

SUMMER 2010

Started by the Community to Serve the Community

BY NORM MAST, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT



Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties has had such an impact on my life. Looking back, it's so hard to believe that my one year anniversary has already come and gone. It has been my goal to support and lead an organization that focuses on teamwork and the community.

Our Hospice is about serving, caring, loving and uniting as one. As an organization, we are working together to build a community of care where individuals, families, businesses, churches, and other organizations come together to provide peace, hope and compassion to those we serve.

Over the last year, we have seen several for-profit Hospices come to our community. What makes us different from all those other Hospices? *We have local roots.* We were started by the community to serve the community and that is exactly what we have been doing for more than 24 years. Also, the quality of care that our staff provides sets us apart from the rest. Our commitment to meeting the needs of our patients and their families is unlike any other. And to be honest, a little bit of competition is not always bad. This provides an opportunity for us to show the community that providing exceptional end-of-life care to those in need is above all else, our primary focus.

We have strived to be recognized as the leader in end-of-life care in Tuscarawas, Stark, Carroll and surrounding counties. Since the day I started at this organization, we have worked to unite our three locations, all while trying to maintain a sense of identity and individuality within the communities we serve. We began looking at ways of making us one. We called ourselves Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties. That was a start, but yet those in Stark and

Carroll Counties struggled with losing their identity. They have long been called Hospice of Stark County and Hospice of Carroll County. So what was the answer? We soon found it in our history and in the people we served.

What we needed was something that described who we are while allowing us to maintain our local roots. There is one word that describes us best and that is *Community*. Rather than change our name completely and lose our identity, we chose to enhance it instead. With the help and support of our Board of Directors and staff, on July 1st we will become *Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties*. In doing so, we are also updating our website and our logo. Hospice of Tuscarawas County will become *Community Hospice of Tuscarawas County*. Hospice of Stark County will become *Community Hospice of Stark County*. And Hospice of Carroll County will become *Community Hospice of Carroll County*.

The success that *Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties* has experienced over the years is the result of the compassion, care and support from not only our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors, but also from the communities we serve. While we are enhancing our name, we will continue to provide the same quality service and stand by our mission, *"To enhance the lives of those we touch by empowering them to reach their goals."*



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GRIEF CAMP OFFERS NEW HOPE FOR KIDS

Community Counseling Center for Grief and Loss, a program of Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties, is excited to be offering "Always in My Heart" one-day camps for children who have lost a loved one. The camps are offered free of charge and are open to any child in the communities we serve.

These camps will be held in both Stark and Tuscarawas Counties. The Tuscarawas camp will be held at the Brandywine Nature Center on Rt. 39 outside Dover June 11. The Stark camp will be held at Sippo Lake Park pavilion in Canton June 15.

Children who have attended past camps reacted very positively to the opportunity to share and discuss their loss with other children, learn about the normal feelings people have when they are grieving, and acquire new hope and new ways to cope with their loss. The children have also liked being out in nature, playing group games and taking hikes.

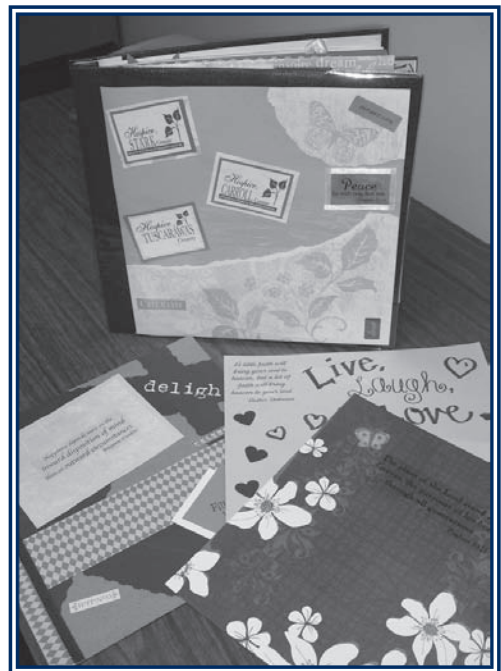
Families who are interested in this camp for their children may call our Stark County office (330) 493-0126 or our Tuscarawas County office (330) 343-7605.

Electronic Newsletter Request Need email addresses

We are really excited to now offer an opportunity to receive your In-Touch Newsletter right to your Inbox! If you are interested in adding your email address to our mailing list, please email your request to newsletter@hospiceoftusc.org or call Erica at 330-343-7605!

Relay walkers assemble unique scrapbook

Mount Union Relay for Life attendees have assembled a special scrapbook as part of their service project the day of the event in April. Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties staff members, Maureen Grady and Michelle Norris, were also participants in the event, held at Mount Union's Athletic Complex. The Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties table was decked out in materials to add to the scrapbook with the theme, "If Today was Your Last Day." The project was a HUGE success! More than 40 people participated and created a beautiful scrapbook for us to use at all of our special events.



Two-year-old teaches life lessons in love

In her short life, Katelyn Dewell has become known by many in our area because of the uniqueness of the disease she is battling.

Like so many other two-year-olds, she is a beautiful little girl adored by her parents, Craig and Jolyn, and loved by many others. Her life started out normally until her parents noticed her eyes twitching. Her pediatrician sent her to an eye doctor who found cherry-red spots on her retinas, which told him she had a neurological problem. After a blood test, her parents were given the devastating news that Katelyn had Tay-Sachs disease, a progressive illness that has affected her sight, mobility and ability to enjoy many of the things other children her age can.

Katelyn now needs round-the-clock care. The family is supported by grandparents, friends, nurses, therapists and social workers from Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark, and Carroll Counties. But even with this care, many things most of us take for granted become a challenge, like travel.

In order to attend a recent Tay-Sachs conference in Florida, the family had to find a way to transport not only regular luggage, but the numerous pieces of equipment needed for Katelyn's medical requirements and comfort. These include feeding tubes, aspiration equipment, and many other items unique to her care. Traveling by plane was out of the question. So, the congregation of Baptist Fellowship Church raised over \$1,000 to assist with the expenses the family could not cover.

At the conference, the Dewells were able to network with other parents and families struggling through the difficulties of the disease. They even found out how families serve each others' needs in passing on equipment which is no longer needed.

And with the help of Katelyn's grandparents who accompanied the family on the trip, Craig and Jolyn were provided some time of respite from the very demanding regimen of caring for Katelyn. A bonus of the trip was the chance to stop in Sarasota for a visit with Katelyn's great-grandfather who had never seen his great-granddaughter.

Katelyn's care is very specialized. A Hospice nurse attends to the needs of the family two to three times a week. Medical staff greatly benefit from the unique partnership Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties has with Akron Children's Medical Center that allows for serving Katelyn, as well as other children.

Care from Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties is provided to any individual regardless of their ability to pay.

Various fund raising events and an endowment fund designated for the purpose of serving families such as the Dewells have all been used to help Katelyn.

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Hospice Volunteers Give Big



Both ends of the age spectrum were recognized at the Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties annual recognition banquet April 17, 2010 at The Amish Door in Wilmot to commemorate National Volunteers Week. More than 125 Hospice volunteers from all three counties attended and many were recognized for their unselfish efforts in serving Hospice patients in a variety of ways. Pins commemorating from one to 20 years of service were presented.

The youngest volunteer recipients this year are 12-year-old Robert Taylor and 14-year-old Shay Van Fossen from Carroll County. Both boys give their time at the Browse & Buy Resale Store in Carrollton. The oldest volunteer is 104-year-old Mary Pollili of Dover, who received her 20 year pin. She helps with office duties often walking to the Hospice office. "The secret to a long life is walking everywhere you need to go and losing yourself in service to others," she says.

Hospice volunteers give of themselves daily by answering phones, performing various office duties, preparing items for resale in Hospice Browse & Buy stores, and by serving in direct patient care areas. Other volunteers are involved in fund-raising and governance of the organization. Through the leadership and commitment of volunteers, Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties conducts more than 14 annual fund raising events, contributing \$190,000 to the annual budget. Hospice Browse & Buy resale stores also generate \$150,000 in additional annual revenue. These funds are critical for providing Hospice services to all terminally ill patients and their families regardless of their ability to pay.

Volunteerily Yours . . . by Vicki Indorf, Certified Volunteer Manager Michelle Norris, Volunteer Coordinator Pixie Furbee, Volunteer Coordinator

Dear Volunteers,

You mean the world to someone. Someone you don't even know loves you for who you are and what you have done for them. Every night, someone thinks about you before they go to sleep. If not for you, someone may not be living. To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world.

Veteran Pinning Ceremonies

Throughout the year our military veteran patients are honored with a beautiful State of Ohio pin presented by our veterans' team and staff. The Hospice - Veterans Partnership of Ohio is graciously sponsored by VFW Ohio Charities in support of veterans for their service to our country.

Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties pays special tribute to military veterans with an ongoing series of pinning ceremonies.

On April 27th, we presented a program for The Retired Senior Volunteer Program Appreciation Luncheon. Over 200 volunteers from Tuscarawas, Carroll, and Harrison County attended the event and over 25 of their volunteers were honored as military veterans.

Hospice Chaplain James Scalf and our veterans' team of volunteers presented the program at Country Club Retirement Campus. Patients and their families gathered in the garden for a morning ceremony followed by a reception provided by our volunteers. Amberwood Manor will host a ceremony honoring their veterans the afternoon of June 30th.

Our veterans' team will help The National First Ladies Library honor female veterans at their Library in Canton August 28th. Details will be available soon. Plans for ceremonies in Carroll County as well as additional ceremonies in Tuscarawas County are in the works. Watch for updates on these and if you are interested in becoming involved or would like to invite our program to honor military veterans, please contact us.

PICNIC TIME

Picnics always accompany summertime when family and friends gather for food and fun in the sun. Our volunteers are no exception.



Tuscarawas County Volunteers:

Meet us at Deis Hill Pavilion at Dover Park on Tuesday, June 8 from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Gail Baldwin from Harcatus and Retired Senior Volunteer Program will provide an In-Service. Please bring a large covered dish to share. Cold beverages and place settings will be provided. RSVP by Monday the day before the picnic.

Stark County Volunteers: Please join us for the Annual Sippo Park Picnic in Perry Township June 10 at 6 pm. We have reserved the Boat Shelter for an evening of relaxation. A main course, place settings and beverages are provided. Please bring a large covered dish and RSVP by June 8!

All Counties: The Annual Party in the Park is moving up a month and is slated for Thursday, July 22, beginning at 5 pm inside Tuscora Park's pavilion. RSVP no later than July 12 and prepare for some fun additions to the picnic this year. More details regarding the event will be announced.

Don't wear your Hospice T-shirt that day... instead just bring your shirt along and exchange it for our new shirt and logo design.



REMINDER: Keep your proof of car insurance updated for our records.

Volunteer Training Sessions Ready

Training sessions to become a volunteer at Hospice are held just a few times a year in Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties. The trainings have changed somewhat over the years, but the basics remain consistent with our mission, policies and conditions of participation. At the conclusion of our 14- hour training, participants are prepared and educated to be an intricate part of the Hospice team. Education and confidentiality continue to be key to the success of our volunteer program. Mentoring from current volunteers offers a wealth of experience for our newly trained volunteer classes, and staff is always willing to help prepare volunteers to perform the duties requested of them.

Tuscarawas Training sessions:

July 12 and 13, 9 am to 4 pm
Fry's Valley Moravian Church
594 Fry's Valley Rd SW, New Philadelphia.
October 4, 5, 7, and 11th 5:30 to 9 pm
Location TBA

Stark Training Sessions:

July 26-28, 9 am to 2 pm
Location TBA
Oct. 25, 26, 28 & Nov. 1
5:30 to 9 pm - Location TBA

Carroll Training Sessions:

September 13, 14, 15, 16
5:30 to 9 pm
Location TBA

Calendar of Events

JUNE - JULY - AUGUST

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

June 8, 11:30 am – 1 pm
Tuscarawas Volunteer Picnic and In-service
Dover Park

June 9, noon
Out to Lunch Bunch - Hot Rod City, New Phila.

June 11, 9 am – 3 pm,
Always in My Heart kids camp
Norma Johnson Center, Dover

June 17, 6:30 pm
Hit the Deck - Dover Geib Center

June 24, 8:30 am
Men's Breakfast group
Dee's Restaurant, New Philadelphia

June 27, 11 am – 5 pm
Spaghetti Dinner
Dante's Pizza & Pasta House, New Philadelphia

July 12 - 13, 9 am – 4 pm
Volunteer training
Fry's Valley Moravian Church

July 14, noon
Out to Lunch Bunch - Georgio's Grill, Bolivar

July 15, 6:30 pm
Hit the Deck - Dover Geib Center

July 22, 8:30 am
Men's Breakfast group
Dee's Restaurant, New Philadelphia

July 22, 5 pm – Dusk
Party in the Park
Tuscora Park, New Philadelphia

July 20 - July 31, various times
HOT Garage Sale donation drop-offs
Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Wednesdays and Fridays 10 am – 2 pm
Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm

August 5, 5–9 pm; August 6, 8 am–9 pm; August 7, 8 am–noon
HOT Garage Sale
Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds, Dover

August 11, noon
Out to Lunch Bunch - Beachy's, Sugarcreek

August 19, 6:30 pm
Hit the Deck - Dover Geib Center

August 26, 8:30 am
Men's Breakfast group
Dee's Restaurant, New Philadelphia

September 8, 11 am
Golf Classic
Union Country Club, Dover

September 8, noon
Out to Lunch Bunch -Lighthouse, Atwood

September 13, 5:30 pm
Team of Angels In-service and training
Dover office

September 16, 6:30 pm
Hit the Deck - Dover Geib Center

September 23, 8:30 am
Men's Breakfast group
Dee's Restaurant, New Philadelphia

September 23, 5:30 pm
Pins and Needles meeting
Dover office

September 25, 5:30 – 9 pm
Hall of Fame Event
Canton

CARROLL COUNTY

June 1, 6:30 pm
Volunteer In-Service
Church of Christ (Christian Disciples), Carrollton

July 6, 6:30 pm,
Volunteer In-Service
Church of Christ (Christian Disciples), Carrollton

June 8, 9 am
Carroll County Breakfast group
Carroll County Airport restaurant

July 13, 9 am
Carroll County Breakfast group
Carroll County Airport restaurant

July 22, 5 pm – Dusk
Party in the Park
Tuscora Park, New Philadelphia

August 3, 6:30 pm,
Volunteer In-Service
Church of Christ (Christian Disciples), Carrollton

August 10, 9 am
Carroll County Breakfast group
Carroll County Airport restaurant

August 25, 9 am
Golf Scramble
Carroll Meadows Golf Course, Carrollton

September 7, 6:30 pm,
Volunteer In-Service
Church of Christ (Christian Disciples), Carrollton

September 13, 14, 15, 16, 5:30 – 9 pm
Volunteer training
Location?

September 14, 9 am
Carroll County Breakfast group
Carroll County Airport restaurant

September 25, 5:30 – 9 pm
Hall of Fame Event

STARK COUNTY

June 9, 2 – 3 pm,
Volunteers In-service, Jim McKnight – crime prevention
Perry Christian Church

June 10, 6 pm
Volunteer picnic - Sippo Lake Park

June 23, 11 am – 9 pm
Applebees' Fundraiser (15% of purchase donated to Hospice)
Dressler Rd., Canton

July 14, 5:30– 7:00 pm
Volunteer In-Service
Location?

June 15, 9 am – 3 pm,
Always in My Heart kids camp
Sippo Lake Park

July 22, 5 pm – Dusk
Party in the Park
Tuscora Park, New Philadelphia

September 25, 5:30 – 9 pm
Hall of Fame Event
Canton

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Secret ingredients make the best sauce

A New Philadelphia restaurant that selflessly hosts a summertime spaghetti dinner to benefit Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties is revealing some of its secrets to success. Dante's Pizza and Pasta House has created an annual tradition of serving up entertainment, celebrity waiters, and good cheer all for Hospice on the last Sunday in June. Co-owner Betty Drabik says she likes to shine the spotlight on the long list of donors.

"Really, we could never achieve a total of more than \$120,000 without their valuable donations and services...some in unconventional but much appreciated ways," she says.

Some donate services by requesting payment be sent to Hospice for services rendered. They include J&J Refuse, Glare Window Cleaning, and Responsd First Aid Service. A major contributor is our corporate sponsor, First National Bank of Dennison, which matches 25% of the tip total for the day.

Food donations arrive from Barkett Fruit, RDP Food Service, Sysco Foods, Pepsi, Litty's Cakes and Cookies, and Helbling's Supply provides carry-out containers.

Hitchcock Sound Company donates a sound system and local performers donate their time and various talents. The Balloonatik creates a display for the front entrance, and Bev Smith of Union Hospital actively promotes the day.

Word about the dinner gets out through donated printing and promotional materials from Quickprint Center, Signs To Go, Burkey Signs, and Bloom's Printing. Other noteworthy participants are Ellis Laundry & Linen Supply, Beaver Creek Landscaping, Shoup's Cleaning Co., BBG Computers, WJER, WTUZ, and the Times Reporter.

Also, the staff at Dante's donates their Sunday off to bring it all together. Join us for good food, fun and good times at the 12th annual Dante's Hospice Benefit Spaghetti Dinner **June 27, from 11 am to 5 pm.**

HOT Garage Sale turns 21

Preparations are underway for Tuscarawas County's largest garage sale begins its third decade. The 21st annual HOT Garage Sale will be held at the Tuscarawas County Fairground in August. Last year the sale raised \$31,800 for patient care.

Community support makes this sale so successful. This year donation drop-off will begin July 20 and continue until July 31. Times are Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 to 8:30 pm; Wednesdays and Fridays 10 am to 2 pm; and Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm. Large items such as cars, boats and campers are welcome and tax deduction slips are available.

The sale itself begins **Thursday, August 5 at 5 pm** with Preview Night (admission is \$6.00). This is when the selections are the best. The sale continues **Friday, August 6 from 8 am to 5 pm and Saturday 8 am to noon.**

Celebrity Server Benefit builds 15 years of success

Local personalities attracted enough attention and customers to take the 15th annual Ham and Chicken Buffet Benefit over the top raising money for Community Hospice of Tuscarawas, Stark and Carroll Counties. The benefit at Sugarcreek United Methodist Church, April 23, 2010, generated \$7,000 for patient care. This year's celebrities included Bob Smith of Smith-Varns Funeral Home, Norm Mast of Hospice, Dr. Joe Varga (Vet Joe) of the Sugarcreek Veterinary Clinic, and others. Celebrity hostesses were 2009 Swiss Festival Queen Rebecca Kolb and her attendants. "I've been part of this event for the past 14 years and the funds raised have made a real difference to those families served by Hospice," said Mary Beachy, event organizer. The dinner has raised more than \$64,000 since it began.