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# Thank You For Making Our 2012 Special Events Successful

By Dona Vella, Director of Grants & Special Events

Three of our four signature events for Hospice of Dayton take place between September and November (our Golf Classic takes place in June). We would like to take this opportunity to thank and highlight our sponsors for these events. It is through their generosity and the support of the community who attend that we are able to carry out our mission, which so profoundly touches the individuals and families that Hospice of Dayton serves.

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## Hope Society Members

By Lori Poelking-Igel, Director, Leadership Giving



Hospice of Dayton Foundation has established the **Hope Society** as a way to support the unique programs and activities that Hospice of Dayton offers every day of the year to the community. As part of the **Hope Society** your donations will support Hospice of Dayton's one-of-a-kind programs and make future initiatives possible. Thank you being a founding member of this special group.

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## "A House of Angels"

There is an old adage that says, "People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel."

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank Hospice of Dayton® for all that they did and how they made our mother and all our family feel during her stay at Hospice of Dayton, among what we call, "a house of angels".

To Dr. Reddy, Dr. McLean and Carolyn, we thank you for your patience and comfort. You always took the time to answer all of our questions, never rushing although your schedules were extremely busy. Everyone's reassurance that it was okay for her to drink "Orange Crush", something she never drank before, gave her comfort as she tried to enjoy what she viewed as an indulgence. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

To all of the nurses and personal care aids, we thank you for your gentle compassionate care of Mom and us. You were our teachers on this very personal chapter of our lives; our comforters, our hand holders, our instructors in how to make Mom comfortable—ah, the magic you all did with pillows. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

To Chaplin Ruth and Sharon (social worker), thank you for your prayers, visits, and for introducing us to some wonderful books that helped us on our journey and continue to be sources of comfort. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

To the Café staff we thank you for the nourishment for our bodies and smiles for our spirits. You always welcomed us with healthy choices and warm smiles...and the smell of cookies right out of the oven! Thank you for sharing your gifts.

To the shuttle drivers thank you for the rides. You were always upbeat and happy to help. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

To the many, many volunteers who touched us in so many ways: Sandy's beautiful Blanket of Love, flower bouquets, 3:00 p.m. snack time, Friday popcorn, musicians, artists, greeters and hand massagers. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

During Mom's time at Hospice of Dayton we watched the beautiful Employee and Volunteer Recognition Wall be built. But more importantly we experienced all that it represents: people helping people.

Thank you for sharing your gifts. We will always remember how you made us feel on this remarkable journey.

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# Exceeding Expectations

By Kent Anderson, President/CEO

Our commitment to the communities we serve is reflected in the character of our staff and volunteers, and the quality of our services is made possible through the support of community members.

For those of us privileged to serve in the mission of Hospice of Dayton, we strive to constantly earn the respect, trust and generosity of our community by exceeding expectations and delivering superior care and services. As we continue to achieve these goals, we have expanded our palliative care services beyond hospice care to address the needs of others in the community suffering with pain. We extend our services to those less fortunate who have no means to pay for care. We honor the dignity of each patient and preserve quality of life by focusing on services such as pet, massage and music therapy. We provide occupational therapy to enable patients to retain mobility and participate in enjoyable activities. Our American Pride services assure that veterans receive all benefits for which they qualify and have their special needs addressed. By partnering with more hospitals, extended care and assisted living facilities than any other hospice provider, we make our services available to more patients in our area. By supporting and extending continuing education and advanced clinical certification for our staff, we assure the highest standards of clinical expertise for patients. We thank you for honoring us with your trust.



Kent Anderson, President/CEO



Brenda Humfleet, President, Hospice of Dayton Foundation and Vice President, Hospice of Dayton, Inc.

# Thank Goodness for Somebody

Brenda C. Humfleet, Vice President, Hospice of Dayton and President, Hospice of Dayton Foundation

In total, nearly \$3,000,000 in community support was given by very special “somebodies”. People sometimes ask me ... how can I help? My best answer is – be somebody who gives in support of our care.

There is a poem written by an anonymous humorist who lamented that “everybody thinks somebody is going to do something, but more often than not, nobody does anything for anybody...” and the poem finishes with the statement, “This world would be a better place if there were more somebodies and less nobodys”.

Hospice of Dayton is blessed with a strong support base of “somebodies”. Last year, approximately

16,000 “somebodies” decided that the 5,000 patients who received our care deserved to die with peace and dignity, surrounded by friends, family and professional caregivers who met their needs and provided grief support to their loved ones.

As a result, more than \$600,000 was used to pay for non-reimbursed patient care; more than \$700,000 was used to provide individual and group grief support sessions for the mothers, fathers, husbands, wives,

and children of those who suffered the loss of a loved one. Our patients received the benefits of non-pharmacological care interventions to ease their anxiety and improve their quality of life through massage, art, laser light, occupational, and music therapies. Likewise, our team of medical professionals provided pain management support for those patients diagnosed with terminal illnesses.

# Art Forever After Program, Sponsored by The Yeck Family Foundation

By Jonathan Haag LISW-S, ATR-BC

We will create grief related art activities including scrap-booking, drawings, ceramic and painting projects.

One common theme I hear from grieving children, teens and adults in my ten years as an art therapist for Hospice of Dayton is, “I don’t want to talk about it,” or “I don’t know what to say.” I usually say something like, “That’s the great thing about making art. You don’t have to say anything. Once you start making art, it has a life of its own and you’ll soon find that the art you make expresses your thoughts and feelings beyond words.” This small conversation summarizes

the purpose for the new Art Forever After Program. And you don’t have to be “artistically gifted” to benefit.

One new Art Forever After endeavor I am especially excited about for 2013 is a multi-generational art based group for grieving people. We are collaborating with We Care Arts to provide this art based grief group in their art studio space. This group will be offered in 3 month segments; February through April and September

through November from 6:30-8:30 pm every Monday evening. I will facilitate the groups as the Pathways of Hope’s Board Certified Art Therapist with the assistance of several trained Hospice of Dayton volunteers. This group is designed to be family friendly and multi-generational with ages 5 to 105 welcome. If you are interested in either of these Art Forever After opportunities, contact Pathways of Hope at 937-258-4991 for more information.



Char Hinkley

# Murals By Char

By April Brown, Content and Publication Specialist

“Our talents are God’s gift to us; how we use them is our gift back to Him.”

On April 17th, Dayton muralist, Char Hinkley attended the 2012 Volunteer Banquet with pet therapy volunteer, Sheri Spencer. While at the banquet, she heard several touching testimonies about the incredible ways our volunteers make a difference for patients at the end-of-life. “I thought, hmmm, how could I do something here?” said Char. “Well, I could use the talent God gave me to do some art for them.” Char quickly contacted the Hospice of Dayton CEO, Kent Anderson, and began donating her time painting murals around the Dayton Hospice House.

Char has lived in Dayton since 1976, attended Fairmont High School (where she met her husband of 44 years), and has been painting from a very young age. She started painting on clothing, and then began painting murals in 1985. With no formal training, it is absolutely astounding to witness her ability to take a plain wall and quickly transform it into a landscape masterpiece. She has completed the Shaw Nurse’s Station, the Ginkgo Family Lounge, the Children’s Play Room and other projects at the Dayton Hospice House.

We currently have 775 active volunteers whose time and talent improves the quality of life for our patients and their loved ones. To volunteer, contact Krissy Barker at 937-256-9507, ext. 1164.