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Services, Inc.**

AT OUR SPRING BREAK GALA

Saturday, April 23, 2022

West Hills Country Club, Middletown, NY

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Message from the CEO



Dan Grady, CEO



Sandra Cassese, President & COO

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Inc. for the past thirty-four years. On the first day of this new year, I announced my intention to retire from my position here at Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Inc. Therefore, at this time, I have stepped down as President and remain as Chief Executive Officer until the end of 2022.

I am pleased to announce Sandra Cassese, RN, MSN, CNS, has been appointed by the Board of Directors as President of the agency and will continue her role as Chief Operating Officer. Sandi joined us four years ago as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and during her tenure, the organization has grown and prospered. Sandi's position will ensure our goals as we continue to serve and care for a record number of patients and families.

Again, to say it has been an honor and privilege to represent this agency is beyond words. Through the dedicated work of our staff, volunteers, and the Board of Directors, our Hospice continues to meet our Mission Statement; to be the leading hospice agency in providing patients and families with compassionate physical, emotional, and spiritual end-of-life care with comfort, dignity, and respect.

My gratitude continues to each of you who supports our work either as a staff member, volunteer, donor, or community supporter.

I look forward to cultivating external relationships, community support and fundraising, and ensuring a smooth transition.

With Respect and Gratitude always.

Dan Grady, CEO



JOIN US APRIL 23, 2022 AS WE HONOR



AT OUR SPRING BREAK GALA

This year more than ever, we anticipate the joy and fun only Spring Break can bring. Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. is thrilled to once again invite you to honor and celebrate Mobile Life Support Services, Inc. for their untiring dedication not only to our organization but to the entire community.

Mobile Life Support Services, Inc. has supported our mission for over 20 years. Gayle Metzger-Hauser, founder and owner of Mobile Life Services, Inc., understands the importance of the services we offer. "Sometimes, we can only prevent further damage, ease pain or suffering, or simply provide comfort. That is just as wonderful and helpful to those in need. Hospice and we are much alike in our goals: to be there, in the darkest hours, for anyone who needs not only our help but our comfort and reassurance that they are not alone in their life journey. We are blessed to be allowed into people's lives when they are at their most fragile and helpless."

Pam Finnerty, President & CEO of Mobile Life Support Services, Inc., has worked in EMS for over twenty years and has always appreciated Hospice care and the intricate behind-the-scenes details. Still, her personal experience allowed her to grasp the entirety of what Hospice offers. "I will be forever grateful for their care for my mom and our family. I am humbled, and I thank you for this honor," says Pam.

Not only have Mobile Life Support Services, Inc. provided support financially, but Tim Scannell, Vice President and CFO, has been a long-time member of our Golf Committee. "An organization like Hospice does outstanding work supporting all during the end-of-life process. If I can do some small part to make serving patients and families easier, I'm honored to serve on a committee or support an event," says Tim. "If we support Hospice in its mission, we are comforting those who are sick and grieving, and serving others is at the core of our being."

We hope you will join us in celebrating and honoring Mobile Life Support Services, Inc. on April 23, 2022, at West Hills Country Club in Middletown, NY. We thank Mobile Life Support Services, Inc. for their unwavering dedication and are proud to continue working side by side to help our community.



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Veterans Celebration



This Flag Day, June 14, 2022, we will host a Veterans Celebration at Thomas Bull Memorial Park from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There will be music, food, ice cream, and a short ceremony honoring our Veterans. There will be more information to come.

This community outreach is part of our We Honor Veterans Level 5 Partnership. **We Honor Veterans** is a program of the **National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO)** in collaboration with the **Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**.

If you or your business would like to sponsor this year's event, the cost is \$250. Sponsorships cover the cost of the event, allowing all veterans to attend at no charge.

For more information, please email:
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With a Little Help from Our Friends



Dan Grady and Alan Seidman

Thank you, Alan Seidman and the Construction Contractors Association, SMACNA, and Fabricators and Erectors' Association, for your continued support of your community Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. Dan Grady attended the CCA 2021 Annual Holiday Party and Charity Event and received total donations of over \$4,000.



With heartfelt thanks to Ellenville Central School District Elementary School and Windsor Academy for the box of handmade veteran valentines and thank you for your service cards. These cards have significant meaning to the Veterans who receive them and often bring a tear to their eyes.



Thank you, Bethe Moskovitz, for your gift of seventeen handmade patriotic blankets. Bethe feels a dedication to our Veteran Recognition Program as a Greenwood Lake Senior Center member.

"When hospice made a presentation about this program to our senior center, we learned how important these blankets can be to the veterans," says Bethe, "and of a veteran who loved his blanket so much, it was buried with him, that did it for me," says Bethe.

Events Update

Holiday Tree of Life

We sincerely thank the hundreds of generous donors, near and far, who make donations in memory or in honor of their loved ones each year. It is because of the continued support of our community we were able to raise over \$21,000 to benefit Hospice's homecare program, the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence and bereavement services.

Thank you to our generous donors!



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Our highly anticipated
**15th Annual Golf
Classic**
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Monday, August 8, 2022
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Susan Najork

August 5, 1945 - November 28, 2020

On the first anniversary of the passing of Susan Najork, a tribute garden was completed at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence. A flowering pink magnolia tree, memorial plaque, and decorative bench comprise this lovely remembrance of our dear friend.

Susan was a benefactor of Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Inc. She served as a member of the board of directors. Susan was also a founding member of the Friends of Hospice of Orange & Sullivan and served as president during the early years.

We thank all who supported this special tribute garden through their generous donations. This lovely memorial on the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence grounds offers patients and their families the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful space for many years to come.



Dr. John D'Ambrosio

On behalf of Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc., and the Board of Directors, we are sad to announce the passing of Dr. John D'Ambrosio this past November 19, 2021. Dr. John was a long-time hospice board member and served as chairman from 2006 to 2007. John was a friend to many in this county. He will always be remembered for his unfailing support for all Orange County businesses and non-profits when he served as President & CEO of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, NY, from 1982 to 2014. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Marilyn D'Ambrosio, and her family.

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Thomas Bull Memorial Park
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