

Celebrating Life's Stories[®]

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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Our Nurses Make a Difference

Each and every day, our nurses show our patients and families compassion, kindness and support – no matter the circumstances, the challenges, the complexity, the time of day, or the distance.

The care our nurses provide matters. We are grateful and thankful for all they do to deliver superior care and superior services wherever we are privileged to serve, now and always.

“As a hospice nurse, being present during the sacred time of a patient’s death is truly unforgettable.”

-Debbie, Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare Nurse

Our hospice-certified nurses serve as key members of the care team, providing compassionate care alongside our board-certified hospice and palliative care physicians, personal care specialists (state tested nursing assistants), social workers, chaplains, bereavement counseling professionals, and volunteers.

Nurses are an integral part of our care teams, providing expertise in hospice and palliative care.

Miranda became a nurse to help people in addition to having a rewarding career.

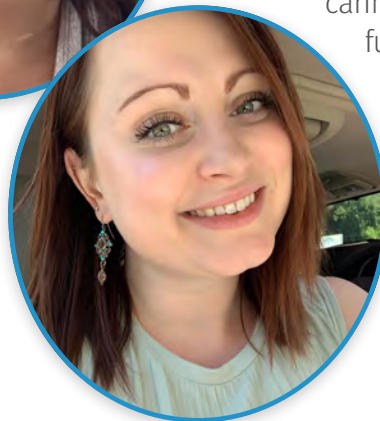
She loves the critical thinking involved in being a nurse and the challenge each day brings. “I’m very grateful to be able to be involved with and part of such an amazing team at Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare,” she says.

Annie believes that her purpose in life is to bring others peace and comfort. As a hospice nurse, this profession allows her to help those most in need at such a challenging stage of life. One of Annie’s favorite memories as a nurse is watching a patient’s wedding in the Stanley C. and Flo K. Gault Inpatient Pavilion.

Debbie reflects kindness, one of our key values. She listens to her patients and families, recognizing and hearing what is important to them to provide the best care. “As a hospice nurse, being present during the sacred time of a patient’s death is truly unforgettable,” she says.

Leann started her career as an STNA and fell in love with caring for people. From there, she decided to further her ability by becoming a nurse. She cares for patients in the moment, wherever they are in their journey, to make them feel heard.

We’re thankful for all that our nurses do to support our mission!



Listening and Responding to the Needs of Patients and Families



Katherine Ritchie
Development Director
Ohio's Hospice LifeCare

One of the greatest pleasures of our work in hospice care is hearing stories from patients and families. I often think about what a gift these moments are, as I listen to memories about family, love and life.

In this issue of Celebrating Life's Stories®, we share insight into our wonderful Ohio's Hospice LifeCare team. Our staff listens and

responds to meet the needs of patients and families as they navigate end of life care. As we celebrate 40 years

of hospice care, we are so grateful for a staff that truly is a team.

The addition of the Marilyn B. and Mark E. Gustafson Center for Supportive Care broadens our reach of neighbors helping neighbors.

The Ohio's Hospice Foundation is here to meet the needs of our patients as well, but in a different way. We are here to explore how one may choose to be remembered, what legacy can be left behind, and how we can help memorialize loved ones for years to come.

If you are considering such a gift or including Ohio's Hospice LifeCare in your estate plans, please contact Katherine Ritchie at KRitchie@LifeCareHospice.org or 330.264.4899.

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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.

Pathways of HopeSM Provides Support to Members of the Community

Pathways of HopeSM at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare provides a variety of services to the communities we serve. Along with the collaborative relationships of our community partners, the center offers a comprehensive program of compassionate care for all individuals experiencing the impact of serious illness and loss. Through support groups, bereavement workshops, individual counseling, and Camp Waves of Emotion, Pathways of Hope is here to meet the needs of the community.

"Grief is a universal experience that touches everyone," said David Hargrave, LSW, CCTP, CGCS, bereavement counseling professional with Ohio's Hospice LifeCare. "It is a normal and natural response to loss and the changes it brings."

Bereavement Workshops

Monthly bereavement workshops are for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one and needs grief and support services. Topics covered include grief and bereavement, Valentine's Day, suicide, sudden death, the death of a child, complicated grief, and the holidays.

Support Groups

Faces of Grief is a six-week support group designed to support adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Offered three times a year, the group provides a safe venue for those who have lost a loved one. Topics

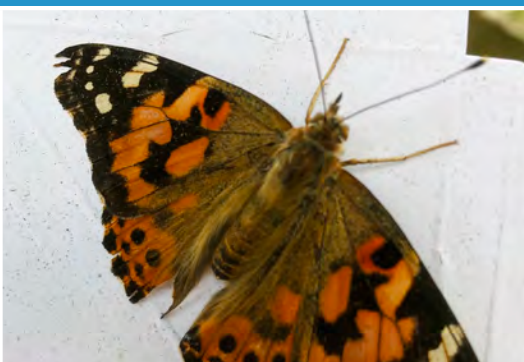
covered during the group sessions include myths about grief, common and normal grief reactions, different grieving styles, four tasks of mourning, secondary losses, factors that influence the grief journey, and self-care.

Camp Waves of Emotion

Pathways of Hope at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare also offers Camp Waves of Emotion, a grief camp for children ages 7-12, who have lost a loved one. During the camp, bereavement counseling professionals and trained staff utilize art, music, play and a grief curriculum to assist children in identifying their unspoken feelings. This year's camp is August 2-5, 1:30-4:30 pm, at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare (1900 Akron Rd., Wooster, OH 44691).



For more information about our bereavement services, please contact PathwaysofHope@LifeCareHospice.org or call 330.264.4899.



2010

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

2017

LifeCare Hospice joined Ohio's Hospice strategic partnership and became Ohio's Hospice LifeCare.

2021

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

2022

Ohio's Hospice LifeCare celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Thank You For Attending Our First Celebrating Life's Stories® Butterfly Release

Brilliant sunshine appeared in time for nearly 300 butterflies to be released into the sky at our first Celebrating Life's Stories® Butterfly Release. Family and friends honored and remembered their loved ones on June 26 at the campus of Ohio's Hospice LifeCare in Wooster.

Katherine Ritchie, development director, welcomed the attendees and gave instructions and information about the Painted Lady butterflies. David Hargave, bereavement counseling professional, provided words of encouragement, lessons on grief and music. At the conclusion, participants released the beautiful butterflies on the grounds of Ohio's Hospice LifeCare and/or at a location of their choosing such as a cemetery, backyard or a special place of that loved one.

Thank you to all who attended and supported our mission. Net proceeds from the Celebrating Life's Stories Butterfly Release directly benefit the patients and families that we are privileged to serve.

Thank you to our presenting sponsor, Wooster Color Point for the generous support in making this event possible.



Save the Date: 2022 Inaugural Golf Classic



What: A day of golf, lunch, dinner, drinks, and games of chance, all to support Ohio's Hospice LifeCare's continued mission of serving patients, families and the community when the need arises.

When: Friday, August 26, 2022. Registration begins at 9 am, with tee time at 10 am.

Where: The Pines Golf Club
1319 Millborne Rd., Orrville, OH 44667

How: www.OhiosHospiceLifeCare.org/Golf2022

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, contact Katherine Ritchie at KRitchie@LifeCareHospice.org or 330.264.4899.

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