

Celebrating Life's Stories[®]

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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GALA RAISES MORE THAN \$58K

More than \$58,000 was raised at the 14th Annual Gala and Benefit Auction of Ohio's Hospice LifeCare on March 30, surpassing the goal for the not-for-profit hospice organization. The gala was held at the Shisler Conference Center in Wooster to support Ohio's Hospice LifeCare's mission of providing superior care and superior services to each patient and family.

Sponsored by United Titanium, and co-chaired by Michael and Stephanie Reardon, 310 people attended the gala. Funds raised from the event will go toward the purchase of a mobile care unit, and all areas of patient care. The unit will provide timely transport of patients and allow families to ride alongside.

"Having our own mobile care unit to transport our patients helps us extend our care and compassion to those patients located throughout our care region. This has been a long-time dream for many of us at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare," said Christy Michaels, director of clinical operations. "The purchase and operation of a mobile care unit will help us extend our mission and improve access to care for our patients."

Programs and services at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare such as Veteran-to-Veteran, a program that pairs recruited Veteran Volunteers with patients identified as Veterans, and Camp Waves of Emotion, a grief camp offered to children of the community who have experienced the loss of a loved one are supported through the Gala.

"Thank you to our sponsors, friends and staff members, as funds raised from this event will benefit anyone in our community who is facing end-of-life illness," said Kurt Holmes, executive director of Ohio's Hospice LifeCare. "Because of this generous support, we are able to offer a mobile care unit in addition to providing compassionate care and support through our programs and services."

As part of the gala's theme, Celebrating Life's Stories, many attendees dressed as characters from classic fairytales, children's books and novels. They enjoyed a magical evening and celebrating Ohio's Hospice LifeCare's impact and the continuing mission of care.



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The Impact You Can Have at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare



Katherine Ritchie
Gift Officer
Ohio's Hospice LifeCare

For most people, their knowledge of Ohio's Hospice LifeCare begins when a family member or loved one is in our care. Others are introduced through volunteering, bereavement groups or as participants in our workshops and seminars.

Since joining LifeCare, I have been fortunate to spend time with our doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, admissions team and those that directly affect every area of our care. On a daily basis, I see and hear the impact that our wide-reaching services have for patients and their families.

Our patient-driven care has never wavered over the 35 years since our founding; we are woven into the fabric of our community. Financial gifts allow us to close the gap between the level of care covered by insurance and the superior, comprehensive care Ohio's Hospice LifeCare is proud to provide every patient.

In addition to our care services, your gift will improve the lives of children through Camp Waves of Emotion, a summer bereavement camp; varied services for homebound seniors; grief services for family members; and complementary therapies such as massage, music and pet therapy for those facing end-of-life illnesses.

We will continue to share the impact of how your financial support makes our work possible, as every gift truly makes a difference. If you would like a tour of our building and the Gault Inpatient Pavilion, request a staff member speak to your group or organization, or learn about other ways you can support our mission, please contact me at 330.264.4899. We thank you for considering Ohio's Hospice LifeCare in your philanthropic decisions.

Camp Supports Children in Grief



Camp Waves of Emotion is a one-week summer camp offered to the children of our community who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Children may have difficulty articulating their fears of abandonment, separation, loneliness or emotional pain. Their coping skills are much more limited than that of an adults. That's why it's important for children to gather together to learn to express their feelings, have their questions answered, their fears heard, and access their feelings of loss.



We utilize art, music and grief therapy to assist children in identifying their unspoken feelings, balanced with time for the children to play and experience fun with peers going through similar difficulties, building a network for growth and support. Call our office at 330.264.4899 for more information about our camp. Space is limited, so register your child early.

August 5-9

1:30-4:30 pm
Ohio's Hospice LifeCare
1900 Akron Rd.
Wooster, OH 44691

Volunteer Q & A

More than 10 years ago, a high school friend of Jackie Fyre's encouraged her to take the volunteer training at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare. Jackie didn't know much about hospice care. But with her friend's encouragement, she took the steps to become a volunteer. In those 10 years, Jackie's service to the organization has made a big impact.



What sort of work do you do when you volunteer?

I work in the office to help with administrative tasks; I also help with the Loess Life Legacy Project. I speak to patients, and record whatever they'd like to share and leave behind for their loved ones to watch and enjoy again and again.

My husband, Tom, and I also plant flowers outside each patient's room at the Gault



Inpatient Pavilion center of Ohio's Hospice LifeCare. It was Tom's idea that each patient should have a colorful view from their windows. We tend to the flowers over the summer and fall.

Do you have a particular memory that sticks out to you from your time spent volunteering?

I'll never forget my first patient. I visited with him for six months; the two of us were alike in so many ways despite our 50-year age difference. I was present at the time of his death while on a Being There Team assignment. The connection I had with him and his family was tremendous. I have so many memories, and I make more all the time.

What have you learned from your time spent as a volunteer?

I think it's healthy to put our opinions, our agendas and ourselves on the back burner and focus on someone or something else. This work gives us a chance to give a real gift to those who need some support at a challenging time.

What would you say to supporters of our cause, or those interested in volunteering?

First, thank you! If you are thinking of volunteering or just interested in knowing more about Ohio's Hospice LifeCare, I encourage you to complete our volunteer training program. It will be time well spent. You'll learn something along the way and be prepared to help with this type of work. You'll also come away with knowledge and skills you'll use in everyday life.



For more information on how you can volunteer your time or resources to Ohio's Hospice LifeCare, please contact Rebecca McCurdy at 330.264.4899.

14th Annual Gala and Benefit Auction

The 14th Annual Gala and Benefit Auction was held on Saturday, March 30. We thank all the sponsors and attendees for supporting the patients and families of Ohio's Hospice LifeCare!

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5 Easy Ways to Support Ohio's Hospice LifeCare

OUR MISSION: To celebrate the lives of those we have the privilege of serving by providing superior care and superior services to each patient and family.

Here are five easy steps you can take to support our mission and benefit patients and families in our community who are coping with life-limiting illnesses.

1

Volunteer. Time is a valuable resource to our patients and their families. From friendly visits and flower deliveries to office support and data entry, every minute of volunteer time helps Ohio's Hospice LifeCare deliver on its mission.

2

Give. Financial gifts are the main source for grief support services and complimentary therapies. All gifts stay in our community, making an impact on our patients and families.

3

Match. Many employers offer matching funds when employees make gifts to Ohio's Hospice LifeCare. Contact your employer's human resources department for more information.

4

Like. Share our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/LifeCareWooster/) to keep our community up to date on all that is happening with Ohio's Hospice LifeCare.

5

Honor. A meaningful way to celebrate the memory of a loved one is to make a gift in their name.

Donating is safe and secure by visiting www.LifeCareHospice.org/Donate or calling 330.264.4899. Every gift is greatly appreciated.

*Beauty exists not
in what is seen and
remembered, but in what
is felt and never forgotten.*

– Jonathan Jena

In Memory & Honor of Our Loved Ones

In appreciation for the superior care and service Ohio's Hospice LifeCare provides.

An opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones was provided through a separate mailing earlier this spring. If requested, those being recognized are listed in green with those honoring/memorializing appearing in black.

Ralph Amiet

Beth Amiet

Elsa Anderson

Joann E. McClaran

Sherry Bear

Richard Bear

Lewis Bevington

Greg Alexander

Theodore J. Bishop

Betty Cherry

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