



# Home Comings

A Newsletter for Friends and Supporters of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.  
Serving Oneida, Herkimer and Eastern Madison Counties

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# NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## A message from... Glenn Beville, Executive Director

At the time of this writing, I will have been on board as executive director for two and a half months. And what an incredible time it has been! Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. is a fine organization staffed by a great group of people. It is truly an honor to have been given the opportunity to be a part of the organization's continued success as the premier provider of end-of-life care in Oneida, Herkimer and Eastern Madison Counties.

My adjustment to the upstate New York climate is coming along very well and the search for a home continues. I want to thank everyone for providing me an easy winter this year as I get acclimated. Hopefully you can do it again next year for my wife and daughter as they will join me here over the summer. However, I won't take it personally if the deal is "one to a family" leaving all bets off next year.

Having moved from Atlanta, Georgia (I grew up in Florida, nearly everyone in Atlanta is from somewhere else) I can't help but make weather comparisons between our two areas. Just when I thought spring was on the way to the Upstate, we pick up a foot



of snow. My wife tells me the cherry trees in our front yard in Georgia are starting to bloom! What have I done to myself!

All kidding aside, the upstate is a lovely region with great things going for it and my family and I look forward to being a part of the community Hospice & Palliative Care serves. We will adjust to the climate and plan to indulge in the winter sports the area has to offer.

Although the winters may be cold, I have received a very warm welcome from the organization and the community. I am truly touched by the hospitality that has been extended.

Again, thank you for the warm welcome. Hospice is very near and dear to my heart. Like many people in hospice care, we rarely set out to purposefully become part of hospice but come to it through a roundabout course. In my case, it was a leap of faith nearly eight years ago that brought me into the world of hospice care. It is a leap of faith I am forever thankful I made.

Sincerely, Glenn

## CORA RABBIA STORY

By Sandy Pearsall, daughter and Sam Rabbia, husband of Cora Rabbia

### I would like to share our experience with having my Mom in the Siegenthaler Center.



Cora and Sam Rabbia

My mother, Nicoletta (Cora) Rabbia was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease about five years ago. As you know, this is a crippling disease not only to the patient, but to the family as well. Mom always expressed her wishes to never be put in a nursing home, and we tried to fulfill her wish.

As the years went on, it became more difficult for my dad and I to care for her at home, but we did. We hired private home health care aides and agencies to help us out. About five months before Mom passed away, she was diagnosed with lung cancer. At this time, Hospice came in to help. My 82-year-old father and I were adamant about keeping Mom at home, and then we heard about the new Siegenthaler Center that was opening in February 2005.

We immediately went on a tour and spoke to the administration in charge. They were wonderful, and we fell in love with the

facility. It was beautiful and was supplied with state-of-the-art equipment. We liked the idea that there were only four patient rooms and round the clock nurses. It was just like home with a beautiful kitchen and a lovely living room. The individual patient rooms were large and cheerful with couches, chairs, tables, and a TV center. We knew in our hearts that Mom would love it here.

At this point she was unable to speak or recognize any of us and needed 24-hour care. The doctors told us that it was only a matter of time, so Dad and I made this heartfelt decision and Cora became the first resident at the Siegenthaler Center when the doors opened in February 2005. The nurses, volunteers, and the entire staff cared for Mom with love and compassion as if she was their own mother.

My dad ended up having open heart surgery in March 2005, and I was thankful that Mom was being taken care of, and I didn't have to worry. Dad recovered nicely, although he missed sitting in the cozy lounge chair next to Mom each day, but he knew she was in good hands. Cora was in the Center over two months and passed away on April 7, 2005.

Losing Cora has been a deep loss for the entire family, but we have the peace of mind knowing that we made her last wish come true.

*"Thank you, Mr. Siegenthaler,  
for making this facility possible for families like us."*

# ANNUAL GIVING SOCIETY ESTABLISHED

In recognition of the vital importance of annual giving to Hospice & Palliative Care, and to properly acknowledge the generous individuals and corporations whose annual gifts sustain our good work,

## Cara Fenstemacher, President of the Hospice Care Foundation has announced the establishment of the Circles of Caring Annual Giving Society.

Comprised of six dollar-differentiated "Circles," each level reflects the Hospice mission by naming one of the many attributes that Hospice professionals bring to their work. In the announcement Cara noted that "though it is important to recognize our faithful supporters make annual gifts because they believe in the value of the comprehensive and expert end-of-life services provided by our professional Hospice teams, we think it is equally important to thank them in a special way." Gift recognition will take place on multiple levels including acknowledgment on a handsome plaque that is currently being custom-designed for the Hospice lobby.

As with many not-for-profit organizations, gifts to Hospice's annual appeal are used to provide direct services that are either unsubsidized or under-subsidized through normal revenue streams. These services include direct patient care in the areas of hospice, palliative and bereavement services. As you can see, your gift to the annual appeal will have immediate, significant and far-reaching impact.

For more information about the Circles of Caring Annual Giving Society or about Hospice's 2006 Annual Appeal, scheduled to commence in April, or to make a gift to the Annual Appeal please contact Fritz Barns, Major & Planned Gifts Officer (315) 735-6487x 234.

## FRITZ BARNs JOINS HOSPICE TEAM



Fritz Barns

Previously Director of Institutional Advancement at Mohawk Valley Community College, Barns will be responsible for all matters pertaining to significant outright gifts and gifts through estate plans. He will also be responsible for administering the Hospice Foundation's Annual Appeal.

In addition to his experience at MVCC, Barns also has more than 20 years of experience in banking and not-for-profit management. He also served as an Oneida County Legislator for nearly 10 years. Barns lives in Westmoreland with his three sons. He is a graduate of Allegheny College and an Air National Guard veteran.

### Recognition levels and their corresponding incentives are:

Circle of Compassion	\$10,000+	Platinum Hospice pin Two tickets to donor reception Framed Hospice poem All recognition and mailings
Circle of Hope	\$5,000-\$9,999	As above, substituting gold pin for platinum pin
Circle of Light	\$2,500-\$4,999	As above, with silver pin
Circle of Comfort	\$1,000-\$2,499	As above without pin
Circle of Warmth	\$500-\$999	Framed Hospice poem All recognition and mailings
Circle of Trust	\$250-\$499	Donor wall recognition, "Homecomings" and annual report recognition, receive all Hospice mailings, including annual report

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Eagle Scout, Brian Fitzsimmons of Troop 14 designed, built and secured funding for a picnic table and brick patio area for the benefit of Hospice staff, patients and visitors as his Eagle Scout project. The project was completed in the fall of 2005 under Brian's leadership with the help of other scouts and Brian's dad.



## 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, 2005 - December 31, 2005 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, call the Hospice Finance Dept. at (315) 735-6484.

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- You may call hospice any time you have a question or concern regarding a life limiting illness.
- When you or someone you love is diagnosed, you will have questions about what that means, what treatment options are available, and how you will be able to access and pay for resources available in the community.
- Hospice will help you plan for the life changes that will occur.
- Hospice will give you emotional and spiritual support to cope with the stress and anxiety you may experience.

*Hospice and Palliative Care is committed to answering all of your questions and concerns. Call us and we will give you direction on how to access our team of professionals and volunteers.*

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- If you are wondering when to call hospice, you should be calling us now.
- You may call hospice for advice on how to access our services for yourself or someone you care about.
- One of our admission team members will be happy to assist you in how to approach your loved one about changing the focus of hope to living each day to the fullest with comfort and dignity.
- We can plan a free referral visit to help you look at goals of care.
- We will assist in discussions about advance directives and explain the availability of the hospice team and services we provide to assist in holistic care (addressing emotional spiritual and physical needs of the patient and family).

*We will contact your physician for his/her assistance in deciding if you are ready for advice and information and are medically ready to start our services at this time.*

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- The Hospice & Palliative Care Team: Primary Nurse, Social Worker, Spiritual Care Coordinator and Volunteers partner with the Skilled Nursing Home Staff to meet the special needs of those individuals facing life limiting illnesses by delivering comprehensive and compassionate care
- Hospice services are covered under Medicare Part A Benefits and are also covered under Medicaid Benefits.

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*A few of the important benefits of Hospice to the person living in the Nursing Home include:*

- reduced emergency room visits and hospitalization, ensuring continuity of care in the nursing home
- increased staff presence and support for residents
- increased family understanding of what to expect as death nears and their role at that time, palliative pain and symptom management consultation available to enhance comfort by the Hospice & Palliative Care Certified Staff

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**WHAT ABOUT ME?** An art therapy group for children ages 5–12 whose loved one has died. Call for start-up dates.

**TEENS GRIEVE, TOO** For teenagers ages 13-19 whose loved one has died. Starts Tuesday, May 23, 2006, and meets from 4:15-5:45 p.m. for 4 Tuesdays in a row.

**SHARE GROUP** For those who have had a child die through miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS. Starts Tuesday, May 2, 2006, and meets from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for 4 Tuesdays in a row.

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

**HERKIMER COUNTY PASSAGES** For any adult who has experienced a death. Call for start-up dates.

**ADULT PARENTAL LOSS** For any adult who has experienced the death of a parent.

**JOURNEY TOGETHER** A group that provides social activities for the bereaved. Call Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for a list of activities or call Paul Kempkes at 724-3531 for more information.

**HOSPICE WALKERS** Meets at Sangertown Square Mall in front of Kaufmann'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, Paul Kempkes at 724-3531, or Bertha Lawson at 724-5026.

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. This group is only for newly bereaved whose loved one died a year ago or less. Contact Bertha Lawson at 724-5026, Regina English at 736-7881, or Janice Service at 736-1392.

**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.

**PASSAGES (Boonville area)** For any adult who has experienced a death. Starts Monday, May 1, 2006, and meets from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for 5 Mondays in a row. This group will meet at Gill Hall, Charles Street, Boonville.

**CANASTOTA PASSAGES** For any adult who has experienced a death. Meets the third Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Biography Room of the Canastota Public Library, West Center Street, Canastota.

## A HORSE TROUGH, HOSPICE AND HOPE

*My encounter with the Gamberdellas' – By Debra Gorman, Hospice Admission Nurse*



*Lisa Gamberdella, of Little Falls, NY  
is Amanda's mother.*

Amanda smiled mischievously as she turned and slid into the driver's seat. Before shutting the door, she looked back at the salesman, thanked him and stated her reason for buying the horse trough. From her rear view mirror she watched the confused salesman lift his cap and scratch his head, his eyes following her as she pulled onto the street. He thought he heard her say that the purpose for the trough was to give her mother a bath.

"How many horses you got", queried the Agway salesman while he and Amanda struggled to fit a six foot long, 170 gallon galvanized steel horse trough into her small SUV.

"None" grunted Amanda as she gave another shove.

"Cattle then?" He secured the rope around the protruding cargo and gave it a final tug.

Lisa Gamberdella, of Little Falls, NY is Amanda's mother. Lisa was a youthful forty-nine year old when she was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. ALS is a rapidly progressive, invariably fatal neurological disease that attacks the nerve cells responsible for controlling voluntary muscles. Eventually the patient loses strength and the capacity to move their legs, arms and body. When muscles in the chest wall and diaphragm fail, patients lose the ability to breathe without ventilator support. The disease does not impair a person's mind, personality, intelligence or memory. Nor does ALS affect the ability to smell, taste, see, hear or feel touch. Patients often describe feeling trapped in their body.

Lisa's ALS was a rare, familial type which affects only about 10% of those with the disease. Lisa admitted she wasn't surprised when she received her official diagnosis in August 2004. She recognized the symptoms she had been developing. Lisa's mother was diagnosed with ALS at age seventy-one and died fourteen months later. Lisa's brother John died of ALS at age twenty-one in 1979. Her brother Mark was diagnosed thirteen years ago and has been on artificial life support for the last five years. Lisa's nephew Daniel, age twenty-five and Mark's son, has been on life support for one year.

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As an admissions nurse for Hospice and Palliative Care, every patient I meet, as well as his/her family leaves an indelible imprint on my soul. Like a fingerprint, each impression is unique and distinctive. The admissions nurse is often the patient's first encounter with Hospice. I view my role as a sacred trust as I help families grapple with a new paradigm – to change their focus from hope for a cure, to hope for the best possible remaining life – emphasis on “life” and “living”. Moreover, with the expertise in symptom management Hospice provides, patients often outlive their expected prognosis.

No imprint has been weightier on my heart and soul or will be more enduring than my encounter with Lisa Gamberdella and her family. My appointment with the family was for 10:00 AM on December 30, 2005. As I made my way up the winding wheelchair ramp and the front door opened, I was greeted first by the aroma of something delicious baking, then Richard, Lisa's husband of thirty-two years, shook my hand and led me inside. When I was introduced to Lisa, who was sitting in a recliner chair, I instinctively reached out my hand to shake hers. When she was only able to move her forefinger, I grasped her limp hand in my two and introduced myself. I met Amanda, Lisa and Richard's twenty-seven year old daughter and Barbara, a friend of the family. I settled on the sofa across from Lisa, and she, in a small voice, began to explain the nature of her particular form of ALS, including her family history. While this was taking place, Richard walked out from the kitchen and set a tray on the table before me containing steaming mugs of tea and a plate of hot hors d'oeuvres, the source of the enticing aromas. Lisa went on to explain that she had carefully thought about her choices and was resolved to die when her respiratory system failed.

By September, Lisa was only able to voluntarily move her left hand, shoulders and head. One morning while Amanda was caring for her mother, she asked, “Mom, you used to be so active, what do you miss being able to do the most?”

Immediately Lisa blurted, “I'd give anything for a proper bath”. The only bathtub in the home was upstairs and for months now Lisa had settled for sponge baths. How she used to love long soaks in the tub. Amanda was surprised by her mother's simple desire and believed there must be a way to realize it. Amanda put her creativity to work and soon found herself single-handedly dragging a very large and heavy horse trough from the Agway store into the family kitchen. She spent another hour filling the tub from the spray nozzle on the kitchen sink, supplementing that with pots of water heating on the stove to keep the bath warm. Then Lisa was lowered into the tub using a mechanical lift, which for some time now had been the only method of transport. Lisa's three year old granddaughter, Haley, squealed with delight and was soon stripped of clothing and in the tub with “momma”.

I wish I had been present for this magical moment and can only imagine the fun and tenderness. Without exception, whenever I credited a family member for their love and resourcefulness, I would be pointed to Lisa, whom everyone held responsible for all things good.

This did not surprise me, as I too, was taken by Lisa. She had so little control over her body, but her penetrating soft brown eyes and direct, yet thoughtful manner of speaking made her a charismatic

presence. Her love settled over her home like a warm blanket, providing protection and warmth.

I made a visit to the family four days before Lisa died. I was struck by a glow that radiated from her that day. I found her sitting in her chair as usual, but this time I could hardly hear or understand her. The muscles in her face were failing and she tried hard to enunciate each word. She told me she didn't have much time left. With a house full of people, she turned and leaned into me, her eyes penetrating mine as she spoke; we could have been the only two people in the room. I asked her if she had been helped by Hospice. Emphatically she stated, “Each person from Hospice who has entered my home has been amazing. I can't single out one person or service”. She went on, “Everyone has been so open; I feel I can discuss anything. My primary nurse, Judy Simonette, really listens to me and together we decide to try different things to alleviate my symptoms. She knows my fears and has assured me that I won't suffer in the process of dying.”

Also in the room that day was Sister Sharon Ann Boyd, a chaplain for Hospice and formerly a principal at St Mary's Church in Little Falls where Amanda and her younger brother, Luke, attended as children. Sister Sharon Ann remembered Lisa from that time. “What a privilege to share this journey with a family I respect and remember so well.” She added, “It is humbling to be in Lisa's presence, her faith is so deep. I am amazed at the courage she displays with her decision for no heroics – knowing all that means. Lisa openly speaks with her family and friends of life, death and the future. There are no secrets – and therefore, no tension in the home.”

On Saturday evening, January 21, 2006, Lisa passed from this life surrounded by family and loved ones. Her desire for a peaceful, painless passing was granted as the family stayed in close communication with the hospice nurse Judy, adjusting medication as necessary to assure her comfort.

As I reflect over the role Hospice played at the end of Lisa's life, my only regret is that Hospice had too little time to give all the support that could have been available to the family. When I expressed this to Lisa's husband, Richard, he was quick to point out that the role of Hospice was priceless. He recounted a time he phoned the on-call nurse late one evening, “I left my number with the answering service and within a couple minutes the nurse returned my call. I was relieved to know that help was available to us twenty-four hours a day. Judy always listened to our concerns and responded appropriately. When we asked difficult questions, we were given honest answers. Every Hospice staff person or volunteer was caring and showed great compassion.”

Amanda claimed that Hospice allowed her to be a daughter again. “I spent over a year nursing my mother and our roles were becoming blurred. It was a gift when Vicki, our home health aide from Hospice provided much of Mom's personal care in the last weeks. Mom and I became even closer after that. Our conversations became precious; Mom's expressions of love, guidance and wisdom would have to sustain me for the rest of my life.”

Amanda gave the eulogy at her mother's funeral. In her final statement she said, “Life took its best shot at Mom, but it did not matter. She harnessed the fury of the storm's wind in order to soar above it all. She flew away like the angel she was to all of us.”

# VOLUNTEERING AT HOSPICE

by Kate Doran, Volunteer Services Supervisor

Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. was founded in 1977 by a group of volunteers committed to making a profound difference in our community. At Hospice, we have a special appreciation for those who give of themselves by serving as hospice volunteers.

Our volunteers are men and women, high school and college students, working professionals, young parents and retirees. Volunteer work at Hospice is one of the best jobs anyone can do. It is not about where you live, how old you are, your educational background, or what you have or don't have. We provide the training you need; you provide your self and your time.

Volunteers come from all walks of life and serve in a variety of ways. They each bring their own special gifts, and through their unique life experiences and perspectives, provide the rich texture that is known as hospice caregiving. A common thread unites them all; it is the thread of service.

Volunteers play key roles throughout the organization and choose assignments that best suit their available time, skills, and interests at comfortable distances from their home. If you choose to work directly with patients and loved ones, you can experience the fulfillment of helping support patients and families through one of life's most complex passages.

Whether in the patient's own home, a nursing home, or in our Siegenthaler Center, volunteers act as friends to patients and families, providing practical and emotional support. Think about what you would do for your best friend if someone in their family was very ill. That is exactly what you will do as a volunteer. You will find ways to be helpful when the patient's family is too overwhelmed to know what help they need. Volunteers are also very active in providing support to grieving family members and friends through specialized bereavement support groups or personalized telephone calls.

If the intensity of working with patients and loved ones is not the right fit, you can support our work in many other ways. Volunteers support the hospice by gardening, sewing, knitting, answering phones, scrapbooking, baking, working in the office, sitting at health fairs, making presentations to explain our work to the community, acting as faith community contacts, and assisting with fundraising events to name a few activities. Other volunteers donate their professional services; for example, dentists, doctors, nurses, lawyers, musicians, artists, massage therapists, beauticians and barbers, or pet therapists.

Those with unique skills or life experiences can find a way to give their gifts as well. A veteran might volunteer only to help another veteran. A current volunteer, an LPN with 14 years of experience in geriatrics, helped us create our Life Stories Program where volunteers assist our patients in creating a verbal legacy for their loved ones. People sometimes hesitate to volunteer because they fear the work might be depressing. As Judith Viorst, noted author and hospice volunteer said in "Each Day Is A Lifetime," "Being allowed to do the small things I do is an honor and a privilege, and no, not depressing." She went on to say, "I find that by paying attention, we can fashion moments of profound connection and astonishing sweetness. I went to hospice to give, and I received."

**Volunteer training will be held in the fall in New Hartford and Herkimer. To learn more contact Kate Doran, Volunteer Services Supervisor at 735-6487 x240, or e-mail [kdoran@hospicecareinc.org](mailto:kdoran@hospicecareinc.org)**

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

by Patricia Shenberger, Director of Social Services & The Community Support Center

**Partners in Hope is the name we have given to the Community Support Center's program** in which our social worker is available to provide support in local oncology practices. Pat Pace, a licensed clinical social worker, is currently available to provide support to patients just diagnosed with cancer or anytime throughout their illness in the oncology practice of Dr. Desai and Dr. Butala.

***“Our vision for this program is to have a social worker in most of the oncology practices, because the needs are so great to support people going through such a traumatic life change with cancer.”***

We are pleased that we are continuing to provide the **What About Me? Grief Within the Classroom program** in four Utica City Schools. Judy Tastor, our social worker, provides bereavement support groups and individual counseling within the school setting as well as home visits to children dealing with a multitude of losses such as death, illness, parent incarceration, divorce, refugee adjustment issues, etc. This program is so valuable to children, to help heal their losses, who would never have access to such services if they were not provided right within the school setting. We continue to seek funding for this program because we, as well as the schools, recognize the value this program has to grieving children in our community.

**Thank you to Tyco Healthcare/Kendall employees who contributed \$870.10 to our What About Me? and Teens Grieve, Too program.** Since 1995 this company has been conducting a bake sale to raise money to provide art therapy supplies and bereavement books to our grieving children and teens in our community. We appreciate their longstanding generosity and commitment. We would love to think that other companies would follow suit to raise money this way for our grieving children. Children need an opportunity to work through their grief, and art and books are a wonderful way to help children express and heal their grief.

## CONGRATULATIONS KATE DORAN

**Congratulations to Kate Doran, Volunteer Services Supervisor who won the 2006 Award of Excellence.**

This annual award is bestowed upon one individual amongst all the hospices in New York State by the Hospice & Palliative Care Association of New York State. Kate won by exemplifying service to the team approach; by exhibiting competence and compassion in her role; serving as an effective ambassador on behalf of hospice and illustrating outstanding loyalty and commitment to the mission/philosophy of hospice. Kate received her award at the Annual Interdisciplinary Seminar in Saratoga Springs on March 31. We are so pleased that our state association recognized what we already knew – what a great asset Kate is to our hospice.

# HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED WORKING FOR HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE?

Maybe the time is right now. If you want to provide meaningful one on one care, that make's a difference in peoples lives, the time to apply is now! Caring for hospice patients is a privilege and our professional staff is well respected in the communities we serve. If you are a CHHA, LPN, RN or Social Worker, we'd like to speak to you about career opportunities with Hospice & Palliative Care. Please call 735-6484 or 1-800-317-5661.

## SAVE THE DATE



### *Hospice Memorial Golf Tournament*

The Skenandoa Club, Clinton

**MONDAY, JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 p.m. Shot Gun Start / Four Person Scramble

### *Jennie Pickett Golf Tournament*

Maple Crest Golf Course, Frankfort

**SATURDAY, JULY 8<sup>th</sup>**

## ONE DAY AMAZING TAG SALE TO BENEFIT HOSPICE

**Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.**

**4277 Middle Settlement Rd., New Hartford**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> • 8:00am – 2:00pm**

Whether your shopping for summer items, new treasures or items for your home, you will be able to find what you need at Hospice's "One Day Amazing Tag Sale" that will have lots of items for everyone! One man's trash is another man's treasure, as the old adage says. Now you can turn unwanted items into cash for Hospice!

If you have new or nearly new items (except clothing) that you would like to donate, call 735-6484 and ask for the Development Office. We would appreciate donations of household items, furniture, jewelry, etc.

Your donations will support the services of Hospice & Palliative Care.

*Hospice will be accepting items for the tag sale  
Tuesday, May 30 – Friday, June 1 from 8:00am to 4:00pm.*

**For more information about these events, please contact the DEVELOPMENT OFFICE at 735-6484 ext. 250**



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