

VOLUNTEER VISION

Winter 2021

The Spirit of Giving

The Spirit of the Holidays is the act of giving without expecting anything in return. It's finding peace in the happiness of others, forgetting the self, and making connections with those around you.

During the past few months, we have seen true holiday spirit from our volunteers and the community! We asked for assistance and oh boy ... did our community deliver!

Our volunteers and the community have provided beyond our expectations, and we thank you for your generosity! We have received blankets, yarn, material, pillowcases, neck pillows, feelie hearts, and items for our Alzheimer/dementia patients, including fidget mats, twiddle muffs, and wristlets. All these items are a blessing for our patients and families. They provide a comforting touch during difficult times.

Our blessings include:

- Blankets to brighten the room for our new patients in our Hospice Houses, lovingly handcrafted by our volunteers. We provide close to 200 blankets a month. We asked a few volunteers to spread the word that we are looking for new sources for blankets, and blankets started pouring in. We had individuals, churches, senior centers, quilt and needle-crafting groups, friends and families making and bringing in blankets and quilts, or yarn to make them.

Our mission is to celebrate the lives of those we have the privilege of serving by providing superior care and superior services to each patient and family.

The Volunteer Vision is a quarterly publication for all volunteers and the community. Its purpose is to inform readers about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and organizational updates.

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- We were contacted by the Castine Women's Ministry in Arcanum to see if we had a need for handmade pillowcases for our patients. This outreach has turned into a wonderful addition for our homecare patients. Our clinical staff is now able to provide a comfort item for our homecare patients that we would not be able to provide without the generosity and talents of this group. We are so blessed to be the recipient of the wonderful work of the women's ministry. They have made and donated 248 pillowcases that are being enjoyed by our patients.
- As volunteers and community members have spent more time at home, they have shared their talents and provided many additional comfort items that we so desperately needed. We now have more items available for our Alzheimer/dementia patients including fidget mats, twiddle muffs, and wristlets. We have also received more neck pillows and hand carrots/hand pillows to provide comfort for our patients.

Thank you to the volunteers and everyone who contributed, shared our needs, and contacted their friends, co-workers, and church members. It's people like you who continue to make our organization the strong caring group continuing to serve the Miami Valley and beyond. Your love, generosity and good will is appreciated by staff, patients and families!



Dress Code Reminder

As we enter the winter months, I would like to remind everyone of our dress code policy. There are a few items, such as leggings and exercise clothing, that are unprofessional. For example, although ladies enjoy wearing leggings with sweaters and boots, the leggings are not suitable for our organization unless you are wearing them under a longer dress. Jeans/denim are also inappropriate, unless they are appropriate for your specific volunteer position such as working on the grounds outside. If jeans are worn, we ask that they be dark denim without holes.

All clothing is expected to be modest, clean and conservative. Clothing should not be tight, revealing, low-cut, or any look that appears non-business like in appearance.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out!



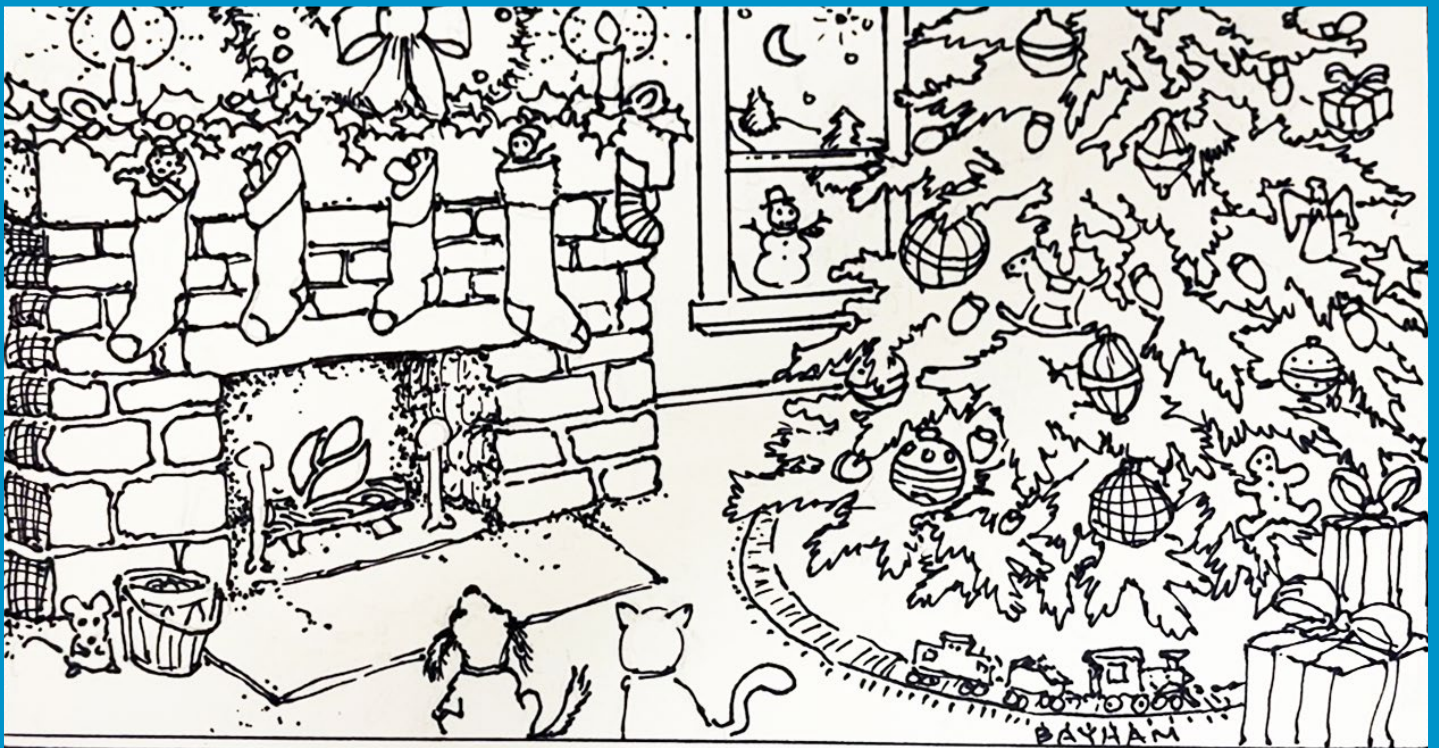
Who Wore it Better?

Unlike the Grinch, therapy dog Trudy is excited for Christmas – so excited that she has been rolling in fresh cut grass to count down the days!



Holiday Hidden Picture

Drawn by volunteer Dennis Bayham



What's Up Peppermint Cup?

- Ohio's Hospice of Dayton and Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties raised more than \$60,000 dollars at the annual 5k Remembrance Walks.
- Dayton area restaurants, bakeries and breweries participated in our Sips, Savories & Sweets event. More than \$210,000 was raised to support our mission.
- On November 5, volunteers enjoyed a donut and coffee drive-thru hosted by Volunteer Services Staff.
- With the help of five of our volunteer Veterans, we participated in several Veterans Day events throughout the Dayton and Springfield areas.
- Pure Healthcare volunteers have donated more than 1,500 Feelie Hearts this year.
- Ohio's Community Mercy Hospice moved to its new office space located at 1830 N. Limestone St. in Springfield, Ohio.

Carole's Café – A Recipe from the Chef

This recipe came from Cheryl Devins, a chef at The Café Monet in the Dayton Art Institute. Chef Cheryl hired me at my first job as a sous chef. Mama's Spinach Soup was her mother's recipe. She shared it with me, and it has been a favorite everywhere I have worked since. The name of the soup begs an explanation, but I don't feel that the name should be changed in honor of Chef Cheryl and her mother.

Mama's Spinach Soup

From Mary Beringer

Ingredients:

4 tablespoons butter
1 cup onion, diced
5 cups vegetable stock
2 cups fresh spinach, roughly chopped (or to taste)
2 carrots, peeled and sliced
1/3 cup rice, uncooked
2 cups half and half (I use heavy cream.)
2 russet potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced (or to taste)

On This Day in History

1988 - The dream of a Hospice House was launched with a two-year capital campaign to raise money to fund construction. State-owned land was identified on Wilmington Avenue that would complement the goal of a dedicated space for administrative offices and a patient care facility.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on November 29, 1988, on the grounds at 324 Wilmington Ave. The dream for the center incorporated nature into the design of every patient room, featuring a window wall that overlooked natural landscaping. Homelike and private accommodations for patients were a stark contrast to the institutionalized, ward-care settings typical of hospitals at the time.

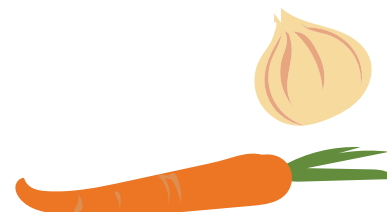
The building, which opened in 1990, was made possible by the donations of more than 14,000 community members, large and small. Upon completion, the building earned a reputation for innovative patient-centered design that brought visitors from around the world to tour.



Instructions:

Sauté onion in butter.
Add stock, spinach, carrots, and rice. Cook 1/2 hour.
Add half and half and potatoes.
Cook until potatoes are done.
Salt and Pepper to taste.

Smaczniego! (Enjoy!)
Mary - Carole's Café Chef



Current Volunteer Opportunities

Ohio's Hospice of Dayton Hospice House

- Supply Assistant
- Gift Shop Assistant
- Reception – Family and Friends Desk
- Ambassadors
- Carole's Café
- Grounds/Gardening Assistant

If you are interested in exploring any of the above openings, please contact one of our volunteer coordinators at **937.256.9507**:

Linda Corey Simpson, ext. 1163

Theresa Zelinski, ext. 3314

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Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties Hospice House

- Inpatient Care Center
- Grounds/ Gardening Assistant

Pure Healthcare

- Reception

Ohio's Hospice at United Church Homes - Fairborn and Beavercreek

- Community Visitor

Heirlooms

- Shop Assistant

Across the Greater Dayton Area

- Visitor
- Veteran Pinners
- Centerville Team Center - Supply

