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Caring for our Caregivers

Hospice Alliance is proud to be a part of “We Honor Veterans,” a national program created by the Department of Veterans Affairs and National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. It focuses on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening and grateful acknowledgement.

Hospice Alliance has quickly moved through the ranks of the program by implementing education and awareness to help us best serve our veteran patients. As an organization always seeking to go above and beyond, Hospice Alliance initiated a special veteran caregiver recognition program.

Each caregiver of a veteran on our service is presented with a small, commemorative bouquet of red, white and blue flowers in a patriotic-styled vase. The recipient is typically a wife or daughter, and we believe they too are heroes for the work they do.

We know that some of these women were left home with a family to care for or even went to work while their spouses went to war. We also know,

many veterans’ experiences affected relationships with spouses, children and overall family function to varying degrees upon their return. Further, studies

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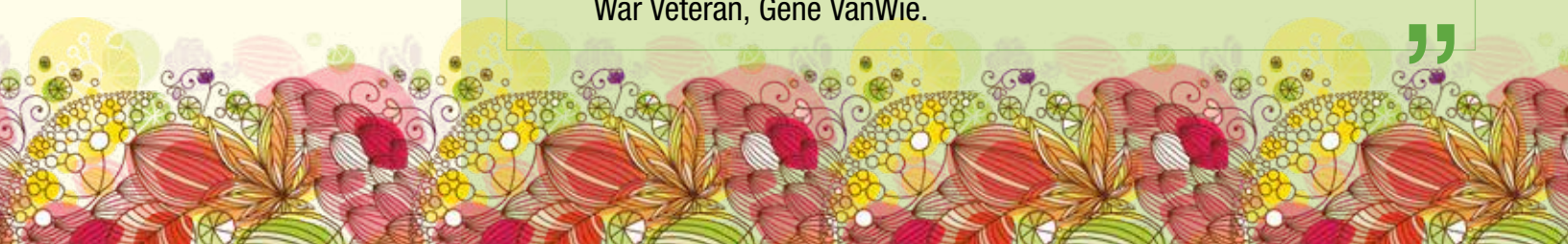


Gene VanWie and his daughter, Terri, warmly receive a special bouquet in recognition of the work she does in caring for her dad, a Korean War veteran.

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“I know that at times like these, we are all always about the patient. But, I thought it was really nice to receive something special as a caregiver. I know my dad was appreciative for the recognition I received, too,” said Terri Wright, caregiver of her dad and Korean War Veteran, Gene VanWie.

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A Message from our Executive Director



Rita Hagen,
Executive Director

An integral part of our mission is to “add life to days.” When I’m asked how we do that, I don’t think of the “Make a Wish” type things (although those are great, and we’ve helped with Disney trips and other “big” things, too.) I think of the little things. The bouquets for the caregivers of our veterans, the iPod complete with a playlist customized for that lover of big band

music or the joyful pop of the Beatles or the hugs our CNAs infinitely share.

And when I’m asked, “What can I do to help Hospice Alliance,” I often think of the little things then, too. When you shop on Amazon, go to Amazon Smile first, and then choose Hospice Alliance as the recipient of the donation from your purchase.

Register for Vigeo Exchange and choose Hospice Alliance as your charity of choice. When you shop and dine locally and let them know you are a member of the program, the business will send donations our way!

Another simple way to support us, is to dine (or shop) on our designated donation nights at local businesses. On these nights we’ve planned for a percentage of sales to be earmarked for Hospice Alliance. (See the back of this newsletter to save the dates!)

These are the “little things” that add up to big things – the quality, compassionate care that we have committed to provide in the communities we serve.

Gratefully,

Rita Hagen, MSN, RN
Executive Director

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have shown that the mental health of the spouse can also be affected. Unfortunately, many suffer from caregiver burden, especially when caring for a veteran with diagnosed or undiagnosed PTSD.

The veteran’s care team or a dedicated volunteer deliver the bouquets.



John and Beverly Mich both receive special recognition! He, in a pinning ceremony recognizing his service in the US Army and she for so-lovingly caring for him.

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“The caregiver and their veteran are very touched when we present the bouquet and explain why they are receiving it. They express appreciation for the recognition and love the flowers, too.” said Richard Jackl, RN, who frequently delivers the vases of red, white and blue carnations.

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The program was launched with the help of a mini-grant from Kenosha Women’s Network.

“We are grateful to local organizations who can help bring programs like these to fruition. We are proud to identify ways to “add life to days” for our families and this is one of the many small, special things we are able to do for our patients and their families,” added Rita Hagen, Executive Director.

Hospice Alliance serves an average of 125 veterans (and their caregivers) each year, with that number rising as our Korean War and Vietnam Veterans age.



Pam is specially thanked for taking care of her dad, Arthur Strehlow, an Air Force veteran.



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An Evening of Wishes On Broadway...

The curtains opened on the first Saturday in March, as Kristi Schaeffer-Kleutsch, An Evening of Wishes Committee Member and Hospice Alliance supporter welcomed nearly 200 guests to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside's Student Center for an evening of donating, dining and entertainment.

Rita Hagen, Executive Director, provided the evening's highlight, recognizing and honoring Sandy Riese, RN and Mary Karnes, both long time board members and advocates, instrumental in driving hospice care in our community.

The Broadway themed evening featured a 20-minute performance of familiar musical tunes by Southport Sound, accompanied by a delectable duet plate of beef tenderloin and salmon. Guests bid high and often on silent and live auction items and took their chances on the select raffle items as well.

This year included a special new raffle to move from an assigned table to the "Premier Table." After purchasing a raffle ticket, one lucky guest's



Rita Hagen, Executive Director and Mary Karnes, Honoree share a moment while numerous friends and family celebrate Mary's long-standing and far-reaching contributions to Hospice Alliance.

name was drawn. The winner was able to bring everyone seated at his table to the "Premier Table" where the entrée included filet and lobster, fine wines and decadent tiered Strawberry Shortcake for dessert.

"How wonderful that it was Sandy Riese's brother-in-law, David, who won the Premier Table Raffle! I think that made the night even that much more special," said Rita Hagen, Executive Director.

Hosts of the "Premier Table" included Lily Karnes and Josephine Knight, Miss Kenosha and Miss Teen Kenosha, respectively. Their presence was especially sweet, as Lily's grandmother, Mary was an honoree.

With eight live auction items, including coveted Bucks and Brewers tickets, 78

silent auction items featuring many one-of-a-kind gifts and opportunities and a dozen raffle items, the evening raised nearly \$60,000 in support of Hospice Alliance and its Mission of "adding life to days."

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Sandy Riese, Honoree, (pictured center) enjoys dinner with family members at the "Premier Table" after her brother-in-law purchased the winning ticket.



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“It is quite amazing to see so many board members past and present, guests from businesses that support us and believe strongly in the work we do, but I think I’m most taken aback by those who attend as a way to demonstrate their appreciation for the care that we’ve provided for their loved ones. We were a part of their most difficult days and yet they choose to attend an event that surely brings back memories of that time. We are so grateful,” added Rita.

Kristi Schaeffer-Kleutsch (lower left) opened the night with a meaningful welcome and enjoyed the dinner with friends and family.



Order a Memorial Brick Today!

Engraved memorial bricks create everlasting memories of your loved ones. Order yours by May 24th and be part of the 2019 Service of Remembrance and Memorial Brick Dedication on Wednesday, June 26th. The Service and Dedication is held at Kemper Center, the location of our memorial brick walk.

the care of Hospice Alliance is welcome to attend the short, but meaningful ceremony, followed by fellowship in Founders Hall. If you would like more information about placing a brick order or attending the event, please call 262.652.4400 or simply order online at www.hospicealliance.org.

“It’s one of my favorite events of the year,” said Rita Hagen, Executive Director. “Families can reconnect with their caregivers and see the walkway featuring their inscribed brick.”

Anyone who has had a loved one pass in



Order by May 24, 2019. Return form in the enclosed envelope with your check payable to Hospice Alliance Foundation or go online www.hospicealliance.org

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Regular brick: \$150.00 - Print up to 12 letters & spaces X 3 lines. Large brick: \$500 - 19 letters & spaces X 7 lines.

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Planting Memories

*A New Memorial Event
with a Youth Focus
Thursday, August 15th at 5:30*

After we experience the loss of a special person, many find it helpful to participate in rituals, traditions and reminiscing. Participating in these active events is just one way to help process the grief that we feel, in order to experience peace and integrate this loss into our lives. Children have these needs too!



“Ring and Remember and our Service of Remembrance and Memorial Brick Dedication are wonderful healing events, but we felt we were missing the opportunity to provide something special for children and young adults experiencing loss of grandparents, parents, friends or special neighbors. We are thrilled to offer “Planting Memories,” a new youth-minded event this summer in our Hospice House Garden,” commented Jennifer Sytkowski, Bereavement Coordinator.

Families of those whose memories we want to celebrate will have the opportunity to work on a flower planting project, enjoy refreshments and listen to music. The flower is a symbol of the memories that live on and continue to grow strong. Participants will take home their creation as a reminder of their ongoing love.

For more information or to RSVP, call Jennifer at 262.652.4400.

We Celebrate Our Donors!

“It’s heartwarming to see the names of all those who have created the comforting services of Hospice Alliance,” said Len Iaquina, a donor himself, on a recent visit.

“The Donor Wall celebrates and remembers so many friends,” he continued. “It reminds everyone that it takes a community effort to ensure efficient, not-for-profit, locally-controlled care of the highest quality.”

The Hospice Alliance Donor Wall was unveiled at our administrative offices in 2014 to recognize those who contributed to the building of the Hospice House residence, and others who have been generous.

Donors are recognized at Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels based on their cumulative financial gifts, starting at \$1,000.

If you would like see our Donor Wall, please call 262.652.4400 or stop-in for a visit.

I Wish I Could Give More *High Impact Giving from IRAs & Appreciated Securities*

Often our friends ask, “I wish I could find a way to give more.” Perhaps these ideas can help.

Making an IRA charitable contribution or donating appreciated securities are techniques to unlock assets to express your values.

They also benefit donors seeking to maximize their charitable impact while likely reducing their tax liabilities. Here are a couple options to review with your financial planner and accountant.

If you are 70 ½ years old or older, you can take advantage of the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) program. A QCD is a

simple way to benefit Hospice Alliance Foundation and receive tax benefits in return.

A QCD is a **direct** transfer of funds from your IRA custodian to a qualified charity like ours. (It never goes through your personal accounts.)

You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA or any other retirement portfolio (401k, 403b, 457).

Donating appreciated securities is also easy and often a tax-wise way to benefit the Hospice Alliance Foundation.

We are prepared to receive transfers from your financial institution.

Other easy ways to make an impact are through:

- estate gifts with a specific gift or percentage in a will
- payable on death financial accounts
- life insurance by assigning Hospice Alliance Foundation as beneficiary and owner
- charitable gifts from an IRA upon death

Please contact 262.652.4400 with any questions or to arrange a transfer.

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Save the Date!

Our 6th Annual An Evening of Wishes will be held Saturday, **March 7, 2020**. For more information about attending,

sponsoring, donating or volunteering, call Megan Frazer, Marketing and Development Manager at 262.652.4400.



May 14th

Dining for Donations – Culver's
5220 Green Bay Rd., Kenosha - 5pm-8pm

Wednesday, June 26

**Service of Remembrance and
Memorial Brick Dedication**
Kemper Center - 5pm

July TBD

Dining for Donations
Ruffolo's Special Pizza 2

August TBD

Kimberly Paul, Death by Design
End of Life Planning, Palliative, Hospice
More Info to Come

Thursday, August 15

Planting Memories
Hospice Alliance - 5:30pm

September 19th

Dining for Donations – Cousin's Subs
9901 77th St., #880, Pleasant Prairie
(in front of Target) - Open-Close

October 16th

Dining for Donations – Mason's
7000 74th Pl., Kenosha - Open-Close

November 7th

Soul Injury Screening
Kenosha Public Museum - 5pm

Thursday, November 14

Ring and Remember
Hospice Alliance - 4pm or 6pm

December TBD

Shopping for Donations - Jack Andrea
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