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A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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Fishing at Pond Brings Back Memories for Ohio's Hospice of Dayton Patient

George Wilson, a patient of Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, loves to tell stories about his fishing days. So, when My Nguyen, a social worker with Ohio's Hospice, learned about George's love of fishing, she arranged for George and his wife, Rean, to experience an afternoon of fishing with two of his fishing pals, Bob Engelbrecht and Mike Cornelius, at a local pond.

Engelbrecht and Cornelius, who also are volunteers with Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, fished with George, pulling in several small bluegill. It was a catch-and-release day. The three of them had been part of a fishing group that once included 15 people.

George, who grew up in Dayton, has been fishing his whole life. "I've been fishing since I was a child," he said remembering a lifetime of fishing adventures. "I just picked it up as I went along."

His favorite places to fish included Cowan Lake near Clarksville, Ohio, and Rush Run Lake near Camden, Ohio. He also liked to fish in streams. He enjoyed the stillness of the water and the surrounding nature. He loved watching the various birds that flew by the lakes and streams where he fished.

Rean was introduced to George's love of fishing when they were on their honeymoon. "I started trolling for fish," said Rean, who met George at a mutual friend's wedding in 1949 and married him in 1950. "I caught a 36-inch muskie. George had to help me bring it in!"



When their children were young, they camped on vacations in Indiana near a lake. The couple has memories of fishing with their children and sitting by the campfire. "I didn't necessarily like sleeping on the ground in the tent," Rean said. "But we enjoyed the time we spent together as a family."

A World War II Veteran, George served in the U.S. Air Force. After the war, he worked at Western Electric in a crystal lab and then took a course in programming. He became a computer programmer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He also owned a frame shop, Frames by George, in Miamisburg.

Fishing at the pond at age 92 was something the couple will treasure. "This was a marvelous experience for George," Rean said. "I'm so thankful for the Ohio's Hospice of Dayton team for arranging this opportunity for my husband."

The care team at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton was honored and privileged to arrange this special afternoon for George and Rean. Celebrating Life's stories like this one is just one of the many ways that Ohio's Hospice of Dayton provides superior care and super services.

Pure Healthcare



Kent Anderson, President & CEO,
Ohio's Hospice

For some of our community members, making each day matter can be very difficult.

As we enter a new era in healthcare, it is becoming more important than ever to ensure that our community is taken care of in a way that matters now and for future generations. By taking a moment to reset, refocus and fine-tune the way we approach care, we can provide the very best quality of care to those living with chronic health conditions.



Making each day matter.™

This new commitment will take concrete form as we launch Pure Healthcare and open our new center located in Centerville. Pure Healthcare introduces a new and more comprehensive concept in care to the communities we serve. This is not a hospice center, but a new offering in healthcare, supported by palliative care experts.

Pure Healthcare changes the approach to managing chronic illness, incorporating technology and telehealth monitoring. This offers a solution that bridges the gap in healthcare that individuals frequently experience.

Life does not stand still, and neither do we. Thanks to generous community support, we will continue to find new and innovative ways to help those entrusted to our care: our mission for the past 40 years — and our next.

To learn more about Pure Healthcare, be sure to visit www.PureHealthcare.org.

Planning for the Future



Lori Poelking-Igel, CFRE, Executive Director,
Hospice of Dayton Foundation

On the first day of the New Year, I counted my blessings as I sat around the dinner table with my loved ones. We raised our glasses and toasted to a healthy, prosperous and serene year ahead. We talked about our resolutions and how we planned to make them happen. As we wrapped up dinner, I thought about the other kinds of planning that I had done to make sure my family would stay happy, healthy and prosperous not just in the year ahead, but in the future.

Making plans for your family's future is an important step. It cements the legacy you will leave behind for future generations. As you are looking forward to the year ahead of you, we ask you to consider Ohio's Hospice of Dayton in your legacy plans. As we strive to provide superior care for those facing end-of-life illnesses, you can help make a difference with those families we care for now and in the future with a planned gift.

Leaving a planned gift can come in many forms: a donation from a life-insurance policy, a distribution from an individual retirement account, or a gift left in your will. The beginning of a new year is a great time to discuss your plans with your family and financial planners. If you would like to help support our mission, please reach out to me at 937.258.5537.

Pathways of Hope: A Service to the Community

After a difficult year of hardship and loss, many in the greater Dayton area are ready to move forward. In 2019, many in the community experienced unprecedented grief and loss. When combined with the stress of the holidays and the grey winter Ohio skies, many are looking for hope brought with a New Year. Individually, and as a community, we still need to heal. The ripples of grief are wide, and often people need support for into the future.

Thanks to generations of community support, Ohio's Hospice of Dayton offers grief counseling to anyone in need throughout our community through Pathways of Hope. Our team of counselors and social workers provide support and education to anyone in need of healing. Here are a few things to know about Pathways of Hope:

- Grief support through Pathways of Hope is a service to the community. Even if you have not had a loved one in our care, you can receive support. We have worked with victims of the tornadoes, individuals who lost someone in the Oregon District mass shooting, and others in the community who have experienced loss. Our services are available to all. We are here for you.

- Our counselors and social workers are available on an individual basis or in group settings. There are group drop-in informal sessions, eight-week group sessions, memorial services, staff-run school groups, grief support children's camps, and family-therapy sessions.
- Our staff provide a variety of talks focused on grief support available throughout the community. Customized programs based on community need.
- Pathways of Hope services are provided free of charge. Thanks to the generosity of our donors like you, we are able to send more than 60 children and teenagers each year to an overnight summer camp and allow them the space to process their grief.

Thanks to you, your family, friends and neighbors have a professional support to process their grief without the burden of payment.



If you would like more information on grief support please contact Pathways of Hope at 937.258.4991. To learn more about supporting Pathways of Hope please contact the Hospice of Dayton Foundation at 937.258.5537.

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Events Raise Almost \$72,000 for Patient Care

Cosmic Bowl

More than \$22,000 was raised by 200 participants at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton's 22nd annual Cosmic Bowl on Nov. 3 at Poelking-Woodman Lanes in Kettering.

Over the past 22 years, the event has raised almost \$1 million for patient care.

"We would like to thank everyone for coming out and making the cosmic bowl another huge success," said Sydney Truax, Special Events Associate with Ohio's Hospice. "We also would like to thank all of our sponsors for their support."

The presenting sponsor was Dayton #73 Moose Lodge. Additional sponsors included In Memory of Jon Poelking; McGohan Brabender; Greg and Patti Atkinson; Meijer; Coolidge Wall Co. LPA; Robert H. Brethen Foundation; Progressive Printers, The Nichols Family; Poelking Bowling Centers; Linda M. Weprin Realty; United Healthcare; Calvary Cemetery; R.B. Jergens Contractors; The Leff Family; and Yeck Brothers.

3k/5k Remembrance Walk

More than 600 members of the community registered to participate in Ohio's Hospice of Dayton's 2019 Annual 3k/5k Remembrance Walk on Oct. 26 at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, raising almost \$50,000 for patient care and services.

Participants were invited to organize a group of family members, friends, neighbors or co-workers to walk in honor or memory of a loved one and support our mission.

"We want to thank our sponsors, walkers, volunteers and everyone who helped support this special event," said Melissa Romer, special events manager at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton Foundation. "Because of their generosity, we are able to provide exceptional support services to our patients and their families."

This year's sponsors included Calvary Cemetery, Exhibit Concepts, Netsmart, Dodd's Memorials, Champion Apparel & Promotions, David's Cemetery, Edith M. Corbin, Harlamert-Peck Family, Kettering Health Network, McGohan & Brabender and Metlife.



2020 Events — Be Sure to Save the Dates

Jun.
8

Golf
Classic

Sept.
17

Celebrating Life's
Stories® Luncheon

Oct.
24

3k/5k
Remembrance Walk

Nov.
8

Cosmic
Bowl

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