

# Celebrating Life's Stories<sup>®</sup>

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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## Caring for All Members of Our Community

**Many people worry about facing death alone. But when a client of the Clinton County Homeless Shelter needed hospice care, the care team at Community Care Hospice and Ohio's Hospice of Fayette County went above and beyond to care for her.**

The community member moved to the area from another state to stay with a family member. However, she struggled with addiction and became homeless. She often stayed in the woods without any support.

During that time, she was diagnosed with cancer and struggled with her cancer treatment. Eventually, she found emergency shelter through the Clinton County Homeless Shelter. Later, she became a patient of Community Care Hospice and Ohio's Hospice of Fayette County.

"At Community Care Hospice and Ohio's Hospice of Fayette County, we are committed to our mission," said Missi Knisley, executive director. "As we care for all members of our community, we provide services to our patients wherever they are residing."

Our RN care manager worked with the patient to manage her severe pain. The staff helped her with gift cards from our Quality of Life Fund, which provides emergency assistance to patients to help with various daily living expenses. Our patient used this assistance to help pay for her cell phone service so she could keep in touch with her physicians. The fund also helped her with groceries and other daily needs.

"Our chaplain and social worker visited her regularly to provide her support and help her with end-of-life

planning needs, such as social security, advance directives, and funeral planning," Knisley said. "When her health began to decline, we helped her with the decision to go into the Hospice House in Dayton for symptom management."

After going to the Hospice House, she transferred to a nursing center near Wilmington. During this time, the care team at Community Care Hospice and Ohio's Hospice of Fayette County continued to provide care to her. When her condition worsened, she went to Clinton Memorial Hospital where she passed.

"She is an example of no matter where the patient is at, we meet them right where they are," Knisley said. "We were honored and privileged to care for her."



For information about how you can support our mission or the Quality of Life Fund, please visit: [www.CommunityCareHospice.com/Ways-to-Give/Donate](http://www.CommunityCareHospice.com/Ways-to-Give/Donate) or [www.HospiceofFayetteCounty.org/Ways-to-Give](http://www.HospiceofFayetteCounty.org/Ways-to-Give)

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# Providing Compassionate Care to Each Patient and Family



Missi Knisley  
Executive Director  
Community Care Hospice  
Ohio's Hospice of Fayette County

**Our mission is to celebrate the lives of those we have the privilege of serving by providing superior care and superior services to each patient and family. I have personally witnessed our mission.**

In the spring of 2021, my father-in-law had a massive stroke and entered hospice care. Our care team cared for him and our family. He loved all the staff and enjoyed their visits. In addition, a social worker and chaplain offered him much needed reassurance about what to expect at the end of life.

After a loved one passes, Ohio's Hospice continues to provide bereavement counseling 13 months after death. I have been through our program three times with the loss of my mother-in-law, brother and father-in-law. Each time, I have gained more knowledge to help myself and others.

Like me, many members of our staff have dealt with the pain of losing a loved one. We can still feel that heartache like it was yesterday. Our care team provides compassionate care and kindness to each and every patient and family. If you have any questions about our services, please call me at 937.382.5400 or 740.335.0149.

## Focusing on the Important Things



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

**At Ohio's Hospice, 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 works to help lift the burdens that may come with care at 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 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.



# Call for Volunteers

**Volunteerism is a vital part of Ohio's Hospice. 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 various roles providing caregiver relief, performing Veteran recognition ceremonies for our Veteran patients, 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.

We are currently looking for volunteers in the following specialties at both Community Care Hospice and Ohio's Hospice of Fayette County:

- Animal-assisted therapy
- Barbers or beauticians
- Patient visitors

These are just a few ways you can volunteer. Volunteer positions are always in demand. To learn more about volunteer opportunities that might be right for you, please contact Jodi Howard at [JHoward@OhiosHospice.org](mailto:JHoward@OhiosHospice.org) or call 937.382.5400.

## Save the Date: 2022 Events

### Hike for Hospice

4.24.22



Ohio's Hospice of Fayette County Hike for Hospice offers families and friends an opportunity to honor the memory of a loved one and raise funds to support patient care and services.

**When:** Sunday, April 24, 2022. Noon-3 pm.

**Where:** Grace Community Church  
525 Glenn Ave., Washington Court House, OH 43160

**How:** Register online at:  
[www.HospiceofFayetteCounty.org/Hike22](http://www.HospiceofFayetteCounty.org/Hike22)  
or call 740.335.0149.

### Golf Classic

8.5.22



Enjoy 18 holes of golf at Ohio's best kept secret, Snow Hill Country Club, where each hole has its own charm and beauty. Net proceeds benefit Community Care Hospice patient care and services.

**When:** Friday, August 5, 2022. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:45 am with a shotgun start at 9 am.

**Where:** Snow Hill Country Club  
11093 State Route 73, New Vienna, OH 45159

**How:** For more information, contact Sydney Munch at [SMunch@OhiosHospice.org](mailto:SMunch@OhiosHospice.org) or 937.604.0495. Visit our website at: [www.CommunityCareHospice.com/Golf2022](http://www.CommunityCareHospice.com/Golf2022)



# 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.

## Here's how it works:

- Scan the QR code below or visit: [www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride](http://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.



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](http://www.OhiosHospice.org/American-Pride)



## American Pride® Veteran Care by Ohio's Hospice

Ohio's Hospice is proud to be a leader in Veteran care through our American Pride® program. This program seeks to ensure the highest standards of care and access to benefits for Veterans in hospice care.



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Ohio's Hospice has the privilege of providing superior care and superior services to members of our community. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please call us at 937.258.5537.

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