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A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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Tear Cloth Helps Grieving Family Celebrate Wedding

When Jerry Edward Kincer, a U.S. Army Veteran, entered hospice care at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, his nurses had the privilege of providing expert, compassionate care as they monitored his symptoms to ensure comfort and peace around the clock until his passing. During his final hours, one of the nurses used a special cloth to wipe away his tears and placed the cloth with his tears in a bag that was shared with his great-granddaughter, Haley DePoy. This cloth is called a tear cloth.

A few days, up to minutes before death, a tear may form in the eyes of a person who is passing away. This is not the same as the emotional crying that comes from both eyes. This tear is significant in that the patient may not be able to talk, and this final tear is a way of saying goodbye. The tear is gently collected onto the white cloth and kept by the family after the patient has died. The family has the tear cloth as a memorial. It can be used for special occasions, such as ceremonies, weddings or graduations.

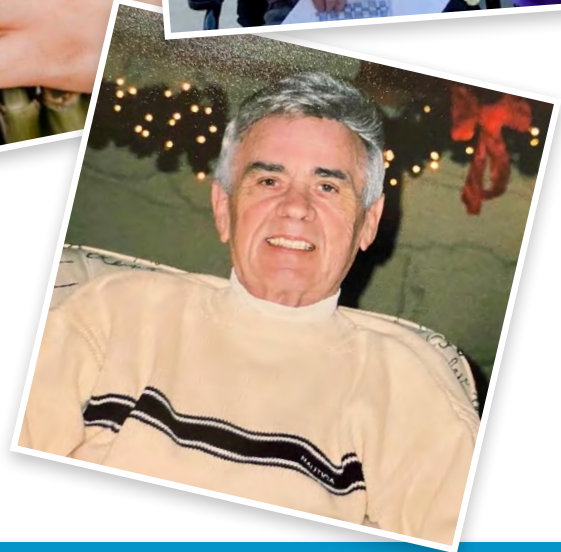
Haley used the cloth to wrap around her bouquet on her wedding day. "It's now framed in my living room next to my favorite photo of my great-grandfather and me," she said.

After seeing firsthand how the nurses treat each patient with superior care and superior services, Haley was inspired to join the mission and now is a part of the staff at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton serving as a patient services coordinator.

"My family and I were in absolute awe with how well we were treated alongside my great-grandfather," Haley said. "The passion that lives in those nurses' hearts is unmatched."

The tear cloth program was started by volunteers at Ohio's Hospice of Miami County in the early 1990s. Over time, the program has become a part of patient care at Ohio's Hospice. Last year, Ohio's Hospice volunteers made more than 1,900 tear cloths.

Ohio's Hospice is thankful for both the nursing teams and volunteers that helped make this possible.



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Focusing on the Important Things



Lori Poelking-Igel, CFRE
President
Ohio's Hospice Foundation

At Ohio's Hospice, we honor the lives of our patients and their family members by Celebrating Life's Stories®. Our mission is to provide our patients with superior care and comfort, no matter their ability to pay. Along with family and friends, we celebrate their loved one's life by remembering and preserving their legacy.

Ohio's Hospice works to help lift the burdens that may come with care at end of life. Many patients and families enter our care filled with worry. They worry about finances, transportation, their homes, or the future. The concept of estate planning, working through a will, and figuring out what comes next can weigh heavily on the minds of our patients and family members. We seek to ease those worries with our assistance in advance directives and legacy planning. We will work with you on figuring out the next steps, so you can focus on more important things — spending precious time with your family, flipping through photo albums, and sharing your stories together.

We are honored that the community trusts Ohio's Hospice to provide care for their loved ones now and for the future. For more information on legacy gifts and planning, please call me at 937.258.5537.

Thank a Veteran Patient With a Personalized Card

As a service of American Pride® Veteran Care by Ohio's Hospice, we are honored and privileged to offer our Thank a Veteran program to recognize Veterans in our care.

Through this program, members of the community can help us thank our Veteran patients who have sacrificed and served our nation by recognizing and expressing appreciation to them.

As part of our effort to recognize and thank Veteran patients, we invite you to send a personalized card.



Here's how it works:

- Scan the QR code below or visit www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride
- Complete the online form with your heartfelt, personalized message.
- A hospice volunteer will handwrite your message on a specially designed card.
- The card will be delivered to one of our Veteran patients and their families.

If you are in a position to support our American Pride Veteran Care by Ohio's Hospice program, please consider making a donation. Your donation will directly support the services and ceremonies we provide to our Veteran patients and their families.

For a comprehensive list of the services supported through American Pride, please visit our website: www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride

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The Hope Society

Hope is a powerful word that expresses an even more powerful emotion.

The Hope Society is a giving program established as a way to support the unique programs and activities that Ohio's Hospice of Dayton offers every day to our community. We're grateful to the following Hope Society members for their generous support of our mission. If you would like information about becoming a member of the Hope Society, please contact Jill Lewis at JELewis@HospiceofDayton.org or call 937.258.5537.

Hope Society

Aspiration:

Kent and Teri Anderson
The Brethen Foundation
Lisa Hanauer and Sue Spiegel
The Steve Mason Family
Jamie and Agata Schade

Promise:

Greg and Patti Atkinson
Cleanne Cass and Randy Ray
Coolidge Wall Co., LPA
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Gosiger Foundation
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Dr. Gary Pacernick and Peggy Weller
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McGohan Brabender, Inc.
Miriam and Jay Morrison
Chip and Elizabeth Mues
Toni and Bob Sprinkel
Yvonne Turner
Amy and PJ Wagner

Belief:

Judy Hansen
Jeff and Karen Lycan
Thomas R. and Lois Mann
Wally and Carol Nugent
Rana and Chirag Patel
Jerry and Patty Tatar

Call for Volunteers

Volunteerism is a vital part of Ohio's Hospice. Our energetic, patient-focused volunteers are integral to our mission. Our volunteers provide a wide range of services to patients and family members. Volunteers fulfill roles in our gift shops, café, or in-home providing caregiver relief, performing Veteran recognition ceremonies for our Veteran patients, administrative support, and so much more. There is a volunteer job for every skill set.

But volunteerism goes beyond help for our patients, family members or staff. Our volunteers have told us time and time again how invaluable their time and talent have been as they have supported our mission. Volunteers have felt a renewed sense of purpose working in hospice care. They have expanded their friend circle and breathed new purpose into their lives.

At Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties, and Ohio's Community Mercy Hospice, we are looking to fill volunteer roles for beauticians, Veteran recognition ceremony participants, and Veteran volunteers. We also are looking for volunteers in the following specialties:

Ohio's Hospice of Dayton

- Groundskeepers
- Pianists to play monthly in the Ohio's Hospice of Dayton Hospice House
- Supply Volunteer – Centerville Team Center

Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties

- Groundskeepers

Ohio's Community Mercy Hospice

- Animal assistant to provide animal-assisted therapy to patients and families. Volunteers must have current pet certification from a recognized agency.
- Musician assistant to provide music at the bedside for patients and families

These are just a few ways you can volunteer. Volunteer positions are always in demand. To learn more about volunteer opportunities that might be right for you, please contact Maureen Swarts at MSwarts@HospiceofDayton.org or call 937.256.9507, ext. 1161.

Save the Date: 2022 Events



What: The Ohio's Hospice of Dayton 2022 Golf Classic supports patient care and services.

When: Monday, June 13, 2022. Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 am with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm.

Where: Sycamore Creek Country Club
8300 Country Club Ln., Springboro, OH 45066

How: For more information, email Sydney Munch at SMunch@OhiosHospice.org, call 937.604.0495, or visit: www.HospiceofDayton.org/Golf2022



What: Ohio's Hospice of Dayton is holding a butterfly release as a way to remember and honor loved ones who have touched our lives and who live on in our memories.

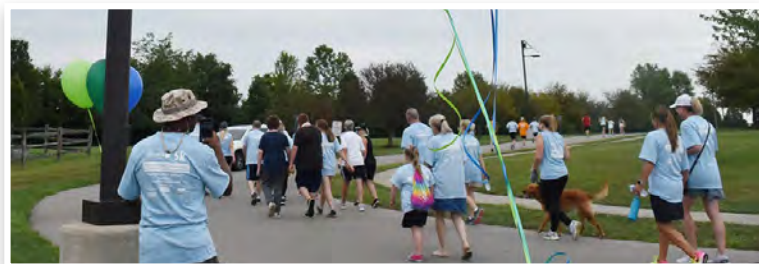
When: Saturday, June 18, 2022, 1-3 pm

Where: Ohio's Hospice of Dayton
324 Wilmington Ave., Dayton, OH 45420

How: For more information, email Marsha Bernard at MBernard@OhiosHospice.org or call 937.671.3119. To register online, visit www.HospiceofDayton.org/Butterfly2022 by Friday, June 3, 2022.



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What: The Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties 5k Remembrance Walk/Run offers families and friends and opportunity to honor the memory of a loved one and raise funds to support patient care and services.

When: Saturday, August 27, 2022. Registration begins at 8:30 am. The walk begins at 10 am.

Where: North Park
195 Tamarack Trail, Springboro, OH 45066

How: For more information, email Sydney Munch at SMunch@OhiosHospice.org, call 937.604.0495, or visit: www.HospiceofBWCO.org/Walk2022

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