

# Spring Newsletter 2019

# Hospice of Central New York & of the Finger Lakes

## *Making the World a Better Place*



Bruce Lane and Steven Gillette always cared a great deal about making the world a better place. They generously donated to many charities throughout their lives, including Hospice of Central New York for nearly 25 years. Both Bruce and Steven have passed away, Bruce in 2010 at age 57 after a battle with pancreatic cancer and Steven in 2018 from unexpected complications of influenza. Their generosity, however, lives on. These gentlemen made sure that their support for the charities that they were passionate about would continue beyond their death.

Bruce and Steven put a plan in place through a combined trust and estate gift that will provide annual support to nine charities for years to come. Bruce and Steven utilized the Central New York Community Foundation to create a \$2.5 million fund that will benefit Hospice of Central New York and Hospice of the Finger Lakes, along with eight other charitable organizations. Endowment funds such as these are designed to benefit the community in perpetuity.

Each of the charities selected had special meaning to Bruce and Steven. According to the CNY Community Foundation, they believed in “giving people opportunities who otherwise might not have them and taking care of all living beings with dignity and respect”. For years Hospice has offered support, comfort, and dignity for those living with terminal conditions. Our mission was a great fit for Bruce and Steven’s beliefs, and we are very grateful for their generosity.

The fund that they established will use a percentage of investment earnings each year to support the nine charities. The remaining fund balance will be invested, allowing growth to keep up with inflation and increase the spending allowance over time. The cumulative amount of grants awarded over time is expected to exceed the original amount of the fund. Hospice is honored to be chosen as one of the charities that Bruce and Steven selected to benefit from their legacy.

There are many options for planned giving, and long-term gifts provide financial stability for the future of Hospice. There is no better way to ensure that future generations will get the end-of-life care that they need and deserve. If you are interested in leaving a planned gift to Hospice, talk to your financial advisor or contact Caryn Hughes at the Hospice Foundation of Central New York at 315-634-1100.

## *We Honor Our Veterans*

It may be surprising to learn that 25 percent of those who die each year in the U.S. are veterans. The nation is seeing many of the veterans who served in Korea pass away, and the number of deaths of Vietnam Veterans is beginning to rise as well.

Many times veterans are hesitant to share their service experiences. Some have never even shared their combat or war stories with their spouse or best friends because it's just too traumatic. By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, Hospice of Central New York and Hospice of the Finger Lakes is better able to accompany and guide veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending.

We have volunteers, who are veterans themselves, that visit patients and offer them a special Hospice pin to recognize their service to their country.



Frances and Pat Spadafore

A few months ago, we spoke to Pat Spadafore who served during World War Two in the European theater and saw action in the Battle of the Bulge. The Hospice pinning ceremony meant a lot to him, his wife and their children. Pat's service was documented by him in albums filled with pictures, letters and memorabilia. His time in the service from boot camp until he returned home from the war was a significant part of his life.

Service recognition is a priority for hospice programs. So much so that the National Hospice &

Palliative Care Association and the Department of Veterans Affairs created a program called "We Honor Veterans" to specifically ensure that Americans who have served are recognized. Why? Organizers of the program say it best, "It's the last chance for a grateful nation to show their appreciation."

*"Hospice care is much more than physical comfort care for the terminally ill. Hospice care focuses on the total needs of our patients. As we get ready for Memorial Day, a holiday designed to remember the fallen veterans who served our country, we at Hospice are proud to honor and recognize the gift our living veterans have made."*

**Edo Banach, President and CEO, NHPCO**

### *Our Wish List*

Certain things make it easier for both families and Hospice staff when it comes to caring for our patients. If you would like to help please bring items to Hospice of CNY, 990 7th North Street, Liverpool, NY. We are in need of the following items:

*Pressure relief pillow/devices*

*Boppy Pillows (like those used with breastfeeding)*

*Travel neck pillows (the horseshoe type)*

*Sheets – Twin size XL in dark colors*

*Bath Towels/Washcloths – Dark colors*

*Small tackle boxes*

*Key/Combination locks*

*Small Fans*

Items need to be new. We cannot accept used items. If you have any questions please call 315-634-1100.



## Hospice Thanks ...

Generous donors have chosen to remember their loved ones with gifts to Hospice.

The following people have been honored by such gifts between January 1, 2019 and March 31, 2019:

### In Memory:

Sauta Abbade

Santa Abbadi

Deborah L. Abbott

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**In Honor:**

Mrs. Ann Marie Cavallaro  
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Ms. Michele Devlin  
Cathy M. Patrick  
Dr. Judith Setla  
Anthony Vigliotti, M.D.  
James and Helen Wiley



*Thank You!*

***Making a MEGA Impact***

Last year, we introduced a new level of corporate giving called the MEGA Sponsorship and proudly welcomed three new corporate donors to this prestigious level. We are proud to share that those three sponsors generously committed to a MEGA Sponsorship again in 2019. In addition, we welcomed a brand new MEGA Sponsor to the ranks as well.

To become a 2019 Hospice MEGA Sponsor, the donors had to commit by March 31st to contribute to three of our 2019 fundraising events (Charity Preview, Hospice Bowling Tournament, Celebrating Life Through Chocolate, Hospice Golf Open, September Song) with support totaling \$3,500 or more. While we are very grateful to our many generous corporate sponsors, we want to recognize the sponsors listed below for supporting Hospice at this prominent level of commitment. On behalf of all of us here at Hospice and the patients and families we serve, thank you!

**Dannible & McKee, LLP (2018, 2019)**

**Dignity Plus, Inc. (2018, 2019)**

**ENV Insurance Agency, Inc. (2018, 2019)**

**Inspire Care of CNY (2019)**



***Save the Date!***

It's going to be "A Night of Good Fortune" as we celebrate our premier fundraising event, September Song, on Friday, the 13th of September. Mark your calendars to be part of an enchanting evening of music and magic all to support the patients and families we serve.

**Thank you to the Presenting Sponsor:**



***Facebook Fundraisers***

Did you know you can support Hospice for your special occasion? Many Facebook users are asking friends and family to support a charity they care deeply for in honor of their birthday. We have received over \$900 via Facebook fundraisers and the donations continue to flow in.

Facebook makes setting up your fundraiser extremely easy to do. It is a great way to show family and friends that you support Hospice. It is also a wonderful way for them to celebrate YOU! Your birthday or special occasion will be all the more meaningful, as you will be ensuring the patients and families we serve continue to get the best quality end-of-life care they deserve.

Remember Hospice of Central New York and Hospice of the Finger Lakes for your next special occasion. Once you've set up your Facebook fundraiser, send us a message to let us know so we can cheer you on!

## *Grant Funding Will Help Improve Communications*

The Fred L. Emerson Foundation recently approved a grant for \$30,200 for Communications Integration for Hospice of Central New York and Hospice of the Finger Lakes. The grant will fund Phase I of a two-part project. This first phase will involve replacing the phone system at the Auburn office, where the current equipment is outdated and there is no capability for upgrades or expansion. The new system will improve phone service and enable all staff to have their own phone at their desk, helping staff at our Auburn location to better serve patients and families more efficiently. We are very grateful to the Fred L. Emerson Foundation for funding this essential project.



Phase II of the Communications Integration project will be an upgrade for the Liverpool office with the same equipment, as that office is also operating with a system that is no longer supported. Grant funds will be sought for funding this part of the project as well. Once both phases are complete, both the Liverpool and Auburn offices will be on the same system, with all phone calls coming to one phone number through one receptionist and transferred to staff at either location. The ultimate goal of this project is to have more effective and efficient communications between the two offices and with families, referral sources, and vendors.

### *What is Camp Healing Hearts All About?*

At Camp Healing Hearts, children begin to understand that they are not alone in their grief, as they meet other children who have also experienced the loss of a special person.

Camp Healing Hearts is a day camp held for four days, and this year it is scheduled to be held from Monday, August 26th to Thursday, August 29th at Camp Iroquois in Manlius. Children entering Grades 1 through 6 in September 2019 are eligible to attend. Grieving children need to express how they are feeling, and this transpires through interactive activities. Each day is focused on coping with their loss. Day 1 is about telling their story. Day 2 focuses on feelings, and Day 3 is about memories. The final day is talking about hope.

Camp is facilitated by grief counselors and trained volunteers. As part of the camp experience, the campers will also have the opportunity to enjoy fun activities such as swimming, music, drama, horseback riding, boating, etc.

For more information, you can call the Hospice Grief Center 315-634-2208 or visit our website at [www.hospicecn.org](http://www.hospicecn.org).





## *Hospice Golf Open - Remembering Pamela E. Johnson*

Please join us for the Hospice Golf Open on Friday, June 7th, at The Links at Erie Village for a great day on the course. This year we will honor the life of longtime friend and volunteer, Pamela E. Johnson, for her many years of commitment and generosity to Hospice and service to the community. You may remember Pam from her long career in healthcare finance. Pam was also known as a fun-loving person who lived life to the fullest, and this tournament will be a fun day of celebration just as she would have wanted.



The format is captain and crew with prizes for teams in the following categories – men's, women's and mixed, so be ready for the competition. For the first time this event will benefit patients and families in Cayuga County, as well as Onondaga, Madison, and Oswego counties. The proceeds raised will support our team of doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains and volunteers in providing essential care and necessary medications, supplies and equipment to those with life-limiting illnesses. For more information call the Development Office at 315-634-1100 or visit <http://www.hospicecny.org/2019-hospice-golf-open>.

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsors:



## *Fun Party – Big Success*



Charity Preview 2019 was a great success! Despite the weather, over 1,700 members of our Central New York community came to enjoy a sneak peak of the Syracuse Auto Show while raising money for local charities. In addition to enjoying a luxurious evening out, guests wined and dined, browsed beautiful new vehicles and enjoyed a variety of musical entertainment. Thank you so much to all who joined in on the fun and helped to raise over \$23,000 for the patients and families served by Hospice.



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Celebrating Life Through Chocolate is almost here, and you don't want to miss out!

Join us for another night of tasty treats from donors like The Speech Family Candy Shoppe, Geddes Bakery, DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse, Wegmans and more.

Tickets are going fast, so act now and get yours today. You won't be disappointed!

### To Purchase Tickets:

Call (315) 634-1100 or visit [www.hospicecny.org/chocolate-2019](http://www.hospicecny.org/chocolate-2019)  
Advance Sale Tickets \$30  
\$35 at the door

### Presented by:



Thursday, May 16, 2019  
5:30pm-8:00pm  
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