



HOSPICE
 & PALLIATIVE CARE
 of Greater Wayne County

Caring for the Journey



- Grief is not the process of forgetting, but of remembering with less pain

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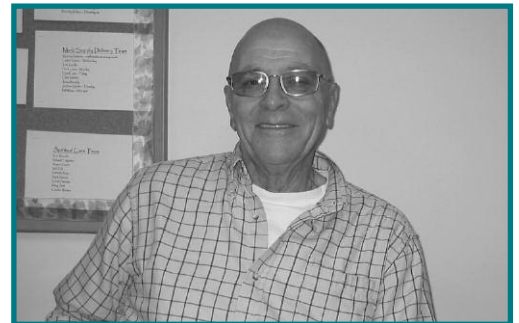
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Hospice & Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County Celebrates Another Year of Caring Service

On Thursday evening, April 30, 2009 the Board, Staff and Volunteers of Hospice & Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County, including the services of Hospice of Wadsworth-Rittman, LifeCare Palliative Medicine and the Friendtique store met at Smithville United Methodist Church in Smithville to celebrate the strong end-of-life care provided in this community by Hospice & Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County, and to party to the theme of "Back to the 50's." With well over 200 in attendance, it was a great party indeed.

First we dined on hamburgers, cheeseburgers, root beer floats and pie delivered by 50's-clad hospice staff members to the rhythm of favorite 50's music.

Then, HPC Board Chairperson, Heather Kuntz, and Executive Director, Colleen Nettleton, shared information on the health and strength of this hospice and their gratitude for those who do the work on the frontlines of caring for the terminally ill in our communities.



Art Martell - 2009 Kearney Award winner

All the volunteers in attendance were honored for their work in direct care, bereavement care, spiritual care, community education, fundraising, clerical support in the office, or as members of the Board of Directors. Wooster resident, **Bobbie Earl**, was honored for 25 years of service. We also had to bid Bobbie good-bye, as she announced her retirement from hospice work. **Rev. Don Doerfer** of Lakeville and **Sally Krueger** of Wooster, were both honored for 15 years of volunteer service to Hospice. **Barb Dannemiller** and **Juanita Newell** of Doylestown, **Vicki Menges** of Dalton, and **Hilda Sharr** of Wooster were each honored for 10 years of service. **Mary Snader** of Creston, **Stan Beery** of Rittman, and **Joyce and Maurice Amstutz, Bonnie Schaaf, and Sougata**



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Director's Message



Colleen A. Nettleton,
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Executive Director

The staff at Hospice & Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County knows the value of volunteering. Hardly a day goes by without some aspect of their work being impacted by our hospice volunteers. The volunteers not

only help the patients and families but also provide significant assistance to the staff. Our staff also is well aware of what it means to work in a community that supports hospice care. Monetary donations, support for Friendtique, partnerships with physicians, hospitals and nursing facilities and the many positive comments we hear remind us that our community truly recognizes the importance of our hospice work. Because of all the support we receive, we want to give back to our community and we try to do that in several different ways.

Several weeks ago we participated in Orrville's Relay for Life. We try to go to a different community each year because we serve all of these different areas. This year we called our team "Kathy's Crew" in memory of one of our own staff members who lost her battle with cancer on March 29, 2009. Kathy was an inspiration to all of us as she continued to do her hospice work until it became physically impossible. Our team started raising funds last fall and was pleased to contribute \$4690 to Relay for Life.

Our involvement in the Wadsworth area is also growing. On June 23rd we participated in the Blue Tip Parade. About a dozen staff and volunteers walked the parade route and passed out candy to the

children. We heard many positive comments about how hospice had helped various families care for loved ones. At one point during the parade, an entire family gave us a standing ovation. We are also involved with the several committees benefiting the Wadsworth Center for Older Adults. We assist with the weekly Courtyard Café along with the Wadsworth Annual Rib Cook-Off. Last year during a torrential downpour, there were 1,000 ribs sold in 20 minutes. This year's event was held on July 3rd, and was equally successful. Supporters came out in large numbers to show their support and get a "taste" of ribs from area vendors.

It may come as a surprise that all of our bereavement activities are open to the general public and are free of charge. Our 6 week support group series, "Hope for the Journey", our monthly Dinner Social Group, our Memorial Services, as well as one on one counseling are opportunities for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Workshops focusing on a specific topic are also offered throughout the year. "Come Along Side Me" will look at ways anyone can help someone who is grieving. "Handling the Holidays" will help those who have experienced a loss look at how they will celebrate the holidays this year without their loved one.



During this group there will be discussions about keeping old traditions and/or developing new ones as well as creative ways to remember the one who is no longer present.

In October, we will offer a group for our veterans. They are often referred to as the "forgotten mourners". These men and women have given so much for our country

and the freedoms we enjoy today, but too often we fail to realize the level of loss they have experienced in the process of securing that freedom.

Bereavement services also provided to the students in our local school systems when a need is identified by a teacher or guidance counselor. During the 2008-2009 school year, 22 children in five different schools received bereavement support. As a follow-up to this support a special children's camp is being offered August 3rd through 7th from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at the hospice office in Wooster. Children will have an opportunity to express themselves and grow through a variety of age appropriate activities.

Why do I tell you all these things that we are doing here at hospice? There are several reasons. First of all I want you to know about some of the other opportunities that are available to you, your family and your friends. You know individuals that would benefit from some of these activities and you can help us get the word out. Secondly, I want to show how hospice gives back to the community that supports its work in such a wonderful way. And lastly, I want you to understand that hospice is not just about dying well. It is also about living well and being involved in the life of the community.



Visit **Friendtique** on Liberty Street in downtown Wooster, across the street from the new library, where all the proceeds benefit hospice and where good taste joins great deals!



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Bardhan of Wooster were all honored for five years of service.

Dalton resident, **Art Martell** was named as HPC's 2009 Kearney Award winner. **Dr. Walter Kearney**, in whose honor the annual award was named, presented it in person. Dr. Kearney indicated that Martell was also the winner of Hospice of Wadsworth-Rittman's "Quality of Life" award presented on Friday evening, May 1st at the "Crystal Ball" fundraiser in Wadsworth.

Those volunteers honored for over 100 hours of service were: **Sue Gochnauer** of Apple

Creek, **Mary Snader** and **Mary Ann Stutz** of Creston, **Art Martell** of Dalton, **Gary Burroway**, **Carabeth Richardson**, and **Kathy Yovanovits** of Doylestown, **Claudia Ward** of Fredericksburg, **Don Doerfer** of Lakeville, **Inez Ramsier** of Marshallville, **Marilyn Snyder** of Orrville, **Robin Lawson** and **Christy Rickard** of Shreve, **Myra Leeper**, **Carma Loyer** and **Lois Morrison** of Smithville, **Richard Holcker** of West Salem, and **Joyce Amstutz**, **Bette Boldman**, **Loraine Butterbaugh**, **Dan Calhoun**, **Bebe Carmony**, **Alan Demos**, **Jan Evans**, **B.J. Fairhurst**, **Robbie Griffith**, **Dorothy Hawk**, **Linda Hawkins**, **Judy Holvey**, **Mary Hudson**, **Sally Krueger**, **Sue Kruse**, **Linda Lowe**, **Carol Lucci**, **Sandy McLachlan**, **Jane Moore**, **Sharon Pooler**, **Jim Snyder**, **JoAnne Spitler**, **Delores Stevens**, **Jim Straub**, **Dorothy Walker**, **William Weiss**, **Ed Wirt**, **Brenda Ziegler** and **Susan Zimmerman**, all of Wooster.

The hospice Volunteers of the Month for



April 2009 were **Jody Spelman**, **Dorothy Hawk**, and **Lois Maibach**, who provided some special music for the evening, demonstrating how they share music with hospice patients. On the opposite end of the musical spectrum, **Tom Swope**, **Sue Hartley** and the HPC Doo-Wop Singers, closed the evening's festivities with a rendition of an original Tom Swope song entitled, "Volunteers Care," sung to the melody of "Summer Nights" from the musical, "Grease."

Dates to Remember

August 3rd – 7th

Camp Waves of Emotions Children's Day Camp at HPC in Wooster

August 5th, Sept. 2nd and Oct. 7th

Caregiver's support group meets at Sunrise Assisted Living on Cleveland Road, Wooster. The meetings are from 3:00 to 4:15 pm

August 18th, September 15th and October 20

"GROWING TOGETHER" - a social gathering that meets at The Barn in Smithville. There are always warm smiles and open hearts at these events. Just bring your appetite and enjoy good food and the company of other folks. Time: 4:00pm.

August 18 Thru Sept. 22nd, Hope for the Journey - 6 week support group

Wooster time 1:00 to 2:30 pm
Wadsworth time to 2:30 to 4:00 pm

Oct. 7 Thru Nov. 18th, Hope for the Journey - 6 week support group

Wooster time 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Wadsworth time 6:30 to 8:00 pm

September 9th

Come Along Side Me - Workshop

How do we relate to those who are suffering? What do we say? We mean well, but sometimes our words add to the hurt. Join us as we look at practical suggestions for coming along side those who are hurting.
Wooster office only 6:30 to 8:00 pm

September 30th

Always My Child - Workshop

The loss of a child is very unique, this group addresses the grief that parents face after losing a child.
Wooster office only 6:30 to 8:00 pm

November 11th

We Thank You - Workshop

This group is for our veterans who have faced losses that have not been expressed or validated.

Wooster office only 6:30 to 8:00 pm

November 19th - Fall Fundraiser

Holiday Tree Festival @ Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth

December 9th

Handling the Holidays - Workshop

Wooster time 1:00 to 2:30 pm
Wadsworth time 2:30 to 4:00pm

December 16th

Handling the Holidays - Workshop

Wooster time 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Wadsworth time 6:00 to 7:30pm

Volunteer Training

Wooster, September 21
Millersburg, October 12
Wadsworth, November 9



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Ohio, with a several patients receiving individual or group treatment. They currently have 12 physicians who are credentialed to practice at the facility who work in concert with their nurses, therapists, management team and well trained support staff to deliver individualized care programs to each resident.

Autumnwood is proud to be an integral part of Rittman and the surrounding communities and will continue to promote health and wellness to all members of their community. They encourage you to schedule a personal visit so you can experience the inviting environment they have created and view their commitment to excellence first hand.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County partners with long-term facilities in Wayne, Holmes, and Medina counties. We are certainly proud to be a partner with Autumnwood Health Care Center.



Autumnwood Health Care Center

Autumnwood Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 275 East Sunset Drive in Rittman has been providing care to the Rittman and the surrounding communities for over 27 years. Autumnwood is owned and operated by Embassy Healthcare based out of Cleveland and respite care and hospice services. Their large rehab gym is equipped to accommodate long term care, specializing in orthopedic care for joint replacement and fractures, cardiac recovery, and also boasts an in-house hemodialysis unit. Autumnwood also provides Wayne County partners with long-term facilities in Wayne, Holmes, and Medina counties. We are certainly proud to be a partner with Autumnwood Health Care Center.