

Bereavement and Support

- Individual and group counseling to family members and friends for up to 13 months after a loved one has passed
- Community education
- Social Support Group that meets monthly

These are just a few of the services that our Bereavement team provides. Check us out at www.hospicealliance.org.



A Wish Come True **Joan's Final Walk Through Life**

When Joan K. became a hospice patient, she thought she would never be able to fulfill any of her last wishes but with the help of Hospice Alliance, her wishes came true.

Joan was only 50 years old when she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. While meeting with her Case Manager Heather, she spoke of her wish to see Hawaii and her disappointment that she did not think that would ever happen. Heather and the rest of Joan's team met to see how they could assist Joan in getting her wish. They contacted a hospice in Hawaii and set forth making sure that if she needed any assistance while there - Hospice Hawaii would be there for her. Once she and her sister arrived,

they were able to walk along the oceanfront and enjoy the warm sand under their feet. Another dream for Joan was to be able to do this without any assistance.

That same evening, Joan and her sister overheard noise coming from outside of their hotel window. As the two sisters peered out onto their

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The luminous beach that made Joan shine.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Go to our website for details and updates: www.hospicealliance.org



September 24
Volunteer Training
Administration Building,
Pleasant Prairie, 5:00pm
Part 1 of a 2 part series.
Call 262-652-4400 for
more information.



October 13
**"Consider the Conversation:
A Documentary on
a Taboo Subject"**
Kenosha Public Museum,
Diamler-Chrysler Hall, 6:30pm



November 12
Ring & Remember
Administration Building,
Pleasant Prairie, 5:00pm

Growing Pains



Rita Hagen,
Executive Director

As dedicated supporters of Hospice Alliance, I wanted to share some news regarding our Racine Hospice House.

In serving the Racine community in private homes and facilities, since our founding in 1981, Hospice Alliance was thrilled for the opportunity to contract leasing a wing from Lincoln Lutheran, located on the Becker-Shoop Campus, to provide a more conveniently located residential care facility to serve Racine.

We were thrilled to open an extensively remodeled, beautiful, five bed "Racine House" in July 2013 and have cared for 149 patients and their families since that time.

It is with great sadness that I share with you that the new management of Becker-Shoop has elected not to renew our lease, as they have identified a need for the wing that we have made our home for the Racine community.

In caring for our patients, we always encourage them to have hope and set goals. I am hopeful that we will identify a new 24/7 residential care "House" in Racine County.

Our relationship with the Racine community is stronger than ever and we are firm in our commitment to serving families of Racine County, as we have been for nearly 35 years.

Thank you for your support of Hospice Alliance and our mission of serving those facing life-limiting illnesses, their families and our community.

Warmly,



Help us celebrate 35 years in the community! With the 2016 Evening of Wishes. Our event will be held at UW-Parkside on March 5th, 2016. Mark your calendars and watch for upcoming details. It will be a night to remember.

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ocean view, they discovered Elton John! He was holding a private concert for guests on the Island. Joan and her sister had an experience of a lifetime and danced the night away, in their room, creating timeless memories that will never be forgotten.

About a month after Joan arrived home from Hawaii, she married Paul Fisher. As each day passed, Joan cherished the moments she had with Paul and wanted time to stand still. As the days went on, Joan's cancer grew stronger and she became weaker. In just a few weeks, Joan passed away from cancer.

Joan was exceedingly grateful for what Hospice Alliance had done for her, especially her case manager Heather.



I almost wish we were butterflies and liv'd but three summer days - three such days with you I could fill with more delight than fifty common years could ever contain. -John Keats

Hospice: Ask for Them By Name

A well-deserved congratulations to the group of CNA's who recently passed the CHPNA, Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse Assistant exam.



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A Time to Remember

On June 24th, Hospice Alliance hosted our annual Service of Remembrance and Memorial Brick Dedication at Kemper Center. Despite overcast skies, over 150 people attended the event. This year's service consisted of a vocal performance by Hospice Alliance's own, Libbi Weisinger; a captivating speech by guest speaker Marilyn Joyce; a ceremonial rifle volley performed by the Kenosha Area Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard and concluded with Board Member, Mike Langendorf, playing Taps.

Following the service, guests were invited inside to enjoy a variety of refreshments and a digital photo slide show, honoring their loved ones. Guests were also encouraged to write the name of their loved one to be hung on The Remembrance Tree. The Remembrance Tree is on display at the Pleasant Prairie Hospice House.

Hospice Alliance would like to extend our gratitude to Krissy's Klean Team for the lovely decorations,

volunteer Fred C., for installing the bricks, and for all of our volunteers who baked and assisted with the Service of Remembrance.



Above: Kemper Center hosts a beautiful back drop for the Service of Remembrance



Chaplain Terry gave a moving dedication.



Right: Rita gave a heartfelt welcome to the Service of Remembrance.

Remember Your Loved Ones

Engraved memorial bricks create everlasting memories of your loved ones. Order yours now.

Each engraved brick will be specially placed in the Hospice Alliance walkway at the entrance of the Kemper Center. For \$150, you may purchase a 4"x8' brick; or for \$500, buy a 12x12 "super" brick (with enough space for a quote or verse).

To order, fill out the form below and mail to Alyssa Williams, Hospice Alliance, 10220 Prairie Ridge Blvd., Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158.



Return form in the enclosed envelope with your check payable to Hospice Alliance Foundation or go online www.hospicealliance.org

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

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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Help Us Fulfill More Wishes

By donating items “in-kind” from our wish list, you help Hospice Alliance stretch its resources and serve more people in our community.

We accept new and gently used items. Unless specified, please drop off at:

10220 Prairie Ridge Blvd, Pleasant Prairie, WI (8am – 4:30pm).

Have an item to give, but don't see it here? Please call our Development Team: (262) 652-4482 ext. 1254.

- \$5 and \$10 gift cards (Pick 'n Save, Meijer, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Walmart, Woodman's)
- 10' x 10' tent (used for memorial and fundraising events)
- 8x10 picture/certificate frames for VA certificates
- 12-foot step ladder (for painting and repairs)
- 1 puzzle roll
- Cloth Napkins and placemats
- Computer tablets, any brand (so patients can “visit” with family members far away)
- Gardening store gift certificates (to replace shrubs)
- Gas gift cards (any station)
- Large black or blue tote cloth tote bags (no imprint)
- Men's small, medium, large and extra large PJ tops and boxer-style PJ bottoms
- Mixes (Bisquick, muffins, cookies, bread and pancake)
- Paper items: paper towel, paper napkins, kleenex, paper coffee cups
- Restaurant gift cards (for visiting families)
- Travel size: hand/body lotions, toothpaste and deodorant
- Wheeled laptop computer bags (used for patient visits)
- Women's small, medium, large and extra large gowns
- Memory Bear Supplies -- buttons 5 or 6 to a card, 5/8 inch ribbon, fiberfill
- Season appropriate tray decorations example: fall leaves
- Pallet Jack

The Gift of Giving Gives The Gift of Flight

Beth Kneesel, Master Gardener Volunteer, Racine-Kenosha MG Association

In 2014, under the guidance of fellow Hospice Master Gardener Volunteer, Barbara Vass, we took an overgrown, neglected wildflower garden and created a native butterfly garden. We will continue to enhance and amend the garden with the aspirations of attracting butterflies of all species.

We have a group that works on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 11am. We also have volunteers, who can't make the set time, but will go over to the garden when it is convenient for them. We welcome anyone who wants to join us!

The impact on the community is constantly relayed to us by the patients, families and the employees at the Hospice House. We are humbled to have had retired farmers, rolled out in their wheelchairs who will talk to us about their years on the farm. Many a former gardener, who waits out his/her final days, will reminisce about the vegetables and flowers they grew. Family members will sit in a quiet area of the garden, when they need a break from sitting vigil with their loved one. This garden is a gift!



The Butterfly Garden at the Pleasant Prairie Hospice House. It makes for a beautiful retreat for patients and their families.



The Master Gardeners are hard at work keeping the Pleasant Prairie Hospice House garden looking beautiful.

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