkimer	Tues.	Sept. 22-Oct. 27	6:15 - 9:15 p.m.	Sept. 14, 2009
New Hartford	Weds.	Sept. 23-Oct. 28	6:15 - 9:15 p.m.	Sept. 14, 2009

Support the Hospice Telethon

Tune in and make a pledge.  
Remember your loved one in a special way.

During the Telethon • Toll Free 1-800-411-6367  
Or weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. call 735-6487 ext. 249

2008 Event



## HOSPICE TELETHON

to be held at Northland Communications  
Tuesday, December 9, 2008 • 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
on WKTV News Channel 2

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 Wednesday, December 3, 2008 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 2009

2009 Events

### Epicurean Delight - Sunday, April 26, 2009 • 5:00-8:00pm

Thirty 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 5, 2009 • Shotgun start at noon

The Valley View Country Club in Utica, NY is the home of our 2009 tournament. With lush greens and a good cause at hand, it's easy to see why 140 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 – August 2009

Butterfly Release Celebrations will be held on the Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. grounds as well as in Herkimer County and Madison County. 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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