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Creating a Winter Wonderland for Patient and Her Family

When Mark McNeal, facilities specialist at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, arrived for his shift on a warm day this past May, the care team at the Ohio's Hospice of Dayton Hospice House asked him to make it snow for a patient. The family of Kim Horton had the snow machine, but they needed someone who could learn how to operate it, so Mark quickly learned. The next day, he made it snow for more than 30 minutes, creating a winter wonderland on a warm, sunny day for Kim who loved snow and Christmas.

"I was more than blessed to help Kim's family with this request," Mark said. "I saw how much joy the snow brought them."

Inside her room, Kim was surrounded by her mother, Teresa Morse, her two sisters, Kelly Maroney and Stacy Raleigh, and her brother-in-law, Chester Raleigh. Kim's mom and sisters wore their "I Love Kim" T-shirts. As the snow started to fall outside her window, Kim smiled, and a tear rolled down her face. Christmas songs played in the background. After it stopped snowing, Mark brought Kim, her mom and her sisters roses to remember the special moment.

Kim's mother, Teresa, explained that Kim suffered from alternating hemiplegia, a rare neurological disorder that develops in childhood, and epilepsy. But despite her medical condition, Kim

persevered and attended special education classes in school, graduating from Fairborn High School.

Kim's sister, Kelly, praised Kim's care team at the Hospice House. "The care team members are angels on Earth," she said. "You can tell that the nurses care so much for Kim."

Kim passed away on May 29. "Kim was an example of how to live a life of happiness," Teresa said. "She was a joy to all who knew her."

More than 200 people attended Kim's funeral. Christmas music played in the background, and 14 Christmas trees were set up throughout the funeral home. The family used the snow machine again and made it snow in honor of Kim.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested toys for children. They received more than 300 toys that will be donated to Dayton Children's, A Kid Again, and Hannah's Treasure Chest. The family also is donating the snow machine to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton. They are hoping someone else loves snow just as much as Kim did!

"Kim was an example of how to live a life of happiness."

-Teresa Morse



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Lori Poelking-Igel, CFRE
President
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In the world of giving, we often speak of the Three T's: time, talent and treasure. You can support the mission of Ohio's Hospice of Dayton with your time — walking in our annual Remembrance Walk, liking our posts on social media, or reading our newsletter. Donors also may offer their talent. They can volunteer for a task that best fits their skill set or passion, such as helping with office administrative work, stitching comfort quilts, or reading to a patient. In addition, you can support our mission with your treasure — making a donation now or a planned one in the future.

A treasure or donation can be made in many different ways. You can make a one-time gift in memory of a loved one or a monthly donation. There are other unique ways to contribute your treasure to our mission — a planned gift through your IRA; a gift of stock from an investment portfolio; or designating Ohio's Hospice of Dayton in your will or with a life insurance policy. This can be an effective way to support a not-for-profit organization while receiving a tax benefit.

If you have questions about making a charitable distribution through a planned gift program, first meet with your financial advisor. Your advisor may want to meet by phone or in person with a representative from Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, and I welcome that opportunity. Please feel free to contact me at 937.723.2891.

Thank you for contributing your time, talent and treasure to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, and thank you for exploring the possibilities of how your gifts can impact the lives of many patients and loved ones in the future.

Support Our Mission by Shopping at Heirlooms Shoppe

The Heirlooms Shoppe, located in Normandy Square Shopping Center in Centerville, sells gently used home furnishings and decor, collectibles, antiques, and jewelry at discounted prices. The inventory consists entirely of items donated by the community. When you donate or shop at Heirlooms, you are directly contributing to the care and support services of patients and family members in our great community. Check out our shop and support our mission!

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Pathways of HopeSM Supports Family Member With Grief Support



Through Pathways of HopeSM, Brittany Mains (right) received bereavement support. She is grateful to Bonnie Orlins (center), bereavement counseling professional, who helped her cope with her brother's passing.

Brittany Mains' world was flipped upside down in January 2016 when her younger brother, Justin, died unexpectedly in an accident at work. Brittany and her parents were reeling from the grief and unexpected loss when Bonnie Orlins, a bereavement counseling professional with Pathways of HopeSM, came into their lives.

"Bonnie saved me," Brittany said. "I told her a million times that I really don't know where I would be without her."

For several months, Brittany and Bonnie met once a month. Bonnie taught her breathing techniques and helped her channel her grief into new, productive ways that gave Brittany renewed purpose and a new perspective on her loss. "Bonnie encouraged me to get a journal. I would write letters to my brother and was able to say all the things I never had a chance to say to him there," Brittany said. "With Bonnie's help, I was able to feel so connected to my brother."

The best part about it? Brittany's bereavement sessions were completely free thanks to donations to Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties. "It felt too good to be true," Brittany said. "There was no way I could have afforded the grief therapy otherwise."

Having access to Pathways of Hope was a true saving grace for Brittany who believes in the power of mental health services and knows she would not have been able to cope without Bonnie's guidance.

When Brittany learned about the Remembrance Walk that Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties holds annually, she wanted to go. She knew she would see Bonnie there. Brittany couldn't wait to introduce her twin toddlers to Bonnie.

She and her mother purchased a memory sign at the event.

"It was super neat to be able to have the sign, see my brother's name again, and see how many people are going through the same thing you may have," Brittany said. "Sometimes grief makes you feel alone."

While Bonnie was the reason that Brittany attended the walk, knowing that her donor dollars would help others with their grief was important, too. "When people donate to the mission, they are saving someone's life. Bonnie's help was my way out of the darkness," Brittany said. "She taught me how to feel light and happy again, and I know my brother would want me to feel happy. Now, I can walk on my own."

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-Brittany Mains

For more information on how you can donate to Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties and provide grief support to anyone in the community in need, visit: www.HospiceofBWCO.org/Donate/

Thank you

for Attending the Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties 10th Annual 5k Remembrance Walk/Run

It was a beautiful day for the walkers and runners who came out to support Ohio's Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties at the 5k Remembrance Walk/Run on August 27 at North Park in Springboro.

Proceeds from the walk benefit patient care and services. Contributions to this event have also supported our volunteer initiatives, bereavement therapies, and so much more. This would not be possible without the support of donors like you. We cannot thank you enough for helping us celebrate 10 wonderful years of walking!

Special thanks to our presenting sponsors: **Greg and Patti Atkinson**



Thank you

for Your Support of Our First Keys of Life Dueling Pianos Celebration

Ohio's Hospice of Dayton held its inaugural Keys of Life event at the beautiful Eichelberger Pavilion at Carillon Historical Park on September 22.

This event was a celebration of the innovation and generosity that is reflected throughout our great community. The grand ballroom held two grand pianos for a great evening full of music, food, drinks, and silent auction items all in support of our mission to provide superior care and superior services to our patients and family members. You'll be able to read more about this great event in the winter issue of Celebrating Life's Stories®. Thank you to everyone who attended in support of our event and thank you to the Cleveland Keys who kept the hall filled with great music all night long. A special thank you to our generous sponsors who helped make this event possible.



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Walk in honor or in memory of a loved one at the Ohio's Hospice of Dayton 2022 3k/5k Remembrance Walk. We invite you to gather a group of family and friends to walk and help raise funds for patient care and services at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton! This walk offers a 3k and a 5k route option.

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: Register at www.HospiceofDayton.org/Walk22 or call 937.222.WALK.



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