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In partnership with Kenosha Spiritwear, Hospice Alliance offers great gear that also supports our mission. From shirts and hoodies to mugs and water bottles, friends of Hospice Alliance can show pride in Hospice Alliance services and spark conversations about the importance of quality end-of-life and supportive care.

The “merch” makes for the perfect gifts!

“During the holiday season so many people are looking for presents with purpose and meaning, not just more “stuff,” said Megan Frazer, Marketing and Development Manager. “We believe our Missionwear (and other cool Hospice Alliance items) fulfills that gift-giving goal.”

Visit www.hospicealliance.org/missionwear to shop. 10% of your purchase will be donated to Hospice Alliance.



Volunteering is a Blessing

By: Kathleen Tenuta

Many people shy away from the subject of death, so it is not uncommon as a volunteer with Hospice Alliance to be asked, “how can you do that?” or “why do you do it?” My answer could take a while so to simply put it: it’s an honor. Instead of feeling fear or discomfort, you become empowered with compassion.

Helping Hospice Alliance’s wonderful patients and their families as they journey through the end-of-life process is rewarding and so appreciated. I know this because I was once one of those people in need. A very close family friend was admitted to the Hospice House. For the prior year, his son and I had been his primary caregivers. To this day, I remember being able to breathe easily for the first time in a long time. I knew he was going to be treated with dignity, respect and compassion. Shortly after that, I became a volunteer and often see many families take that same first breath.

My almost 17 years as a volunteer with Hospice Alliance has enabled me to make many “special family friends.” All patients and families touch your heart, but many steal them.



After teasingly asking Mary if she could borrow her spunky glasses while she was arriving at the Hospice House, Kathy and Mary became forever friends.



Kathy is a familiar face around the Hospice House and out in the community.

Mary was one of them. We met in the hallway as she was being admitted to the House, and the rest was history. Mary was an artist.... While she was a patient with us, she painted a picture that was auctioned during a fundraiser for a local daycare that specializes in children with special needs. The painting brought in hundreds of dollars and Mary was humbled as she bursted with pride. She used her final days to help others. As her son so appropriately said, “she was the real deal.”

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A Message from our Executive Director



Rita Hagen,
Executive Director

During this fall season, when we think of crisp air, golden leaves, bounty, and harvest here in Wisconsin, I take a moment to thank Hospice Alliance supporters for all you have done, and continue to do, to bring peace and comfort to patients and families.

In this newsletter, you learn of Kathy, a long time volunteer who generously and graciously shares time connecting and engaging with our patients.

And the Lighthouse Lacers, a group of talented-beyond-words ladies who share their craft to help us raise funds for all the “extras” we do to benefit our patients, families, and our community as a whole.

For example, Karla, our Life Enrichment Coordinator, who visits senior care facilities and other senior service organizations sharing her enthusiasm and cheer, through games and activities. And our new Connections – Planting Seeds of Hope children’s grief support program. We offer both programs because we identified a need and chose to fill it.

And it is only with your support – your gifts of time, talent, and treasure – that we are able to care not only for our patients and their families, but also offer programs and services for our entire community. We were founded by volunteers who identified a need – a gap to fill – and proud that for over 40 years, we have not only filled the need for hospice care, but also supportive care, grief support and expanded programming to fulfill our mission of adding-life-to-days.

On behalf of all we serve, thank you for the gifts you continue to share.

Gratefully,

Rita Hagen
Rita Hagen, MSN, RN
Executive Director

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I still miss her.

Being a volunteer has enabled me to learn so much. It has renewed my reverence for both life and death and know it will help me in my own journey some day.

“All patients and families touch your heart, but many steal them.”

What people like Mary and so many other patients have taught me is that even our final days can be beautiful. I truly believe that we at Hospice Alliance bring sunshine to dark days. For that and so much more, I am blessed and honored to be a volunteer with Hospice Alliance.

I realize not everyone has time to share with patients and families, but I hope you find it in your heart to support Hospice Alliance in a way that works best for you.

* Hospice Alliance Wish List

- Any colored (no white or cream) hand towels and washcloths for our Hospice House patients
- Gift cards (Pick ‘n Save, Meijer, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Walmart, JoAnn Fabrics) to be used for food and materials in the Hospice House, Connections program, Life Enrichment items, Bereavement, Memory Bear supplies and Hospice House decor
- Garden center/nursery gift certificates (Steins or Lowes to be used for the Hospice House Garden)
- Full size cotton sheets for the Hospice House
- Kitchen towels for the Hospice House
- Soft blankets (twin & full) for the Hospice House
- Covered cups/lightweight with lids for Hospice House patients
- Women’s nightgowns in M-L-XL for Hospice House patients
- Men’s flannel shirts in M-L-XL for Hospice House patients
- Cookie/banana bread/cake/brownie/pancake mixes/syrup for the Hospice House

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Hospice Alliance & Hospice Alliance Foundation

www.hospicealliance.org

* Celebrating the 23rd Annual Service of Remembrance and Memorial Brick Dedication

On Wednesday, June 29th, Hospice Alliance hosted its 23rd Annual Service of Remembrance, this time without its usual dedication of bricks, at Kemper Center near downtown Kenosha. With nearly 200 guests in attendance the service featured music and song by volunteers, Janet Germinaro and Sandy Wade in addition to readings and reflection by Hospice Alliance team members.

The program included a meaningful tribute to our veterans with the Presentation of Colors and rifle volley by the

Kenosha Area Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard and the solemn playing of Taps by volunteer, Sarah Billings.

"I'm thrilled our volunteers play such an important role in making the event lovely for those who have lost someone

special," said Beth Dillon, Volunteer Manager.

The sunshine helped to raise the spirits of attendees who had hoped to view the bricks purchased in memory of loved ones. Unfortunately, due to supply chain issues, they were unable to be placed for the event.

"Since we first dedicated our brick walk in 1999, we have never experienced a delay in our brick production. We were humbled by the understanding of those who placed orders," said Rita Hagen, Executive Director, Hospice Alliance.

When the late-arriving bricks have been placed in the Hospice Alliance Brick Walk, families will have the opportunity to attend a small dedication and viewing event.



The Kenosha Area Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard is committed to honoring fellow veterans lost.



The large crowd benefits from fellowship and reflection.

* Life Enrichment Encourages Engagement & Joy

Spend a minute or two with Karla do Vale and you will understand why skilled nursing facility residents meet her at the entry way to escort her to the activity room. Even though she joined Hospice Alliance a few short months ago in the newly created position of "Life Enrichment Coordinator," she has had quite the impact in all of the senior living communities she visits on a monthly basis.

Karla takes popular game show games such as Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune and interactives such as bean bag toss and Twister and transforms them into portable, engaging activities customized for each her groups. Hosting activities with seniors clearly has her heart.

"I frequently end our sing-alongs, which I often host with memory care residents, with "You are my Sunshine." It's typically emotional – in a good way. When I saw that, I

became much more intentional with all my groups to share how important they are to me and how important they are in others' lives, too," shared Karla.

After growing up outside Huntington, WV and attending college at Calvin University, she landed in the area due to her husband's job. After a senior year internship in Recreational Therapy at a skilled nursing facility in Grand Rapids, MI, she learned that she was called to senior care – spending time in a variety of roles, with Life Enrichment becoming her passion.



Karla's sunny smile brings warmth to all she encounters.





shop for good in-store or online!

Join us for a

Kendra Gives Back Shopping Party

December 1st & 2nd

at Kendra Scott Deer Park, in your cart at checkout
on kendrascott.com, or mention at checkout in-store,
and 20% of your purchase will benefit



Hospice Alliance

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Kendra Scott

Children Gather to Grieve and Grow

On Thursday, August 18th,
our Connections – Planting
Seeds of Hope children's grief
support group welcomed children and
their trusted adults to the Hospice
House gardens for the 4th Annual
Planting Memories event.



In addition to sharing in snacks and
activities, attendees were invited
to paint a terracotta pot and plant
a seedling to take home, all while
celebrating the memory of a loved
one lost.



An artist showcasing
her creative memory.

"Our Connections monthly support
group program really grew from our
Planting Memories event," shared
Jenny Sytkowski, Bereavement
Coordinator. "We knew there was a need for bereavement
services for kids in our community. And, after the success
of the annual event, we were able to offer a more frequent
and encompassing program."

Connections – Planting Seeds of Hope support groups
are offered monthly October through May on the 3rd
Thursday of the month at 5pm at Hospice Alliance. For
more information or to
register, contact Jenny
Sytkowski at (262) 652-
4400 or [bereavement@
hospicealliance.org](mailto:bereavement@hospicealliance.org)

Committed volunteers help
participants in perfecting
their pots.



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- Chapsticks or lip balms (not Carmex)
- Small lotions
- Men's disposable razors with three blades
- Shaving cream
- Nail polish and remover
- TWISTER game

**Please deliver items (or arrange for pick up)
by calling (262) 652-4400**

Lighthouse Lacers Support Hospice Alliance

Hospice Alliance is grateful to be chosen as the recipient of
the Lighthouse Lacers' beautiful Lace Tree. The Lacers each
create dozens of intricate, lace ornaments to adorn a four
foot pre-lit tree which they donate to be raffled with funds
supporting Hospice Alliance.

In addition to the grand prize
Lace Tree, which is available for
viewing in the reception area
of Hospice Alliance's business
office, a Tour of Italy basket
from Tenuta's Delicatessen
and handmade quilt will be
awarded to the second and
third tickets drawn.

**Tickets are \$2 each or three
for \$5 and available at the
office or by calling (262) 652-
4400. The drawing will be
held in early December.**



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 upper and lower-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 _____

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 9th Annual "An Evening of Wishes" will be held Saturday, **March 4, 2023** at The Club at Strawberry Creek. To be included in event communication, 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

Connections - Planting Seeds of Hope Children's Grief Support

Hospice Alliance
October - May
3rd Thursday, 5:00PM

Ring and Remember

Kemper Center, Founders Hall
November 10, 2022, 5:00PM

Evening of Wishes

The Club at Strawberry Creek
March 4, 2023

Dining for Donations

El Camino Kitchen
October 11

Nothing Bundt Cakes
November 14th – 19th
Place orders all week!

**Kendra Scott Online
Shopping Event**
December 1st - 2nd

Thank You For Your Support!

**For more information visit
www.hospicealliance.org**



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