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A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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Ohio's Hospice LifeCare Nursing Honor Guard Recognizes Patient for Her Commitment to Nursing

Dressed in traditional and historical uniforms comprised of a blue and red cape, white dress and cap, the Ohio's Hospice Nursing Honor Guard recognized Miriam "Mim" Meyer for her commitment to caring and providing compassion to patients. During a ceremony, the Nursing Honor Guard highlighted her career and individual achievements. In addition to a plaque, Mim received a Florence Nightingale pin in honor of her long and excellent service to the community.

"We are recognizing Mim to commemorate her service as a nurse and a leader," said Debbie Meadows, RN, director of Clinical Services at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare. "We are honoring her for

a lifetime of service to the welfare of our community through nursing."

Mim graduated from the School of Nursing at Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana, with a bachelor's degree in 1955. Nursing was a calling for her, and she worked in Pennsylvania, Arkansas and Ohio. Much of her career was spent in public health nursing, including 15 years as a nurse in the Akron and Barberton communities.

Mim also used her nursing abilities in service to her family, providing caregiving for her parents and her husband's parents.

Mim's daughter, Mary Wiebe, followed in her mother's footsteps as a nurse. Wiebe described how her mother made all who met her feel loved, accepted and valued, especially those who were less fortunate.

"As Mom so compassionately and lovingly carried out her tasks and responsibilities, one never heard a demeaning word pass through her lips," Wiebe said. "She was a true encourager, lifting up all who had the blessing of crossing paths with her."

Ohio's Hospice LifeCare has been privileged to care for Mim and create memories for her family.



Celebrating 40 Years of Superior Care and Superior Services



Kurt Holmes
Executive Director
Ohio's Hospice LifeCare

It is one of life's phenomena that as the years add up, the faster they fly. Spring, into summer, summer into fall, and then snow is dusting the ground, and a new year has begun.

It's unbelievable that 40 years have passed since our local, not-for-profit hospice, Ohio's Hospice LifeCare, was founded. In those 40 years, thousands of people have been cared for, loved ones have been comforted, tears have been shed, and new paths have been forged. As the seasons turn and turn again, our promise to provide superior care and superior services has never wavered.

Forty years sounds like a long time, but it has gone by in a blink of an eye. In 40 more years, a new generation will enter the next phase of end of life. I feel privileged to have seen the care in this community change for the better because of the hospice services we provide. As time inevitably ticks by, the landscape of our society will change, and technology will surpass our wildest imaginations. But our presence and serving those in need will remain a constant.

It is because of the support from donors like you that we have been able to serve the members of our community, and it will be because of your continued support that we serve the next generation to come.

Since 1982, it has been our privilege to care for your loved ones. Thank you for supporting our mission now, and for the next 40 years.



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Ohio's Hospice LifeCare: Our Milestones Through the Years

1982

Founding year. Served eight patients.

1990

Medicare certification approved.

1992

Moved to 2330 Cleveland Rd. Served 116 patients.

2000

Increased bereavement support services to children through Wooster Noon Lions Club Support. Served 303 patients.

2005

Opened LifeCare outpatient services at Viola Startzman Free Clinic. Served 523 patients.

Marilyn B. and Mark E. Gustafson Center for Supportive Care Nearing Completion



Construction on the Marilyn B. and Mark E. Gustafson Center for Supportive Care is expected to be completed during the spring of 2022. The center will allow Ohio's Hospice LifeCare to expand our volunteer services, the Pathways of HopeSM Grief Counseling Center, and our Mobile Care Unit transportation hub of service and support.

Since 1982, we have had the honor and privilege to care for those in our community as they face the end of life. Our care team of physicians, nurses, personal care specialists, chaplains, social workers, bereavement counseling professionals, and volunteers support around-the-clock care for more patients and families than ever before.

The Center for Supportive Care will provide more individual and group counseling rooms for our Pathways of Hope Grief Counseling Center, a larger gathering space for training and seminars for both volunteers and the community, office space, and garages built for our Mobile Care Unit transportation hub of service and support. We look forward to this addition to our Akron Road location serving the community.

To learn more about the progress of the building and ways to support, contact Katherine Ritchie at 330.264.4899 or KRitchie@LifeCareHospice.org or visit: <https://www.OhiosHospiceLifeCare.org/BuildingSupport/>

Thank you to the generosity of our major donors who are helping make the dream of this building a reality.

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As of December 15, 2021

2010

Purchased 19 acres along Akron Road for new hospice facility. Served 682 patients.

2017

LifeCare Hospice joins Ohio's Hospice strategic partnership and becomes Ohio's Hospice LifeCare.

2021

Ohio's Hospice LifeCare breaks ground on Marilyn B. and Mark E. Gustafson Center for Supportive Care.

2022

Ohio's Hospice LifeCare celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Thanks to Friendtique for Supporting Our Mission

Special thanks to Friendtique, a not-for-profit thrift boutique, located in downtown Wooster. In the past 16 years, Friendtique has donated more than \$1 million to Ohio's Hospice LifeCare's Community Care Fund. The fund provides for patients who need assistance covering the cost of their care.

In 2021, Friendtique so generously donated \$35,000 through the sale of donated furniture, jewelry, clothing, artwork, rugs, lamps, and other home items. Friendtique and its sister store, Nest, are staffed almost entirely with volunteers who share Friendtique's mission of bettering the community.

We are so grateful for the support of Friendtique, their volunteers, and all who generously shop and donate.



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Help Support Our Mission Through Monthly Giving

Ohio's Hospice LifeCare was established 40 years ago because a group of volunteers believed our community deserved superior end-of-life care.

Now, more than ever, we need your support as we continue to nurture and care for individuals facing life-limiting illnesses.

Monthly donations provide ongoing support to sustain our mission. Through this option, monthly donations create a sustained impact on our programming and patient services.

In celebration of our 40 years serving the community, would you consider the following?

- \$19.82 a month to celebrate our founding year
- \$198.20 annually (about \$16.50 per month)
- \$1,982.00 annually (about \$165 per month)

Your monthly donation will be put to immediate use towards services that Medicare does not cover, such as art and music therapy, occupational therapy, grief and bereavement counseling for the entire community, and other donor-funded programs.

For more information about joining our community of monthly donors, please visit:
www.OhiosHospiceLifeCare.org/Monthly-Giving/

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