



Your support honors the lives of many
**Over 250 Attended the 2014 Remembrance Event
 & Memorial Brick Dedication at Kemper Center**

More than 50 families and 250 guests celebrated loved ones who are gone from our lives, but are never far from our hearts.

This new, combined 2014 Hospice Alliance Remembrance and Memorial Brick Dedication Event on June 25 was made possible by your donations, including brick memorials.

Held at the lush 17-acre campus of the Kemper Center, site of the Hospice Alliance Memorial Walkway, guests admired and photographed bricks purchased in memory of loved ones amidst the relaxing music of keyboardist and singer Kerri Sherwood.

This year's program featured remarks by Board President Michael Langendorf, Executive Director Rita Hagen and guest speaker Deanna

Love, Director of Campus Ministry for St. Catherine's High School.



Michael Langendorf, Board President, gave a warm welcome to staff and guests in attendance.

Deanna spoke of the memories of our loved ones creating the language of the heart and connecting us so powerfully to them. She reminded us that "this memorial event invites us to savor the opportunity to celebrate our special memories and to add another link in the chain that will

forever connect us to those we have lost...and never truly lose the ones we love."

The Kenosha Area Vietnam Veteran's Honor Guard conducted a flag ceremony and 21-gun salute.

Afterward, guests were invited inside Founder's Hall to enjoy refreshments and the music of violinist Charelle Brown. They could also view the Memorial Slideshow and add a loved one's name to the new Memory Tree.

Attendees wrote loved ones' names on ornaments and hung them on a Memory Tree donated by Krissy's Kleen Team.



You're Invited to Our Upcoming Events

September 18 - Racine House 1st Year Anniversary Celebration

Join us in celebrating the 1st Anniversary of the Racine Hospice House. An Open House will be in the west wing of Lincoln Lutheran's Becker Shoop complex, near Green Bay Road and 16th Street.



- Time: 4:00-6:00 pm
- Location: 6101 16th Street, Racine

In this inaugural year, Hospice Alliance has provided compassionate end of life care to more than 80 patients in the Racine residential facility. No RSVP is necessary. Please attend and bring your friends!

November 13 - Ring & Remember/National Hospice Month Event

This will be our 2nd Annual Ring and Remember event and we'd love for you and your family to join us. This celebration of loved ones who have touched our lives and hearts is open to the community. Once again, you will be able to purchase a bell in honor or memory of your loved one for only \$5.



The special program will include:

- Music
- Refreshments
- Sharing memories by presenters (guests will also be invited to share a memory)
- Reconnection with Hospice Alliance staff

The event is being held in November in recognition of National Palliative & Hospice Care Awareness Month. To RSVP and purchase a bell, please call (262) 652-4400. Ask for Marketing.

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Ask for us by name

Hope NOTES...

Help Support the Hospice Houses

Thanks to you, more than 1,439 days of patient care have been provided in our Hospice Houses in the past year. Your support makes it possible!

The cost to care for each patient is \$350.00 a day. We receive no reimbursement for more than one-third of these costs. We care for all people, including the homeless. *No one is turned away due to inability to pay.*

Please consider giving a gift using the coupon or enclosed envelope.



**Your kind heart makes ours thankful
 Why Darleen Gives to Hospice...**

On a frigid Sunday night in March, Darleen sat in the hospital lobby sick with worry. Her dad was set to be discharged Monday morning and she had no idea where he could go.

After four surgeries and several AER visits due to intolerable pain, Darleen Scuglik knew that her dad was worn out. Neither of them wanted the time he had left to be spent in the cold, clinical environment of a hospital.

Fortunately, Darleen wasn't all alone making this difficult decision. Hospice Alliance social worker Jo Ann Brown was by her side. Jo Ann asked Darleen if she wanted her dad taken care of at our Hospice House. About 45 minutes later Darleen received the call that a room was available at the Racine Hospice House.

At the Hospice House, there was no guilt, just peace

"From that moment on there was peace in my heart," Darleen says. "I could leave at night without feeling guilty. I had confidence in the care of



Dad and Darleen shared treasured moments at the family home and at our cozy, homelike Racine Hospice House. Help us give more fathers and daughters care that creates fond memories by donating today.

My Gift of Compassionate Hospice Care

YES! I want to help provide compassionate care for people with life-limiting diseases and support for grieving families.

Here is my gift for: \$ _____ **Thank you!** (please make checks payable to Hospice Alliance Foundation)

Please check if you would like your gift to be in memory of a loved one _____ (please print name of memorial)

Name _____ (please print)

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Hospice Alliance does not rent, sell or share personal information. We may contact you by email about our organization or services. Please return this form with your tax-deductible gift or use the enclosed envelope. **To make a gift right now, visit www.hospicealliance.org**

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Quality Care Wins Honors



I have been shouting it from the rafters, but in case you haven't heard, Hospice Alliance has been chosen as a 2014 HOSPICE HONORS™ award recipient.

HOSPICE HONORS

HOSPICE HONORS™ is a national award for

providing the highest level of satisfaction through care as measured by family caregivers.

The award is based on results from the Family Evaluation Hospice Care (FEHC) survey. More than 1700 hospices participate, but Hospice Alliance was the only hospice in SE Wisconsin to receive this prestigious award.

Why is the award important? It demonstrates the quality of care that we provide for each and every one of our patients. It shows that we are living our mission – to add life to the days of our patients and families.

For us, hospice care is not just about making promises; it's about keeping them. Our staff communicates with their patients and families regularly, helping set and keep realistic goals and promises for a pain-free and prepared-for end-of-life journey.

I believe this high level of communication is one of the reasons we were chosen as a 2014 HOSPICE HONORS winner. As Darleen said in our cover article, our care gave her "peace in her heart." I am so proud that our quality care merited this honor, and you can be, too.

Your support – whether it is a donation of money, an in-kind gift or gift of your volunteer time – makes everything possible.

Thank you for your continuous support,

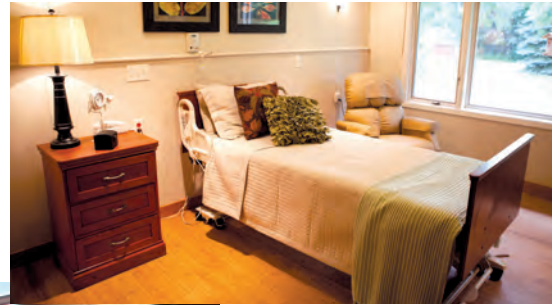
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the hospice staff. They have so much experience and know just what to say or do to bring comfort."

Although her dad spent only six nights in the home-like setting of the Racine House, Darleen loved the quiet time to reflect on the good times they had shared, play music and talk to him.

"I knew that we were on the last leg of our journey together. The peace of the Racine House allowed me to just be there for him without the worries of being a care advocate."



ABOVE: When a loved one can't be cared for at home, our Hospice Houses are welcome respites.



LEFT: Thanks to the generosity of Rudolph and Dolores Scuglik, families visiting our Pleasant Prairie Hospice House enjoy fresh air and a garden view from this beautiful brick pavilion.

The Scuglik family has been supporters of Hospice Alliance since 2007 and we have cared for several of their family members. In 2011, Darleen's in-laws, Rudolph and Dolores Scuglik donated funds to build the beautiful brick pavilion shown above.

"We're so thankful for families like the Scugliks," Rita Hagen says. "Without the generosity of community members...our Hospice Houses would not exist."

Giving helps people you care about...

"When I donate to a charity, it's important to me that it helps the people I care about," Darleen says. "Hospice Alliance helps families dealing with losing a loved one. The staff is knowledgeable and respectful; they truly bring dignity to the end of life."

Just before Father's Day Darleen dropped in at Hospice Alliance for a Grief Support Session. "I felt like there was a cloud hanging over me that I needed to get through," Darleen says. "The words of the grief counselor were so comforting. It was just the 'tune up' I needed."

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Volunteers make our world go 'round

Dutch Volunteer Comforts Patients with Cookies, Quotes and A Hand to Hold



Ria volunteers to help us ensure that no one ever dies alone.

"People in America think that hospice is sad, but that isn't true," Ria van Heijningen, a Hospice Alliance volunteer explains.

In Holland, where Ria was born and lived until 1992, care for the dying, especially in nursing homes was "not good."

She considers the Hospice House a peaceful place and looks forward to the two-hour shifts she volunteers, preparing meals and sitting at the bedside of patients.

"We volunteers don't walk around with sad faces. If a family member is feeling down, I give an extra cookie and a hug," Ria says. "I like talking to the patients and reading them peaceful things, even if they can't talk to me."

Since English is a second language for her, Ria is working on a journal of peaceful quotes so she has the right words to comfort the patients she visits. Like most Hospice Alliance volunteers, Ria became aware of our great need for volunteers through the loss of a loved one.

"My philosophy is, when something is awful, I want to do my part to make it better."

"When my husband got sick in 2011, and was a patient with Hospice Alliance in our home, I realized there are

people who are dying at home alone. I thought that was awful," Ria says.

"My philosophy is, when something is awful, I want to do my part to make it better. It's emotional, but not hard. Giving another person a warm hand to hold makes a difference, and everyone deserves that at the end of life."

Thank YOU

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Every year employees of Johnson Financial Group volunteer a work day of scrubbing, mulching, baking and more. Thanks to you our hospice houses are more comforting and homey! If your company would like to donate a day, call (262) 652-4400.



LEFT: Sarah Berndt and Deb Hoadley raked and spread mulch in our gardens on one of this spring's hottest days. You are the best!



ABOVE: Ann Pettit, Peggy Treichel and Tara Panasewicz dusted and polished until every surface sparkled.



LEFT: Barbara Grace, Tina McCaffrey and Jordan Blommel filled our cookie jars. Thanks to you our Houses always feel like home!

Help Darleen Help Patients and Families at the Hospice Houses

Darleen will hold a fund-raiser for Hospice Alliance in memory of her dad on his birth date, August 22, 2014, at Sheridan Bowling Alley. For details about the event, contact her at DarleenScuglik@yahoo.com

Keep in touch! Subscribe to our new Hope Notes e-newsletter at www.hospicealliance.org