

Celebrating Life's Stories™

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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A Place Like Home Open House and Community Celebration

You're Invited



Celebrating Community

We invite you to join us for
***A Place Like Home* Open House
and Community Celebration.**

We invite the community to join us as we express thanks for your support and friendship that have enabled us to create a place like home—the Donald W. and Shirley A. Buehler Care Facility and the Stanley C. and Flo K. Gault Inpatient Unit.

Community generosity fuels our passion for care and commitment to a mission of providing superior care and superior services for every patient and family we are privileged to serve. Thanks to you, the patients and families in our care can come to us for comfort, caring, and peace.

WHEN:

September 27, 2018
4 pm - 7 pm

WHERE:

1900 Akron Rd.
Wooster, OH 44691

OHIO'S

Hospice™
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“O-H” “I-LifeCare”



Kurt Holmes
Executive Director
Ohio's Hospice LifeCare

Ohioans all know that familiar call and response...“O-H”...“I-O.” It can identify friend or foe at a Michigan v. OSU game much like the “Flash” and “Thunder” countersign used by the Allies during World War II. These days when I hear the shorthand for Ohio’s Hospice Incorporated, “OHI,” I have to stop myself from responding, “I-LifeCare” when someone starts with O-H.

But really, what is in that name? And why is it important that we have become Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare? As it turns out, there is a lot in that name. First, it is essential to know that Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare remains a local resource with nearly 40 years of experience serving our friends and neighbors. Now we are also affiliated with a group of hospice providers that stretches across Ohio, serving patients in 36 counties. This mix of local, personalized attention paired with access to statewide resources means even better care for our patients.

By combining efforts in administrative services, such as electronic medical records, payroll, and regulatory compliance, our staff is able to put more time into developing supportive therapies, educating the community about palliative and hospice care, and building partnerships with other healthcare providers.

What started as a good idea around a kitchen table in 1979 became a thriving local agency by the 1990s. It then added an inpatient pavilion in 2015 and has evolved once again to provide care in six counties.

Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare remains committed to superior local care for each of our patients and their families. We now have the support of sister agencies with wonderful colleagues across the state. The next time you get called out by someone to show your Ohio pride, “O-H” “I-O,” also remember to be proud of your support for superior hospice care for all Ohioans... Can I get an “O-H” “I-LifeCare” from anyone?!

The Importance of Community Connections



Jenny Gerrick
Team Leader Community Liason

Making connections in the communities we serve is very important.

From supporting partnering businesses in their events to volunteering at a fellow not-for-profit’s community fundraisers, we can all come together with a servant’s heart to better our community and serve the people who live and work here. I love being out in our community, meeting new people, and seeing familiar faces; it truly strengthens our ties.

It is equally important to have a community presence at various health fairs, community fairs, Chamber functions, and civic group meetings to make meaningful connections with others. This allows us to share all the wonderful stories of hospice hopes, our services, programs, options for inpatient care, and educational opportunities we have to offer the community.

We thank you for supporting Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare so that we can continue to provide superior care and superior services beyond what is required for our patients and families, regardless of the ability to pay. Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare offers complementary therapies and bereavement workshops available to anyone in the community, Camp Waves of Emotion for kids, and Pet Peace of Mind, among other things. Over 200 volunteers ensure that our patients and families receive the gift of time and exceptional care, as every visit and every minute matters.

To learn more about our complementary programs or to arrange for an Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare representative to speak to your civic organization, please contact our office at 330.264.4899. As your not-for-profit, community-based hospice, we are honored by the generosity of the communities we serve. Thank you; it is truly an honor and a pleasure to be a part of Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare.

Grief Support Services for Adults and Children

“Growing Together” – Assists Adults

This social gathering meets at 4:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month at The Barn Restaurant. All are welcome to enjoy a dinner together. Our common bond? We’ve all lost someone we love.

Grief Support for Children

Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare offers one-on-one grief support to children. We have a very safe setting called the Kid’s Comfort Room, where grief counseling takes place. This room offers various activities a child can engage in, often enabling them to open up and share what is in their heart. We also have curriculum designed for parents that will help clarify how children view death and provide guidelines in assisting them to share their concerns. Any parent/guardian is welcome to accompany their child during these grief sessions. There are no charges for our services.

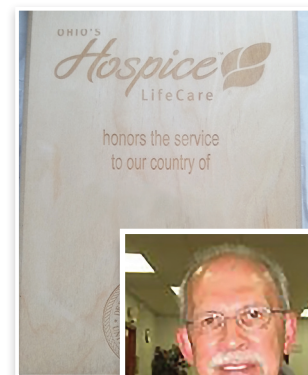
We also offer an annual grief counseling opportunity for area children called Camp Waves of Emotion. This is an amazing experience for kids who are dealing with tragic loss. Bereavement Coordinator Lynn Lilly accompanies children through their grief journey during this week-long day camp, with planned activities to help the children work through the “hard stuff.” In one activity, the kids “unpack their suitcase” and explore the baggage that comes with grief. They create keepsakes in memory of their loved ones, work with animals, and also release a balloon at the end of the week. Camp Waves of Emotion took place August 6–10. For more information on children’s therapies or grief counseling at Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare, contact Lynn Lilly at 330.264.4899.



Camp Waves of Emotion 2017



American Pride Honors Veteran Patients



It is an honor to serve our Veteran patients at Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare. Through our American Pride Program, we honor the brave men and women who have served our country with a pinning ceremony. With this program, a Veteran volunteer presents a “Pin of Honor” to a Veteran patient, offering the patient an important moment of acknowledgment, pride, and support at the end of life. Recently, Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare launched a new element to the program, presenting Veterans with a plaque, and a pin if desired. This program came together as a collaborative effort that included the generosity of our community and our volunteers. P. Graham Dunn donated 150 pieces of wood used as the base of the plaque; Volunteers Jackie and Tom Fry sand, rout, and stain the wood; then Volunteer Anna Weekley takes the plaques to University of Akron’s Wayne College and, using a laser, engraves the plaques with the name of the Veteran and the symbol of his or her military branch. Part of the ceremony includes the following address:

“As a member of Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare team and a Veteran of the United States Marines, it is my privilege today to present you with this token of our appreciation for your service to our country. It is our honor to serve you, as you have served our nation.”

Volunteer Don Drouhard presented the very first plaque to a Veteran’s family. “I have been volunteering for this hospice since 2002,” he said. “This is the most moving and significant thing I’ve ever done in my hospice work.”

For more information on volunteer opportunities with Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare, contact 330.264.4899.

2019 Spring Gala – Celebrating Life's Stories

Once upon a time...

...there was a hospice. This was no ordinary hospice, this was Ohio's Hospice LifeCare, your community not-for-profit hospice. Mark your calendars and join us for the Spring fundraiser, "Celebrating Life's Stories," at the

Shisler Conference Center. Our theme for this year's event will be, "Once upon a time." We invite you to be a part of our magically fun-filled evening and we encourage you to come dressed as your favorite book character.

Gala 2019
"Once Upon A Time"
Celebrating Life's Stories
Saturday, March 30, 2019
@ 5:30 pm
Shisler Conference Center, 1680
Madison Ave., Wooster, OH 44691



Save The Dates:

Sept.-
Oct.

September 5 – October 10th:

Grief support group

Ohio's Hospice LifeCare, Wooster

Mon.

September 10th:

Workshop, Always My Child: Parent Grief

Ohio's Hospice LifeCare, Millersburg

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Thurs.

September 13th:

Workshop, Always My Child: Parent Grief

Ohio's Hospice LifeCare, Wooster

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Sat.

October 6th:

**Join Our Team in Support of a
"Walk to End Alzheimer's"**

Wooster High School, Wooster

8:30 am

Sat./
Sun.

October 12 – 13th:

Charm Days

Charm, Ohio

Sun.

October 28th:

Fall Memorial

Wooster Church of the Nazarene, Wooster

3:00 pm

Sun.

November 11th:

Annual Luminary Celebration

Ohio's Hospice LifeCare, Wooster

6:00 pm

Sat.

March 30th:

**Gala 2019 "Once Upon A Time"
Celebrating Life's Stories**

Shisler Conference Center, Wooster

5:30 pm

Learn More About Our Programs

Contact us: www.LifeCareHospice.org/Contact-Us
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