



February 2022

Dear Members,

The *Friends of Hospice* Board hopes your new year is off to a promising start. The pandemic has posed several challenges -- social isolation, uncertainty, physical and mental health issues for many of us. In some instances, there have been financial challenges, and for that reason, we did not send out our Annual Membership Renewal appeal.

Instead, we wish to extend to each of you Friends of Hospice Membership for 2022 without a \$25 renewal fee.

While the virus forced us to suspend most fundraising efforts, we moved forward with our Annual Mum Sale, which was very successful. With additional funds from the sale, we were able to continue supporting the Orange & Sullivan Hospice Mission “to provide patients and their families with compassionate physical, emotional, and spiritual end of life care with comfort, dignity, and respect.”

These efforts included:

- *Purchasing special-sized hospital bed sheets and mattress pads needed for Hospice patients at home,
- *Sponsoring the “Thriving Families” program provides free bereavement services for children ages 4 -18 and their parents or guardians. This program offers a treasure box of activities for each enrolled child and regularly scheduled Zoom meetings for specific age groups.
- *Purchasing informational materials for families who have a loved one enrolled in Hospice,
- *Providing potted flowers to Kaplan residents for spring and winter holidays,
- *Seasonal decorating of the Kaplan residence for the holidays and tray favors throughout the year.

Moving Forward

While we await the cautious freedom to resume face-to-face social engagement, the Board is working on two exciting Zoom activities: an Introduction to our "Thriving Families" Program and A Virtual Tour of the Kaplan Residence. We'll keep you posted!

In the meantime, if you are in a position to do so, we welcome any contribution you can make to help us continue our *Friends* support of Hospice patients and families. Please use the form below and the enclosed self-addressed envelope to make your donation, or visit the Hospice website at <https://hospiceoforange.com/friends-of-hospice/>

Again, please know your Membership and support are precious to us, we look forward to reconnecting in person, and we wish you continued health and happiness.

Many thanks,

Ellen Galligan, President

Greer Cooper, Membership Chair



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