

FALL 2021



Hope NOTES..

40th Anniversary Commemorative Candles

Purchase your commemorative candle to benefit Hospice Alliance's patients and families.

Choose from two scents:
Up North and Welcome Home.



**\$20
each**

To sample the fragrances and purchase your candle stop by the Business Office weekdays between 8:00am and 4:30pm.

10220 Prairie Ridge Blvd.
Pleasant Prairie, WI

Hospice Alliance Marks 40 Years of Caring

Throughout the year, Hospice Alliance has celebrated 40 years of providing hospice care in our corner of the state. Founded by volunteers as the hospice movement – a philosophy of care that originated in London in the late 1960s – made its way around the world.

In 2003, our not-for-profit made the dreams of our founders come true, opening a Hospice House – which then offered four patient rooms in a homelike environment. In addition, the administrative offices found a permanent home adjacent to the House. The offices were expanded, and the House grew to accommodate eight patients in 2007.

Its early days saw five patients and volunteer professionals providing end-of-life care. Presently Hospice Alliance has cared for nearly 15,000 patients and innumerable family members, through the work of 200+ staff and trained volunteers. Hospice Alliance's mission has sustained - *caring for the terminally ill and empowering those who support them...to provide comfort in order to enhance the quality of life each day.*



From a ground-breaking out in the prairie to the warm and welcoming House we have today – all results of a visionary staff and Board of Directors and the faithful support of our generous donors.



A Message from our Executive Director



Faithful Friend of Hospice Alliance,

For 40 years Hospice Alliance has played an integral role in healthcare in our community. While our founders likely never imagined a pandemic, their foundation, and the support of generous advocates like you prepared us for the extraordinary.

Despite the on-going challenges, I am proud of the perseverance of our staff and donors. So many examples of our commitment to our Mission are evident as you read Hope Notes.

Our Aromatherapy program is part of our commitment to Complementary Therapies which also includes Pet and Music therapies. Our annual Service of Remembrance and Memorial Brick Dedication, which is one of my favorite events of the year, is indicative of our commitment to grief support. And our participation in local parades this year calls out to our mission of adding life to days.

Your gifts ensure our Mission of providing quality, compassionate, end-of-life care is fulfilled. On behalf of our grateful patients and their families, thank you.

Respectfully,

Rita Hagen, MSN, RN
Executive Director

The Calm of Comfort Aromatherapy Helps Patients

Have you ever felt like smiling after peeling an orange or noticed overwhelming calm when you are out in the woods? Does the scent of freshly brewed coffee make you feel more alert or cozy? If you have “stopped to smell the roses” and recognized how smells make you feel, you have experienced the benefits of aromatherapy!



Aromatherapy, also referred to as Essential Oil Therapy, can be defined as the art and science of using naturally extracted essences from plants to balance, harmonize and promote health of the mind, body, and spirit. The direct connection between our sense of smell and the area of the brain that influences mood, emotion, pain, and other psychophysiological functions supports Aromatherapy being an effective part of any end-of-life care plan.

At Hospice Alliance, we have a fulltime certified Aromatherapist leading the Complementary Therapy program in support of a holistic approach to patient care. Those facing the end of their lives have complex needs. They deserve respect, compassion and care that emphasizes their dignity, comfort, and quality of life. In hospice, care continues despite the discontinuation of active medical treatment and becomes focused on the social, psychological, physical, and spiritual needs of an individual that traditional medications are often ineffective at meeting. Essential oils are noninvasive, clinically proven effective and safe, making them an ideal solution during end-of-life care.



Certified Aromatherapist Nicole Pisani, RN, prepares essential oils for patients. Photo credit: Daniel Gaitan kenosha.com



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Kendra Scott Deer Park
Suite 300
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Perfect for the Holidays!



Hospice Alliance Wish List

- Any color (no white or cream) hand towels and washcloths for our Hospice House patients
- Gift cards to Pick 'n Save, Meijer, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Walmart and Bed Bath and Beyond (to be used for food and decor in the Hospice House)
- Garden center/nursery gift certificates (to be used for the Hospice House Garden)
- \$5 and \$10 gas cards (for volunteers who pick up and deliver items)
- iPods and iTunes gift cards for our Music of the Soul Program
- Gift cards to Jo Ann Fabrics (to be used for crafts and Memory Bear supplies)
- Women's nightgowns in S-M-L-XL
- Men's flannel shirts in M-L-XL
- Cookie/pancake mixes and syrup
- Cordless vacuum

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We Love a Parade!

40th Anniversary Celebration Includes Local 4th of July Parades

As part of Hospice Alliance's 40th Anniversary Celebration plans, our float was featured in Racine, Kenosha, and Bristol's parades around the July 4th holiday. The patriotic float paid homage to our commitment to veterans on our service and in the community and featured live music by Heidi Lowell, our Music Therapist. A marching color guard led the way as staff and volunteers distributed candy and novelties.



Staff and volunteers enjoyed sharing Hospice Alliance's commitment to veterans and to the benefits of Complementary Therapies at end-of-life as they participated in the Bristol, Kenosha and Racine parades.

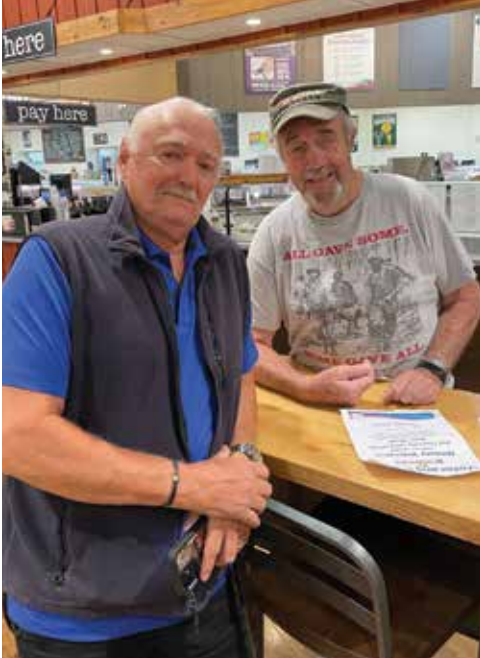
Hospice Alliance Hosts Veterans Café

Beginning in September, Hospice Alliance partnered with Gooseberries Fresh Food Market to host a Veterans Café at its Burlington store.

On the second Thursday of every month from 8:00am to 10:00am, veterans of all eras and branches are welcome to

gather at the Sandwich Bar to enjoy coffee, donuts, and conversation.

“As a Five Star Member of the We Honor Veterans program, we are proud to offer this opportunity to recognize all veterans in our community,” noted Beth Dillon, Volunteer Coordinator.



WISH LIST
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- Chapstick or lip balms (not Carmex)
- Small lotions
- Nail polish and remover
- Twin size cotton sheet sets
- Kitchen towels
- Cookie sheets
- Covered cups for patients, lightweight with lids
- Baby shampoo
- Deodorant for men and women
- Disposable razors with 3 blades
- Shaving cream
- Soft blankets (sizes: Twin and Full)

Thank you!

22nd Annual Service of Remembrance and Memorial Brick Dedication

After a one-year hiatus, Hospice Alliance hosted its 22nd Annual Service of Remembrance and Memorial Brick Dedication at Kemper Center near downtown Kenosha. On a beautiful but breezy day nearly 200 people gathered to honor loved ones lost. Featuring readings and reflection lead by Hospice Alliance staff members, volunteers Janet Germinaro and Sandy Wade’s duets completed the program with beautiful music and song.

The event paid tribute to all veterans, including those in our care, with a rifle volley by the Kenosha Area Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard, who also presented the Colors. Additionally, a solemn playing of Taps was performed by volunteer, Sarah Billings.



A record crowd assembled at Kemper Center on Wednesday, June 22nd for fellowship and celebration. Nearly 60 bricks were placed and blessed as part of the ceremony.

Order Your Memorial Brick Today

Create an everlasting memory of your loved one with an engraved brick at the Hospice Alliance Memorial Brick Walk located at Kemper Center.

When you purchase an engraved brick to be placed at Kemper Center, your special tribute also helps to support Hospice Alliance's mission of "adding life to days" and to continue to provide exceptional care and supportive services to all, regardless of ability to pay.

Brick Grid Message - Use the grid below to spell out the message for your brick. Punctuation and spaces count as characters. Please make sure we can distinguish between capital and small-case letters in the spaces below, if you choose to use both.



BRICK — 4" X 8"
 \$150.00 - 3 Lines
 12 Characters and Spaces per Line
White area of grid



SUPER BRICK — 12" X 12"
 \$500.00 - 7 Lines
 19 Characters and Spaces per Line
White and blue area of grid



Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I'm dedicating this brick: (please print)

_____ In honor of _____ In memory of

Name (s) _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment for your brick purchase should accompany this form.

_____ A check payable to Hospice Alliance Foundation

Return this form and check to Hospice Alliance,

10220 Prairie Ridge Blvd., Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

_____ Charge my credit card \$ _____

_____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Discover _____ Am Ex

Card# _____

Expiration: _____ / _____

Orders may also be placed with a credit card through our secure website.

Visit <https://www.hospicealliance.org/support-us/honor-a-love-one/>

For more information, call Megan Frazer at (262) 652-4482 X1253.

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Our 8th Annual An Evening of Wishes will be held Saturday, **March 5, 2022**. Details for a safe environment are still being determined. To be included in event communications, please call 262.652.4400.

Upcoming Events

Please check hospicealliance.org as all dates and times are subject to change due to COVID-19.

Veterans Cafe

Gooseberries Fresh Food Market
690 W. State St., Burlington, WI
Every 2nd Thursday, 8:00AM - 10:00AM

Reading & Discussion with Sherrie Barch

Author of Heaven's Bell
Kemper Center, Founders Hall
November 10, 2021, 5:00PM

Ring and Remember

Kemper Center, Founders Hall
November 11, 2021, 5:00PM

Evening of Wishes

March 5, 2022

Carry Out for Contributions

Hospice Alliance Dining for Donations

Nothing Bundt Cakes

November 14th – 20th
Place orders all week!

Kendra Scott Online Shopping Event

December – Details Inside!

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