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A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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Catching Up With Volunteer Nancy Miller

Volunteers are truly the heart of our hospice care. From our earliest days of serving patients and families, volunteers have played a vital role as members of the hospice care team.

Nancy Miller became a volunteer when Ohio's Hospice of Miami County opened the seven-bed inpatient unit at Upper Valley Medical Center in 2014. Since then, she has been supporting our mission wherever she is needed. We're grateful to Nancy and all of our volunteers!

Q: What drew you to supporting the mission of Ohio's Hospice of Miami County as a volunteer?

A: I was very happy that we were able to start an inpatient care unit in Miami County. My husband, Jerry, had been a patient at the Ohio's Hospice of Dayton Hospice House in 2008. I knew how valuable that type of inpatient hospice care could be.

Q: What is your role as a volunteer?

A: I volunteer at the front reception desk at the Hospice House. We are called ambassadors. We greet the people who come to visit the patients that are in the unit. I try to welcome them and make them comfortable. If it is the first time that they have come to the Hospice House, I personally guide them to their loved one's room. I introduce them to the nurses and show them where things are located.

Q: Why do you volunteer with Ohio's Hospice of Miami County?

A: I am very privileged to be able to serve in the

organization. I am retired now, and I am able to serve. There are many ways to support Ohio's Hospice of Miami County as a volunteer.

Q: Do any particular memories stand out from your years of volunteering?

A: People under our care sometimes have their own pet visit them. The pets are very happy to see the person who is under our care. They just bring absolute joy. The Veterans recognition ceremonies also are so meaningful. Honoring the patient and their service is very touching.



Ohio's Hospice of Miami County is looking for passionate volunteers. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please call 937.335.5191.

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Time, Talent and Treasure



Lori Poelking-Igel, CFRE President Ohio's Hospice Foundation

In the world of giving, we often speak of the Three T's: time, talent and treasure. You can support the mission of Ohio's Hospice of Miami County through the gift of time — walking in our annual Remembrance Walk, liking our posts on social media, or even taking the time to read our newsletter, as you are doing now. Donors also may offer their talent — volunteering for a task that best fits their skill set or passion, including helping with office administrative work, stitching comfort quilts, or reading to a patient at their bedside. In addition, you can support the mission with your treasure — making a donation now or a planned one in the future.

Treasure or a donation can be made in many different ways. You can make a one-time gift in memory of a loved one or a monthly donation. There are other unique ways to contribute your treasure to our mission — a planned gift through your IRA; gift of stock from an investment portfolio; or designating Ohio's Hospice of Miami County in your will or with a life insurance policy.

If you have questions about making a charitable distribution through a planned gift program, first meet with your financial advisor. Your advisor may want to meet by phone or in person with a representative from Ohio's Hospice of Miami County, and I welcome that opportunity. Please feel free to contact me at 937.723.2891.

Thank you for contributing your time, talent and treasure to Ohio's Hospice of Miami County, and thank you for exploring the possibilities of how your gifts can impact the lives of many patients and loved ones in the future.

One Year Later: Reflecting on the New Hospice House



Carey Short Executive Director Ohio's Hospice of Miami County

It has been a year since we celebrated the grand opening of our state-of-theart Hospice House at Ohio's Hospice of Miami County with a ribbon cutting ceremony. We're honored and privileged to provide superior care and superior services to each patient and family.

Located at 3230 N. County Rd. 25A in Troy, our 31,180-square-foot Hospice House serves patients who require a higher level of care than they can receive at home. Our expert care team provides pain and comfort management to these patients. As a result of this investment into our community, we are now serving more patients and are able to provide respite care in our new Hospice House.

We're grateful to the community for their support of the campaign to build our Hospice House. Throughout the past year, we have been honored and privileged

to meet the needs of the community through our new Hospice House. We thank the members of the community, our volunteers, and our staff for their support of our mission!







New Opportunities to Honor Your Loved One at Ohio's Hospice of Miami County

The Hospice House of Ohio's Hospice of Miami County, located on the campus of Upper Valley Medical Center, was completed in July 2021, and we began serving our first patients at the Hospice House the following month. This facility was built to better serve hospice patients in the region who require a higher level of care than they can receive at home. The building offers a tranquil atmosphere, with comfortable seating areas for families to gather, an interfaith chapel, patient spa, and a scenic lake featured on the grounds.

This building can be an important place for many whose loved ones have been in our care and for those wishing to memorialize those we have lost. With spacious and comfortable family rooms, community rooms for large meetings, and garden space outside each patient room, there are many opportunities to name a room, or purchase a garden or plaque to pay homage to those most important to our lives. It is our privilege to provide ways to remember and memorialize those we love.

If you would like to memorialize your loved one with a plaque, there are four sizes available:

- Small plaque 4.5x22 \$1,500
- Medium plaque 5.5x16 \$2,000
- Large plaque 7x16 \$2,500
- Extra-large plaque \$3,000

In addition to naming plaques available, one may also purchase a memorial garden, bench, or sculpture on the Ohio's Hospice of Miami County campus.



For more details and pricing information, please contact Ryan Gathard at 937.269.5245.

Loved ones can be memorialized with four different sizes of plaques at the Ohio's Hospice of Miami County Hospice House.









Thank you

for a Great Day on the Green for Ohio's Hospice of Miami County



Thank you to everyone who came out to support Ohio's Hospice of Miami County on July 11 at Piqua Country Club for our Inaugural Golf Classic. More than 100 golfers took to the green, supporting our mission of providing superior care and superior services to the patients and families of our great community. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's event and a big thank you to our generous sponsors for their support of Ohio's Hospice of Miami County.

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Silver Sponsor: Hinkle & Van Dine Roofing **Bronze Sponsors:** Bruns General Contractors,

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Thank you

for Your Support of the Cruising for Hospice Car Show



The 10th annual Cruising for Hospice Car Show was a big success as more than 300 car lovers turned out on July 16 to support the mission of Ohio's Hospice of Miami County. Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Miami County Fairgrounds. We are grateful to our sponsors for making this event possible.

Platinum Sponsor: Meijer **Gold Sponsor:** Progressive Farms **Silver Sponsor:** Indian Creek Distillery **Bronze Sponsor:** Chevrolet of Troy **Award Plaque Supporter:** Francis Furniture of Troy

Thank you

for Joining Us for the Celebrating Life's Stories® Butterfly Release

We regret that these names were not read out loud during the Butterfly Release:

Anna Terry Back
Bonnie Cavendar
Joseph P. DeWeese
Mary Evans
Lucas Frye
Mike Heckerman
Menbere Heckerman
Dorothy Lampros

Sandra J. Netzley David C. Netzley Dessie A. Netzley Robert Sattler Dean Schmidt Greg Schmidt Ramsey Thiel Ellen Young Hundreds of butterflies were released into the air on August 13 at the Ohio's Hospice of Miami County Hospice House. Families honored and remembered their loved ones at our Celebrating Life's Stories® Butterfly Release. Net proceeds benefit patient care and services at Ohio's Hospice of Miami County. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to our sponsors for making this event possible.

Monarch Sponsor: Crayex Corporation

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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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In Memory & Honor of Our Loved Ones

"If I had a flower for every time I thought of you ... I could walk through my garden forever."

– Alfred Lord Tennyson

In appreciation for the superior care and superior services Ohio's Hospice of Miami County provides.

Each year we give family members an opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones by participating in our Memorial Day mailing. Listed on the following pages are these special remembrances. Loved ones being recognized are printed in green with the names of those who are honoring/memorializing them appearing below in black, if requested.

Lois M. Adams
Greg & Beth Peters

Cynthia Jo (Preston) Alexander

Joseph & Mary (Kinnison) Alexander

Marion & Dorothy (Coate) (Chase) Alexander

Morris & Virgie (Brown)
Alexander

Robert & Marilyn (Elliott)
Alexander

Scott AlexanderGary Alexander

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Earhart
Meggan & Chuck Klein
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Chester Cantrell
Kelly Monnin

Katherine Caserta
Rick Caserta

Jairus (Jerry) S. Chase Gary Alexander

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Brent Clinehens

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Dannie Cromes

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Omer (Buck) & Helen (Coate) Eyler Gary Alexander

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Nancy Frantz

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Jill Gearhardt

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Geglein
Dennis & Pam Geglein
Tom & Vickie Geglein

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Hall
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Ronald & Sarah (Eyler)
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Taylor & Grant Neterer

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Jerry Long

Roger Looker
Ralph Mutzner

Richard Lorton
James Lorton

Carol Lytle Glenn Lytle

Carl (Dick) Manson Ruth Manson

Ralph Marratta Marilyn Marratta

Diana Martin

"Virginia" Kay Martin
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Stephen Mauldin & Family

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