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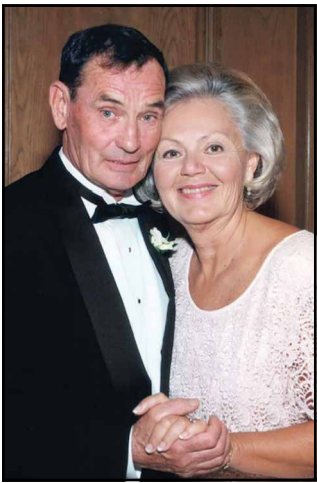
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Summer 2022

Dad Recounts Story of His Bride, Our Mom

Hospice Allows These Moments



Harold and Mary Chaffee

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Inc.'s Kaplan Family Hospice Residence was a "godsend" for our family. When my father entered the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence last summer, we experienced a level of dignity, respect, and caring previously missing from Dad's care. Once settled, Dad started to improve immediately from the excellent care and attention he was now receiving. My family and I got to enjoy special and meaningful moments with him we would not have otherwise experienced.

All the nurses knew his nickname (Mr. Big), frequently used it, and joked with him. They took the time to get to know our family and our family's stories. We decorated Dad's room with pictures and mementos. One day, after Dad had not eaten for quite some time, he woke up and wanted his favorite chocolate ice cream. We all watched joyfully as he enjoyed every drop of that delicious treat. After finishing his ice cream, Dad recounted a story about him and his beloved bride of 65 years, my mom! Hospice makes these special moments possible!

After my father passed, I thought I would be okay. However, shortly after returning home to Houston, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. My weekly chemo treatments prevented me from sharing the holidays with my family, which became challenging for me.

I knew I needed help, so I started individual grief counseling, virtually, with Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Grief Bereavement Counselor, Kristin Palmieri, MA, LMHC, LPC. Although I did not know what to expect, I was open to all possibilities and getting help. The most surprising thing to me, was that the process was not sad, but rather, allowed me to honor and remember my most cherished memories of my father.

Kristin's questions were meaningful and focused. She would ask: "What did your father enjoy on Thanksgiving? What special memories do you have about your father and Christmas? What did you enjoy doing with your dad?" I loved these questions, and I loved sharing these stories about my Dad.

At first, our sessions were more of a "check-in" to see how I was doing. The nature of the questions evoked such loving and meaningful memories that over time I found I could share stories about my father. I found the grief counseling to be a very spiritual and honoring process. My experience with Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties and the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence was extraordinary, and I am grateful.

— Virginia "Ginny" Levenback



Julie Chaffee, Mary and Harold, Ginny (Chaffee) Levenback, Charlie Chaffee: Mary and Harold established Chaffee Pool in 1967, now owned and operated by their son, Charlie, and his wife Kelly

Upcoming Dates

August 8

Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties
15th Annual Golf Classic

September 12

Friends of Hospice
Mum Sale

October 19

Friends of Hospice
Witch Hat Party

Mission Statement

To be the leading community resource for providing patients and families with compassionate physical, emotional, and spiritual end-of-life care with comfort, dignity, and respect.

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www.hospiceoforange.com

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties strives to educate the community as to when Hospice services are applicable.

If you or a loved one has any questions as to whether you are eligible to start receiving Hospice services. Please call us at the number above.

We are also interested in speaking to the community. If you would like a Hospice of Orange & Sullivan County representative to be a guest speaker at your next community event, please contact Adrienne Spencer at the number above or email advancement@hospiceoforange.com



Message from the CEO and the President



Daniel Grady
CEO



Sandra Cassese, RN, MSN, CNS
President & COO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In our last issue, we shared with you Dan Grady would be retiring at the end of this year and Sandra Cassese has been named as his successor. We would like to take this time to reassure you that the transition is going seamlessly. It has been wonderful having this opportunity for Dan to pass his knowledge and history of the organization along to Sandi, and Sandi has really hit the ground running in every way imaginable. We here at Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties are sad to see Dan go, but excited for what is to come.

As we continue to deal with the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are humbled to share, that to date, we have not had one patient-positive case at our Kaplan Family Hospice Residence. This is an unimaginable achievement, and we know that it would not be possible without the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our staff, to whom we would like to acknowledge and say thank you. We continue to take every precaution possible.

We know we could not continue to survive without the dedication and support of our local communities. In this issue, we share some of the wonderful ways the community not only supports us, but also how we support our community. We appreciate the continued partnerships we enjoy with local businesses, individuals, and government officials.

End-of-life quality care with dignity and respect is something we wish for everyone, and it is only through our continued partnership with you, that we can make this happen. There are numerous ways to get involved, and support our efforts, including through our extensive volunteer program.

We cannot thank you enough for making Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties a community priority and appreciate all you do to help us.

With respect and gratitude always,

Daniel Grady

Daniel Grady
CEO

Sandra Cassese

Sandra Cassese, RN, MSN, CNS
President & COO

After 34 years, Dan Grady, has announced his intention to retire at the end of 2022.

We are actively seeking photos, stories, and well-wishes.

Please send all items to Maggie Sutter at advancement@hospiceoforange.com by October 1, 2022.

With a Little Help From our Friends

20TH Annual Tommy "Shiney" Van Horn Motorcycle Run



Tommy "Shiney" Van Horn



Dorothy Van Horn,
Hospice of Orange
& Sullivan Counties
Director of Marketing
& Community
Outreach: Janice
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Horn-Swingle

Two years in the making, due to COVID restrictions, the long-awaited 20th Annual Tommy "Shiney" Van Horn Run was held on March 19, 2022. Again hosted by Amy Outwater, owner of Dad's Change of Pace Pub in Port Jervis, NY.

The day marked the 22nd anniversary of the passing of Thomas Van Horn and raised \$10,155 in his memory. Tommy was diagnosed with colon cancer at the age of 32 and passed away at the age of 34. To date, this fundraiser created by Dorothy Van Horn and her sister Jamie Van Horn-Swingle, along with long-time family friends Kenny Kent and Debbie Rowe, and other family and friends, has raised \$52,357 for Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties in appreciation and gratitude for the care Tommy and his family received in its care.

Join Us for 15TH Annual Golf Classic Monday, August 8, 2022

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties is pleased to announce its highly anticipated Annual Golf Classic at The Powelton Club in Newburgh. The event sells out most years. Golfers are encouraged to register early.

- 11:00 am Registration and BBQ Lunch
- 12:00 pm Shotgun Start
- 5:30 pm Cocktail Style Dining and Open Bar
- 7:00 pm Awards Presentation and Raffle Drawing

Proceeds benefit Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties including the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence.



Raffle drawing will follow dinner, there will be 10 prize winners, including \$10,000 Grand Prize Winner. Tickets are \$100.00 per ticket. Maximum 600 tickets to be sold. Winners do not need to be present to win.

For more information, to purchase a raffle ticket, register to golf, or become a sponsor contact Maggie Sutter at m.sutter@hospiceoforange.com or call (845) 561-6111 or visit www.hospiceoforange.com to registration online.



Spring Break Gala

Honoring Mobile Life Support Services

Long time Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties supporters Mobile Life Support Services, Inc. were honored at the 2022 Spring Break Gala on April 23 at West Hills Country Club in Middletown, NY. Every year, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties holds its largest fundraising event, its Spring Gala, to raise funds to care for the patients and their families it is privileged to serve.

After two years of anticipation, 217 guests attended one of the most successful events to date. The fun-filled, elegant evening included six premium prize drawings, a 50/50 raffle, and dancing to the music of The Motones. Special thank you to Michael Bonura and the staff of West Hills Country Club for the elegant ambiance. The ballroom was beautifully themed from floor to the ceiling.

In 2021, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties' operating income was \$15.8 million, and its expenses were just over \$16 million. It is because of generous supporters, like you, that Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties was able to close that deficit and continue to provide quality end-of-life care to its patients. In 2022, the event grossed just over \$222,000 for the organization and this doesn't happen without YOU! Thank you.

The night never could have been the success it was, if not for the hard work and dedication of the event's talented, innovative, committee. Special thanks to Co-Chairs: Lauren Rowley and Janet Sullivan, and the entire Gala Committee: Mary Caster, Linda Goldstein, Joann Menendez, and Lauren Ostner. Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties is grateful for your commitment.



Mobile Life Support Services Honorees: Director of Education & Qi: David Grass, Director of Human Resources: Emily Greaven, President and CEO: Pamela Finnerty, Owner, Founder & Chair of the Board: Gayle Metzger, Vice President & Chief of Operations: William Jeffries, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer: Timothy Scannell



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Tom and Janet Sullivan

And thank you, to ALL our sponsors, supporters, and guests, for choosing to support Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties as your philanthropic priority.



Gala Committee Co-Chair: Janet Sullivan, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Director of Development & Special Events: Maggie Sutter, Gala Committee Co-Chair: Lauren Rowley



Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Board Chair: Ian Rieger, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties CEO: Daniel Grady

Save the Date

2023 Spring Gala - Saturday, April 22, 2023 - West Hills Country Club

Friends of Hospice

Membership Spring Luncheon

Friends of Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties was pleased to host its annual Membership Spring Luncheon once again in-person. The event was held on the patio at The Venue at Winding Hills Golf Club in Montgomery, NY on June 7, 2022.

Special guest, and motivational speaker, Regina Clark, owner of Creative Performance Solutions, was exceptionally engaging as she spoke about the difficulty of dealing with change. Her presentation focused on the principles of pivoting and is more thoroughly covered in her book titled *Pivot Principles*.

Thank you to Event Co-Chairs: Marlene Stang and Dr. Michelle Winchester-Vega, along with the entire Spring Event Committee, for hosting this enjoyable and well-received luncheon.

Friends of Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties works to inform the community about Hospice services and the importance of end-of-life care. Friends of Hospice proudly supports Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties *Thriving Families Grief Support Program*, and meets other financial needs in support of Hospice families.

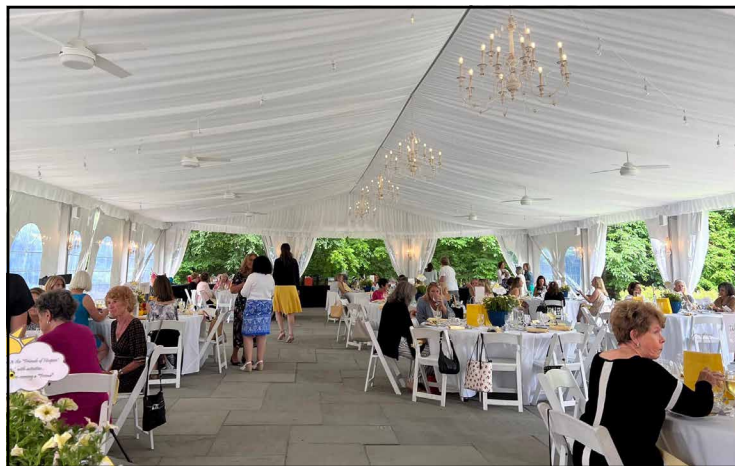
If you are interested in learning more or becoming a member of Friends of Hospice, go to: <https://hospiceoforange.com/friends-of-hospice/>.



Event Committee Member: Caren Aiello, Friends of Hospice President: Ellen Galligan, Friends of Hospice Treasurer and Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Board Member: Barbara Naru, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Director of Marketing & Community Outreach: Janice Valentino, Friends of Hospice Committee Member: Greer Cooper, and Event Co-Chairs: Marlene Stang and Dr. Michelle Winchester-Vega (Photo: Barbara Naru)



Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties President & COO: Sandra Cassese, RN, MSN, CNS, Guest Speaker: Regina Clark, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Chief Advancement Officer: Monica Bourgie, and Janice Valentino (Photo: Barbara Naru)



Thriving Families Grief Support Program is designed for children ages 6 to 18. The therapeutic team of social workers and licensed mental health counselors encourage expression through discussions, crafts, stories, and relaxation techniques. Care packages of craft supplies are mailed to each child's home. Adults, meet the following evening after the children have met, as a group, to discuss their children and learn ways to support them through their grief. The program schedule and more information are available on the Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties website at www.hospiceoforange.com

Upcoming Friends of Hospice Events



Mum Sale
September 12



Witch Hat Party
October 19



Flag Day Veteran Celebration



Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties
CEO: Dan Grady presents Paul V. Rader
Veteran2Veteran Volunteer Award to
David Wilcox, US Army Specialist 5th
Class (E5) May 1967- May 1970

On June 14, 2022, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties held the 4th Annual Veteran Celebration at Thomas Bull Memorial Park. The Veteran Celebration welcomed over 100 Veterans to thank and honor them for their commitment and service to our country.

The afternoon began with a Presentation of the Colors by Warwick Valley VFW Post 4662 and a videoed rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner by Lead Vocalist for the West Point Band, SGM MaryKay Messenger, US Army. Then, Kim Warner, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Director of Social Work and Bereavement Services, gave a presentation on Veteran care and the Hospice Veteran2Veteran Volunteer program.

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties provides Veterans with superior end-of-life care and offers a unique Veteran2Veteran Volunteer program. The Veteran2Veteran Volunteer program allows the Veteran patient to spend time with a Veteran volunteer who can give exceptional comradery support, bedside reminiscing, participation in Veteran recognitions, and explore obtaining awarded medals not received.

The presentation ended with the Paul V. Rader Veteran2Veteran Award that is given to an exceptional Veteran Volunteer. This year's award was given to David Wilcox. Dave has been a Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Veteran Volunteer for four years, and has been an integral part of the Veteran Program. He has supported Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties

efforts to honor Veterans by providing support to them in the community and at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence.

Dave participates in Honor Salutes and attends all Veteran community events. In addition, he has assisted in the assembly and transportation of gifts to Veterans in area nursing homes when needed. He is always willing and able to provide support in any way he can for the program. Congratulations, Dave, on this special honor.

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Remembering Dr. Joseph Lauterstein



Dr. Joseph Lauterstein
(1934-2022)

It is with a full heart and great sadness, we acknowledge the passing of longtime former board member, Dr. Joseph Lauterstein. Dr. Joe came to our Board of Directors in 2005 after caring for many people in the community as a cardiologist. He served as a member of our board for fifteen years and provided much insight and guidance. He made a difference in the lives of many of his patients and families, and in the community at large over many years. He will always be remembered for his unwavering support to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties. Our thoughts are with Dr. Lauterstein's family and friends at this time.

Ways to Give

Proceeds Benefit Patients Receiving End-Of-Life Care

Tribute Gifts

Tribute Gifts can be made *In Memory Of* or *In Honor Of* a loved one. They can also be used to commemorate a birthday, special occasion, or to simply say “thank you”. The honoree, a family member, or other designee will receive a card informing them that a gift was made in their memory/ honor.

Planned Gifts

Donating to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties through Planned Gifts such as charitable gift annuities, pooled income funds, charitable remainder trusts, bequests, endowments, or beneficiary designations, enables donors to make significant contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime.

Kaplan Family Hospice Residence Tree of Life

The Kaplan Family Hospice Residence Tree of Life is a way to commemorate a loved one. The Tree of Life provides an opportunity to permanently honor or memorialize your loved one by purchasing a gold (\$2,500), silver (\$1,000), or bronze (\$500) leaf. Each leaf is engraved with the donor or loved one’s name and added to the tree, located in the lobby of the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence.

Annual Events

Every spring, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties holds a Spring Gala in honor of a major donor for their support and dedication to our Organization and the community. The Spring Gala is the largest annual event.

Veteran Celebrations are held throughout the year to honor and thank Veterans for their dedication and service and to educate the community about our “Hospice, We Honor Veterans Program”. These events are free and sponsored by local businesses and organizations to show their support and honor our Veterans.

Every August, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties highly anticipated Golf Classic is held at a golf course in Orange or Sullivan County.

Contributions can also be made to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Holiday Tree of Life *In Honor Of* or *In Memory Of* a friend or loved one. That special person’s name is placed on an ornament and displayed at any of the Holiday Tree of Life locations.



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Monday, August 8, 2022

15th Annual Golf Classic

Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc.
The Powelton Club
29 Old Balmville Rd, Newburgh, NY 12550

Tuesday, September 12, 2022

Mum Sale

Friends of Hospice

2 Locations:

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties' Administrative Office
800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550

Bernie's Holiday Restaurant
277 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, NY 12775

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Witch Hat Party

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