

# Celebrating Life's Stories<sup>®</sup>

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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## Our Nurses Make a Difference

**Each and every day, our nurses show our patients and families compassion, kindness and support – no matter the circumstances, the challenges, the complexity, the time of day, or the miles apart.**

The care our nurses provide matters. We are grateful and thankful for all they do to deliver superior care and superior services wherever we are privileged to serve, now and always.

Our hospice-certified nurses serve as key members of the care team, providing compassionate care alongside our board-certified hospice and palliative care physicians, personal care specialists (state tested nursing assistants), social workers, chaplains, bereavement counseling professionals, and volunteers.

They are an integral part of our care teams, providing expertise in hospice and palliative care. Several of our nurses chose their profession to make a difference in the lives of others. Others felt that they were called to serve as a nurse. Here are a few of their stories:

Sherry, an Ohio's Hospice of Dayton nurse, became a nurse after watching her grandfather battle lung

disease. She is devoted to making a difference in the lives of patients. As she cares for patients, she reflects kindness, one of our values. "Kindness is opening the blinds to let the sun in a patient's room to warm them," she said. "It is singing a song. Kindness is lifting up the patient's circle of support and praising them for the wonderful care they provide their loved one."

Debra, an Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties nurse, became a nurse after watching her sister receive hospice care. She is dedicated to helping families, educating them about their loved one's condition, and making patients comfortable. Compassionate, she

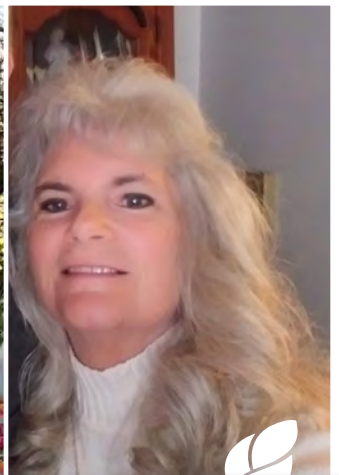
serves patients with a hospice heart. "People are under a great deal of stress and anguish when faced with a health crisis," she said. "I always strive to keep this in mind and be kind."

Jeanne, an Ohio's Community Mercy Hospice nurse, became a nurse to help others like the nurses who cared for her father-in-law when he was passing with cancer. "His nurses touched my life, and I want to do that for others," she said. "Being a hospice nurse isn't for everyone, but I love what I do."

We're thankful for all that our nurses do to support our mission!

**"Kindness is opening the blinds to let the sun in a patient's room to warm them."**

**-Sherry, Ohio's Hospice of Dayton Nurse**



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## Witnessing a Profound Experience



Kim Vesey, RN, CHPN, MS  
General Manager, Executive Vice President  
Ohio's Hospice of Dayton

**I was honored to begin my career at Hospice of Dayton in 1985. Since 1978, patients and families have welcomed us into their homes, like we are longtime friends.** They allow us to be a witness to the profound experience of offering comfort and care to the patient at the end of their life. We also walk alongside the family, providing education on caregiving and preparing for a final goodbye. We often receive very sincere and moving thank-you notes from family members. They thank our team for the care provided to their loved ones, often saying they couldn't have done it without the hospice team. Often, they also say that they wish hospice had started sooner.

As I reflect on my years in hospice care, I find myself thinking that we should be the ones thanking you; those we have had the privilege to serve. It's often one of the most challenging times in a family's life. Yet they open their door and welcome us in at a very stressful and intimate time in their lives. They allow us to companion them through the end-of-life journey. I want to say, on behalf of our entire team at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, we thank you for your trust in us! We are indeed privileged to companion you and your loved ones at the end of life's journey. And in that process, you teach us, and we are forever changed.

## Honoring the Legacy of Our Patients



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

**One of the greatest pleasures of our work in hospice care is hearing stories from our patients.** As a person nears the end of life, I sometimes get the honor of sitting at their bedside as they recount memories and life lessons. I often think about what a gift these moments are to hear these stories about family, love and life. It occurs to me as I am visiting a patient that listening is also an act of love.

In this issue of Celebrating Life's Stories<sup>®</sup>, you have the chance to meet some of the members of Ohio's Hospice of Dayton staff. The members of our team listen to our patients and their families in very different ways, listening to every aspect of the patient to meet their needs. The clinical staff listens to the body and what is needed physically. The chaplains listen to the spiritual needs, and the counselors listen to the emotional needs.

The Ohio's Hospice Foundation is here to meet the needs of our patients and families in a way that honors their legacy. We are here to listen and help navigate how one may want to be remembered. If you have thoughts about your legacy, please reach out to me at [LIgel@OhiosHospice.org](mailto:LIgel@OhiosHospice.org) or call 937.258.5537. Thank you for celebrating your life's story with us.



# Millcraft Donates \$23,000 for Patient Care and Services at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton

The Ohio's Hospice Foundation is grateful to Millcraft for its donation of \$23,000 to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton through the Millcraft Buy & Give copy paper purchasing program. Since 2015, Millcraft has donated more than \$100,000 to support patient care and services.

"For the past eight years, Millcraft has been a great friend to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton," said Lori Poelking-Igel, president of Ohio's Hospice Foundation. "Their devotion to our mission has improved the quality of life for so many of the patients in our care. We are so grateful for their support."

Through its Buy & Give community initiative program, Millcraft, a family-owned merchant that serves the professional paper, packaging, and graphic arts industries, provides businesses the opportunity to support local charities through routine purchases of Buy & Give brand office paper. For every carton of paper purchased, Millcraft donates \$1 to the program.



Millcraft recently donated \$23,000 to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton through its Buy & Give copy paper purchasing program. Pictured are members of the Millcraft executive team who are from cities throughout the Midwest where Millcraft has operations.

The donation from Millcraft will help Ohio's Hospice of Dayton replace the tub and lift chair in the Hospice House bathing spa. The spa is part of our commitment to providing the highest quality of care for our patients.

# Honor a Loved One with a Memorial Plaque or Garden

For those who visit the campuses of Ohio's Hospice of Dayton and Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties, the tranquil gardens and outdoor space serve as a reminder of the comfort and love given to each patient that we have the privilege of serving.

There are many ways to honor a loved one, like a garden plot at Lorelei's Place Hospice House in Franklin, Ohio, or memorial plaque at the Hospice House in Dayton, Ohio, as well as various other naming opportunities at either inpatient care center. Memorial opportunities start at \$275. A member of the Ohio's Hospice Foundation staff will walk you through the entire process to find the best way to pay tribute to the one you love.



For more information, please contact Marsha Bernard at [MBernard@OhiosHospice.org](mailto:MBernard@OhiosHospice.org) or 937.671.3119.

# Thank You For Attending Our First Celebrating Life's Stories® Butterfly Release

Families honored and remembered their loved ones at our first-ever Celebrating Life's Stories® Butterfly Release at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton on June 18.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event and to our sponsors for their support. Net proceeds from the Butterfly Release directly benefit the patient and family services we are honored and privileged to offer at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton.

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that you become the **Butterfly**.*


- John Harricharan



# A Great Day on the Green for Ohio's Hospice of Dayton

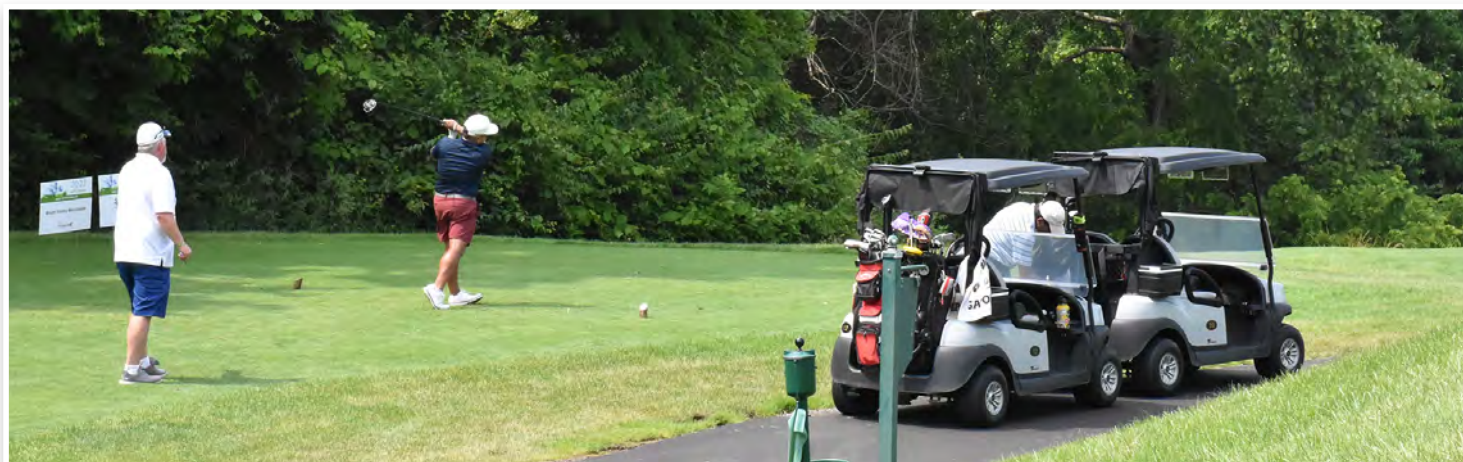
Thank you to everyone who came out to support Ohio's Hospice of Dayton's Annual Golf Outing on June 13 at Sycamore Country Club in Springboro, Ohio. More than 120 golfers participated in the golf outing. Proceeds from the event support our mission of providing superior care and superior services for those we are privileged to serve. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's event and a big

thank you to our generous sponsors for their support of Ohio's Hospice of Dayton.

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

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# Save the Date: Fall Events

8.27.22

2022 5k  
REMEMBRANCE  
Walk/Run



**What:**

**Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties**

5k Remembrance Walk/Run

**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:** [www.HospiceofBWCO.org/BWalk22](http://www.HospiceofBWCO.org/BWalk22)

9.22.22

KEYS OF  
LIFE™  
INNOVATION

**What:**

**Ohio's Hospice of Dayton**

Keys of Life

**When:**

Thursday, September 22,

2022. Doors open at 6 pm.

**Where:**

Eichelberger Pavilion

at Carillon Historical Park

1000 Carillon Blvd.

Dayton, OH 45409



**How:** [www.HospiceofDayton.org/Keys2022](http://www.HospiceofDayton.org/Keys2022)

10.22.22

2022 3k/5k  
REMEMBRANCE  
Walk



**What:**

**Ohio's Hospice of Dayton**

3k/5k Remembrance Walk

**When:**

Saturday, October 22, 2022.

Registration begins at 8:30 am.

The walk begins at 10 am.

**Where:**

Ohio's Hospice of Dayton

324 Wilmington Ave.

Dayton, OH 45420



**How:** [www.HospiceofDayton.org/Walk22](http://www.HospiceofDayton.org/Walk22)