



Congressman Visits Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties

By Charles Dawes, Associate Director of Development

While home for the holiday break, 1st District Ohio Congressman Steve Chabot recently toured Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties' hospice house, Lorelei's Place. The Congressman visited with a patient and family and toured the facility with Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ruth Thomson. Information about hospice services and the transitions resulting from healthcare reform were also a focus of discussion and exchange. We thank Congressman Chabot for his visit and support.

Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties began service to the community in 1993 as an affiliate of Hospice of Dayton, offering core services in home care, extended care and assisted living facilities. In 2009, our community benefited from the hospice house option with the opening of Lorelei's Place. Conveniently located near the Atrium Medical Center, Lorelei's Place Hospice House offers patients in need of intensive pain and symptom management state-of-the-art care in comfortable and relaxing surroundings. This peaceful setting is named in memory of Lorelei Tatar, a Middletown resident whose family helped spearhead the establishment so that other families in Butler and Warren Counties could benefit from hospice care as theirs did when Lorelei passed away.

As a non-profit, community based hospice, our services are available to all patients, regardless of ability to pay. In addition to patient care, Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties provides grief support services available to all members the community who have lost a loved one, regardless of whether they had received care in our hospice program. 

Pictured left to right are Hospice of Dayton/Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties President/CEO Kent Anderson, Chief Nursing and Care Officer Mary Murphy, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ruth Thomson, Congressman Chabot, Director of Care, Hospice Houses Yvonne Turner and Hospice of Dayton/Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties Board Chair Greg Toman.



“If there is no struggle, there is no progress” Frederick Douglass

By Kent Anderson, President/CEO



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The changing landscape of healthcare is having an impact on every healthcare provider, and Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties is no exception. Some days it is difficult to appreciate that the struggles of today will produce progress down the road. I sincerely believe that the changes we are currently experiencing in healthcare will result, in the long term, in an improved healthcare system. I also believe hospice care will play a more valued and significant role, and we will be at the forefront of providing more patients and families with the superior care and superior services that are the benchmark of Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties.

Thanks to the support of this community and the commitment of our staff, we will continue to rise to any challenge to maintain our mission of extraordinary end-of-life care for patients and families in Southwest Ohio. Thank you for your support for our mission. 🌿

What Advice Would You Give Your 30-Year-Old Self?

By Brenda C. Humfleet, President, Hospice of Dayton Foundation



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Those words sprang out at me this past week when I was flipping through my latest issue of *Bloomberg Businessweek* magazine. The informal survey asked that question and I in turn asked several staff members the same question. Their responses: worry less; happiness is a choice; find joy in helping others; love the ones you're with; never miss an opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Interestingly, none of the respondents in my impromptu survey mentioned anything about working more or amassing material wealth. Each of them, including me, advised our “30-year-old selves” to pay more attention to basic human principles surrounding our desire for joyful moments and our need to nurture and love others.

As Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties staff, it may have been a coincidence that our responses were linked to finding joy in life while nurturing and caring about others, however, since our organization’s mission is to celebrate the lives of those we have the privilege of serving by providing superior care and services to each patient and family...I don’t think it was a coincidence.

If you, too, would like to make a positive difference in the lives of others, you can accomplish that by volunteering your time to bring joy to our patients. You can find joy in the companionship of others who support our mission by joining our Hope Society to help fund patient services and grief support programs for the families of those who are left to grieve the loss of someone they love. Or, you could include Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties in your estate planning.

Make a difference while you can, and do it as early in life as possible. Someone once told me, “Never wait until tomorrow to do something positive for someone today.” 🌿



Second Year Success for 5k Run & Walk

By Charles Dawes, Associate Director of Development

In 2013, Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties hosted its 2nd Annual Remembrance Run & Walk. With community support, the event was excellent, touching the lives of more than 300 guests and generating revenue of more than \$25,000... an amazing turnout for just the second year. Our revenue and attendance more than tripled!

We thank our sponsors for choosing to support our mission since 100% of their contributions was directed to patient care and essential bereavement support. As our area's non-profit hospice, we thank them for their choice to support Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties and their belief in our capacity to meet the rising demand for quality end-of-life care.



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Please remember that our next celebration will be held on September 27, 2014, at Smith Park. We look forward to welcoming back our walkers, runners, and teams. This year Ben Groh, from Cincy R.A.C.E will coordinate the event and supply chip timing, a first for our guests! Let's keep the momentum going! For additional race details, please contact Charles Dawes at cdawes@hospiceofbwco.org. 🌱

Donations of Love and Support

By Charles Dawes, Associate Director of Development

Looking back on my childhood, I consider myself lucky. I was fortunate to have had a mother and father that cared for me the best that they knew how. Although our family was not rich or poor, I had the benefit of peace of mind. Whatever problems that I faced as a child, I knew I would find love and support from my parents.

Now, imagine you are a child that just experienced the loss of a mother, father, or sibling. Consider the feelings that you might be experiencing: guilt, confusion, solitude, anger, or isolation. How would you cope? Where would you find support? The answer is that there are few options for children since health insurance plans lack coverage, and counseling can cost \$100 per hour. How tragic it is to realize that children can be denied help and that the quality of their future may decline drastically, ultimately leading to incidences of depression and suicide.

I think we can agree that every child's future should not be limited by their ability to afford support.

At this time, we recognize and thank The Greater Cincinnati Foundation for delivering essential funding to our Healing Pathways program. Their \$10,000 contribution will ensure that more than 60 children, ages 4-17, within our area have access to professional, licensed grief support at no cost. Community partners, like GCF, understand how unidentified grief can affect a young person's quality of life and what steps should be taken



to enhance their well being and their future. We thank the GCF for their belief in Healing Pathways and our capacity to aid every child that seeks our help.

If you would like to give to Healing Pathways, like the GCF, and provide children with the resources to cope with the psychological impact of grief, please contact Charles Dawes at 513-659-0959. Your financial support truly changes lives.

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Some of the members of Team AT&T just prior to the start of the Remembrance 5K – From left to right Pete Sampogna, Jason Welch, Brandon Rice, Scott Sebastian, Kaitlin Hagan, Nik Taylor, and Sam Rassi.

A Sponsor's Perspective

By Mark Romito, Director External Affairs, AT&T

The way we communicate has changed and AT&T keeps pace by investing in high speed IP networks, meeting customer expectations, and offering the latest smartphones, innovation, and technology. Even though these changes are significant and impact our lives in many ways, the most profound and moving change all of us must deal with at one time or another is our own mortality or that of a loved one. Having Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties to help individuals and families cope and carry on with a sense of peace is so beneficial. Because of its great work in our community, AT&T is proud to have sponsored Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties 5k Remembrance Run & Walk last September 28th. 



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