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A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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Meijer Donates \$10,000 to Ohio's Hospice of Miami County

Many people recognize the Meijer brand name, and it is an especially familiar name if you live in Tipp City, home to one of the Meijer Distribution Centers. But what some may not know is the generosity that the Meijer family has spread throughout the region through philanthropy since their founding in 1934.

Each year around the holidays, the different units of the Tipp City Meijer Distribution Center work as a team to determine a few local not-for-profit organizations to generously donate a collective \$50,000. Out of the many incredible organizations that serve the Miami County region, Ohio's Hospice of Miami County was selected as one of the recipients, receiving \$10,000 for patient care and services.

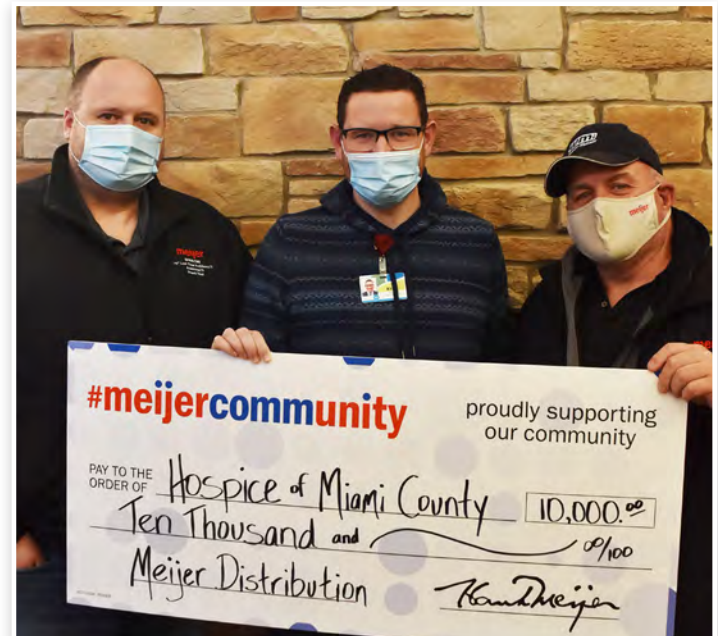
"Supporting local organizations is near and dear to the Meijer family," said Kyle Musser, Tipp City Complex director. "We feel pretty lucky that we get to be a part of it."

Selecting Ohio's Hospice of Miami County was an easy choice, as a team member was recently touched by our hospice services. Just a few weeks before the company selections were made, Shawn Kunkle's father was in the care of Ohio's Hospice of Miami County at the new inpatient care center.

"As soon as we arrived, the nurses made it clear that we were going to be so well taken care of," Kunkle said. "I only wish we had gotten my dad in here sooner. The building has so many amenities that Dad could have taken advantage of to make him even more comfortable."

These include the patient spa and the Starlight Therapy[®] technology in each patient's room. Both are complementary therapies that help ease a patient's physical and emotional suffering. Our complementary therapies and amenities are made possible because of the generosity of local individual and corporate donors.

Everyone at Ohio's Hospice of Miami County would like to extend a big thank you to Meijer and its teammates. Because of their support, and the support of donors like you, we can continue to offer superior care and services to anyone in the community, regardless of their ability to pay.



For more information on how you can support our mission or for a tour of our new inpatient care center, please reach out to Ryan Gathard at RGathard@OhiosHospice.org. If your company is interested in learning more about how their matching gift can make a difference to our mission, please contact us.

Focusing on the Important Things



Lori Poelking-Igel, CFRE
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Ohio's Hospice Foundation

At Ohio's Hospice of Miami County, we honor the lives of our patients and their family members by Celebrating Life's Stories®. Our mission is to provide our patients with superior care and comfort, no matter their ability to pay. Along with family and friends, we celebrate their loved one's life by remembering and preserving their legacy.

Ohio's Hospice of Miami County works to help lift the burdens that may come with care at the end of life. Many patients and families enter our care filled with worry. They worry about finances, transportation, their homes, or the future. The concept of estate planning, working through a will, and figuring out what comes next can weigh heavily on the minds of our patients and family members. We seek to ease those worries with our assistance in advance directives and legacy planning. We will work with you on figuring out the next steps, so you can focus on more important things — spending precious time with your family, flipping through photo albums, and sharing your stories together.

We are honored that the community trusts Ohio's Hospice of Miami County to provide care for their loved ones now and for the future. For more information on legacy gifts and planning, please call me at 937.258.5537.

For All Seasons Supports Ohio's Hospice of Miami County

Community members can support Ohio's Hospice of Miami County through For All Seasons, a gift boutique located in downtown Troy, Ohio. Proceeds from the sales at the gift shop support patient care and services at Ohio's Hospice of Miami County.

For All Seasons raises funds through the sales of various retail products, including Naked Bee products, Lolita glassware and a variety of donated houseware items such as vintage glassware, imported pottery, artwork, and candlesticks.

Initially, For All Seasons was opened as a Christmas shop and has a special Christmas section available year round. The shop also has sections devoted to children's toys, local memorabilia, and jewelry. The store offers a selection of greeting cards and features a specific section for items that support those who are grieving or who have serious illnesses.

For All Seasons is operated by volunteers and is managed by staff of Ohio's Hospice of Miami County. The shop is located at 2 W. Main St., Troy, OH 45373. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am-3 pm. For more information, call 937.875.2599.



Call for Volunteers

Volunteerism is a vital part of our mission at Ohio's Hospice of Miami County. Our energetic, patient-focused volunteers are integral to our mission. Our volunteers provide a wide range of services to patients and family members. Volunteers fulfill roles in our gift shops or in-home, providing caregiver relief, performing Veteran recognition ceremonies for our Veteran patients,

“Volunteering has been a gift to me that continues to reenergize and feed by soul. It is a gift to serve beside a dedicated and compassionate staff, in order to be present for patients and families during their time of great need.”

- Patricia Stricker, an Ohio's Hospice Volunteer

administrative support, and so much more. There is a volunteer job for every skill set.

But volunteerism goes beyond help for our patients, family members or staff. Our volunteers

have told us time and time again how invaluable their time and talent have been as they have supported our mission. Volunteers have felt a renewed sense of purpose working in hospice care. They have expanded their friend circle and breathed new purpose into their lives.

Ohio's Hospice of Miami County is looking for volunteers in the following specialties:

- Animal-assisted therapy
- Barbers or beauticians
- Gift shop sales

These are just a few ways you can volunteer. Volunteer positions are always in demand. To learn more about volunteer positions, please contact Amy LeVan at ALeVan@HospiceofMiamiCounty.org or call 937.335.5191.

Thank a Veteran Patient With a Personalized Card

As a service of American Pride® Veteran Care by Ohio's Hospice, we are honored and privileged to offer our Thank a Veteran program to recognize Veterans in our care.

Through this program, members of the community can help us thank our Veteran patients who have sacrificed and served our nation by recognizing and expressing appreciation to them.

As part of our effort to recognize and thank Veteran patients, we invite you to send a personalized card.

If you are in a position to support our American Pride Veteran Care by Ohio's Hospice program, please consider making a donation. Your donation will directly support the services and ceremonies we provide to our Veteran patients and their families.

For a comprehensive list of the services supported through American Pride, please visit our website: www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride

Here's how it works:

- Scan the QR code below or visit: www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride
- Complete the online form with your heartfelt, personalized message.
- A hospice volunteer will handwrite your message on a specially designed card.
- The card will be delivered to one of our Veteran patients and their families.



Scan here to learn more.



Save the Dates

2022 Inaugural Golf Classic



Monday, July 11, 2022

What: Join us for a day of golf with special events including hole competitions and a silent auction. Net proceeds benefit patient care and services at Ohio's Hospice of Miami County.

When: July 11, 2022
Registration is at 11 am, with a shotgun start at 1 pm.

Where: Piqua County Club
9812 County Club Rd., Piqua, OH 45356

How: To register, call 937.269.5245 or register online at: www.HospiceofMiamiCounty.org/Golf2022



What: Ohio's Hospice of Miami County is holding a butterfly release as a way to remember and honor loved ones who have touched our lives and who live on in our memories.

When: August 13, 2022. Registration begins at 12:30 pm, and the butterfly release is at 1:30 pm.

Where: Ohio's Hospice of Miami County
3230 N. County Rd. 25A, Troy, OH 45373

How: Registration is required. Butterflies are \$15 each. Net proceeds from this event benefit Ohio's Hospice of Miami County patient care and services. For more information, email Ryan Gathard at RGathard@OhiosHospice.org or call 937.269.5245. To register online, visit: www.HospiceofMiamiCounty.org/Butterfly2022

2022 5k REMEMBRANCE Walk

10.29.22



What: Join us for a Remembrance Walk to honor and remember loved ones. Net proceeds benefit patient care and services at Ohio's Hospice of Miami County.

When: Saturday, October 29, 2022
Registration is at 8:30 am, and the walk begins at 10 am.

Where: Ohio's Hospice of Miami County
3230 N. County Rd. 25A, Troy, OH 45373

How: To register, call Ryan Gathard at 937.269.5245 or visit: www.HospiceofMiamiCounty.org/Walk2022

Celebrating Life's Stories® is a biannual publication for patients, families, staff members and friends of Ohio's Hospice of Miami County, designed to share information about your community not-for-profit hospice care provider.

Kent Anderson, CEO, Ohio's Hospice
Carey Short, Executive Director, Ohio's Hospice of Miami County

Ohio's Hospice of Miami County has the privilege of serving generations of families since 1983. Send suggestions and comments to Ryan Gathard at RGathard@OhiosHospice.org or 937.269.5245. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please call us at 937.335.5191.

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