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Finding My True Calling A Registered Nurse's Journey to Hospice Care



Susan at The Kaplan Family Hospice Residence

As a registered nurse with decades of experience, I never expected to find my true calling in hospice care. But that's exactly what happened when my father needed end-of-life care. It was a difficult holiday week when my family was introduced to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties and The Kaplan Family Hospice Residence. The compassionate and respectful care my father received during his final days brought peace and comfort not only to him, but to our entire family.

What stood out to me during this experience was the philosophy of care. Hospice care focuses on the patient's comfort and quality of life, not curative options. As a nurse this was a foreign concept to me, but witnessing the dignified care my father received, I knew this was the type of nursing I wanted

to be a part of. I recently joined the team at Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties and haven't looked back.

The working environment is one of collaboration and support, all members of the team, from physicians to nursing assistants, work together towards the common goal of providing compassionate and dignified end-of-life care. A typical day includes checking in on patients and their families, providing physical care, and assisting patients with personal wishes. The focus is on meeting the individual needs of each patient, it is not a one-size-fits-all approach.

My father, a World War II Veteran, had the opportunity to participate in an Honor Salute. It was emotional for my family, as we watched him light up when he engaged with the Veterans who came to visit him. He also received a patriotic blanket knitted by a community member. This experience made me realize the importance of recognizing and honoring our Veterans, especially during their end-of-life journey.



Walter Wilson
Susan's Dad

It's been four years since my father passed away. The experience of being part of his care at The Kaplan Family Hospice Residence has stayed with me. It has taught me the importance of having open and honest conversations with families about end-of-life care and the benefits of hospice care. It's also made me realize that hospice nursing is where I truly belong.

If you are a nurse looking for a fulfilling and meaningful career in healthcare, I encourage you to consider joining our team. You will make a difference in the lives of patients and their families during their most vulnerable moments.

Susan Staples, RN
Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, The Kaplan Family Hospice Residence

Upcoming Dates

April 22
Annual Gala Honoring
Daniel Grady

June 7
Friends of Hospice
Spring Luncheon

August 7
16th Annual
Golf Classic

Mission Statement

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

Contact Us



(845) 561-6111

www.hospiceoforange.com

Please contact us if you have any questions about Hospice services.



Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties attends meetings and events to inform the community about Hospice services and when they are appropriate.

If you would like a Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties representative to attend, or speak at your next community meeting or event, please contact Advancement at advancement@hospiceoforange.com

Message from the President & CEO



Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am both humbled and honored to be writing to you for the first time as President & CEO of Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties. Having been with the organization for the past 5 years, the transition has been seamless, and I couldn't be more committed to the success of the organization.

As a Healthcare provider, we are still dealing with some COVID-19 restrictions. As these final restrictions begin to lift, we are looking forward to hosting more in-person opportunities. Community awareness of the services we offer is so important. Understanding the Hospice Philosophy will best position you for when you need us most. We are committed to advocating for patients and families for enhanced benefits.

I hope you will find my dedication and passion for the work we do a comfort, knowing that we are taking on the hard work to bring you the best level of care we possibly can. Another passion of mine, you will hear more about, is the importance of Advance Directives. These forms allow you to dictate the care you will receive at your own end-of-life journey when you are no longer able to communicate your desires yourself.

Patient-centric, quality, end-of-life care with dignity and respect is something we wish for everyone. 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.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of our work and making Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties a priority. We appreciate all you do to help us.

With respect and gratitude,



Sandra Cassese, RN, MSN, CNS
President & CEO

Tip for Caregivers: Keep a notebook with all caregiving information and questions in one place; have this notebook with you when you speak to Hospice representatives.

Join Us in Welcoming Maria M. Pesquera, MD Associate Medical Director



Dr. Maria M. Pesquera has been appointed Associate Medical Director. Dr. Pesquera received her medical degree from the University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus; completed her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at New York Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center; and completed her Fellowship in Geriatrics at Albany Medical Center. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics Medicine.

In addition to her medical degree, Dr. Pesquera holds a master's degree in Science, Physiology, and Biophysics from the University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus. She is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation from the American Medical Women's Association.

Dr. Pesquera has extensive experience in primary care and palliative care, having worked as a physician at various medical centers and private practices throughout her career. She is currently enrolled in the Narrative Medicine Program at Columbia University School of Professional Studies and has received certifications in pain management, symptom management, communication skills, and as an end-of-life doula. She is bilingual, proficient in Medical Spanish, and is looking forward to getting out into the community to help educate Orange and Sullivan County residents about Hospice Care.

Advance Directives

Although it is hard to talk about the final phase of life, it can be a great gift to your family and loved ones to prepare them in advance for the difficult and distressing decisions that must be made. Preparing forms known as advance directives can help ensure that your wishes are respected and that your health care decisions stay in the hands of people you trust. Advance directives are a way of making your voice heard when you can no longer speak. They allow you to appoint someone to make your health care decisions for you when you are no longer capable of making them for yourself. Advance directives are not just for the elderly. All people who desire to direct their medical care in the future should complete an advance directive.

For more information about Advance Directives please call Kim Warner, Director of Social Work at (845) 561-6111 x117.

"We are honored to have Dr. Pesquera join our team as Associate Medical Director", says Sandra Cassese, RN, MSN, CNS, President & CEO of Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties. "Her extensive experience in primary and palliative care, as well as her numerous awards and certifications, make her an invaluable asset to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties. We look forward to working with her to provide the highest quality of care to our patients."

In her role at Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Dr. Pesquera joins Dr. Robert Dinsmore, Medical Director, in overseeing the medical care of patients receiving hospice services. They work closely with the interdisciplinary team to ensure patients and their families receive compassionate physical, emotional, and spiritual end-of-life care, with comfort, dignity, and respect.

"I am extremely excited to join the team at Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties as Associate Medical Director", says Dr. Pesquera. "Providing compassionate, comprehensive care to patients is a passion of mine, and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the community in this new role. I look forward to working with Dr. Dinsmore and the interdisciplinary team on creating an individualized plan of care for each patient and their family, to ensure that their goals are being met."

Respite Care available. To inquire about Respite Care call (845) 561-6111.

Understanding the Referral Process

Referral Coordinators



Darlene D'Andrea



Diamond Fennell



Dawn Julis-Biengardo



Naya Williams



Ashlee Gifford, RN, BSN
Director of Patient Access

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties receives referrals from many different sources. Area hospitals refer most patients, while other referrals come from providers, families, and patients themselves. Hospice is strictly regulated, and the referral-to-admission process is highly regulated. To be considered eligible for the Hospice benefit, there is a process that must be followed.

During regular business hours, Referral Coordinators receive referrals by fax, email, and phone. They gather as much information as possible about the patient from the referring source. This includes basic demographic and insurance information, diagnosis, date of birth, home address or place of residence (nursing home, hospital, etc.). During non-business hours, our answering service will connect referrals to the appropriate personnel. The same process of securing patient's medical history and insurance information will occur.

Referral Coordinators give the information to Intake RNs who review the patient's medical history. Intake RNs ensure the information provided meets the criteria of a prognosis of six months or less. They also work with patients and families to ensure patient rights are represented, and the hospice philosophy of non-curative care is desired. These conversations with patients and families ensure successful admissions and that there are no surprises about the care Hospice provides. A Certificate of Terminal Illness must be obtained, signed by a physician, this requirement is mandatory.

Once a patient is deemed appropriate, the admission is scheduled. Often families request a day of the week, or time of the day, for the admission, and we do our best to accommodate these requests. Most admissions occur within 24 hours of referral when all the criteria is met.

Once a patient comes on our program, our physicians use the medical history obtained for the patient's plan of care, which is discussed bi-weekly at interdisciplinary meetings. It is ultimately our physicians' responsibility to certify and recertify patients, at various intervals, that they are, or remain, eligible for the Hospice benefit.

To reach a Referral Coordinator
please call (845) 561-6111
or email
intake@hospiceoforange.com

Intake RNs



Kimberly Bailey, RN



Catherine Crouse, RN



Laura Mitchell, RN



Nancy Ricci, RN

Tip for Caregivers: When you are describing symptoms, give as much detail as possible. These details help our Hospice team find the best solutions.

Volunteer of the Year Thomas P. Sullivan Award Hermine Gilbert



Part of Hospice's interdisciplinary approach includes volunteers. In fact, a percentage of hospice services, must be provided by volunteers. Each year, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties selects an outstanding volunteer as the recipient of the Thomas P. Sullivan Award. There are so many wonderful volunteers it is difficult to select just one. Each volunteer brings something unique to their work... themselves.

This year's recipient has been volunteering with us for seven years. She is dedicated, endearing, and we are honored to have her as a volunteer. This year's recipient of the Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Volunteer of the Year, Thomas P. Sullivan Award is Hermine Gilbert.

Hermine supports patients and caregivers, and often volunteers to take on more than one patient or assignment at a time. Volunteers' responsibilities vary. Hermine recently provided transportation for a patient who wanted to do some shopping. Hermine accompanied this patient on several occasions, fulfilling this patient's wishes.

Hermine exhibits a quiet, empathetic, and calming manner. She is flexible depending on the patient's and family's specific needs, and has learned to offer as little or as much support as patients desire. Hermine offers comfort to patients through bedside companionship. She connects with her patients and has stayed in touch with patients' families.

Hermine is always willing to pitch in wherever she is needed, and often covers the reception desk at The Kaplan Family Hospice Residence. She volunteers for Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Bereavement Care Program by calling bereaved family members offering them support, and recently became a mentor for a new volunteer, offering them guidance and support.

Kristin Palmieri, Bereavement Counselor, shared, "Hermine has volunteered for the bereavement department for over a year. She makes bereavement calls to hospice families 13-months after the death of their loved one. She is compassionate and a good listener and steadfast in her commitment to helping families."

"Hermine helped create a presentation for our website to reach Hospice and community members coping with the death of a loved one. She is kindhearted, a wonderful person, and an asset to the organization, and the bereavement department."

Hermine was touched to be selected Volunteer of the Year, "it is interesting that I have found myself doing this type of volunteer work. A Social Worker urged me to take the training, and I felt a calling. I find this volunteer work fascinating, rewarding, and have learned that death is not necessarily a sad thing. I also find both the bereavement and volunteer teams incredibly supportive."



To become a Hospice Volunteer
please call (845) 561-6111 x214 or email
volunteerdept@hospiceoforange.com

Veteran to Veteran Volunteer Program

We are actively seeking Veteran Volunteers. Our Veteran Volunteer program allows Veteran patients to be paired with a Veteran Volunteer who can provide unique comradery, bedside reminiscing, and participate in Veteran Recognitions.

To learn more please call (845) 561-6111 or email
volunteerdept@hospiceoforange.com

**Tip for Caregivers: Take care of yourself. Get the food and rest you need.
If you do not get a full night's sleep, take a nap.**

Bereavement Services and Thriving Families Grief Support Groups

Adult Bereavement Services and Support Groups

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties offers Bereavement Services for Hospice families from time of admissions through the 13th month of grief. Bereavement Services include individual and family counseling, as well as Support Groups, and are available to both Hospice families, and the those in the community grieving the death of a loved one.

Adult Grief Support Groups are free and open to all community members. Skilled licensed clinicians help grieving individuals and families with their emotions and experiences while adjusting to life without a loved one. Every death creates a personal and unique journey of grief. Our Bereavement Services combine grief counseling and education to promote healing following the death of a loved one. These groups provide emotional, psychological, and moral support for its members. There are specialized groups for those in different stages of grief, including acute grief.



Scan here
to visit our website
for Bereavement Services
Support Group Schedule

All grief support groups are currently being offered virtually through a secure platform.



Thriving Families Grief Support Group

This specialized support group promotes healing by providing an opportunity for children and youth ages 6 though 17 to express their thoughts, verbalize their feelings, and share their experience of grief. To fully serve the family, the Thriving Families Grief Support Group consists of two portions: the main children's portion and a separate adult portion, in which guardians meet to discuss and learn ways to support children through their grief.

The Children/Youth Portion currently runs on select Mondays. The Adult Portion runs on select Tuesdays. The sessions run for 60 minutes. All sessions are currently conducted through a secure virtual platform.

Spring Series 2023

Mondays Children/Youth Portion

April 17 @ 6:00pm
May 1 @ 6:00pm
May 15 @ 6:00pm

Tuesdays Adult Portion

April 18 @ 6:00pm
May 2 @ 6:00pm
May 16 @ 6:00pm

Summer Series 2023

Mondays Children/Youth Portion

June 5 @ 6:00pm
July 10 @ 6:00pm
August 14 @ 6:00pm

Tuesdays Adult Portion

June 6 @ 6:00pm
July 11 @ 6:00pm
August 15 @ 6:00pm

To learn more or register for services, please contact our Bereavement Care Counselor at (845) 561-6111 x232 or email bereavementcare@hospiceoforange.com

Veterans Initiatives



Veteran Honor Salute Program

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties is a Level V, Community Partner, of We Honor Veterans, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). By recognizing the unique needs of America's Veterans and their families, community agencies, learn how to accompany and guide Veterans through their end-of-life journey toward a more peaceful ending.

As part of our Veterans Initiatives, we recognize all Hospice patients who have served in the military with a special ceremony of their choosing. Each Veteran is presented with a pin, framed certificate of service, a patriotic quilt or blanket, and a card from a child thanking them for their service.

If a Veteran on our program agrees to receive an Honor Salute, we work with local Veterans Organizations to have them come salute the Veteran on our program. Giving our Veteran the opportunity to salute back. This



program gives Veterans the opportunity to honor, recognize, and thank each other.

- ◇ If you are a Veteran, or part of a local Veterans Organization, and would like to be called upon to salute a Veteran receiving Hospice services, or
- ◇ If you are a member of a local Knitting or Crochet Group and would like to donate patriotic blankets, or
- ◇ If you would like your children's group to make thank you cards for Veterans

Please contact the Advancement Department at (845) 561-6111 or email advancement@hospiceoforange.com



Hospice personnel, volunteers, and Veteran volunteers assembled packages to be delivered to Veterans in nursing homes throughout Orange and Sullivan Counties for National Salute to Veteran Patients Week

Vet to Vet Café

February 12th through 18th was National Veteran Patients Week. More than 9 million Veterans receive medical treatment each year, and just under 100,000 receive medical treatment each day. On February 13th and 14th in honor of National Salute to Veteran Patients Week Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties Veterans Committee visited 163 Veteran patients at 10 different nursing homes throughout Orange & Sullivan Counties to thank and recognize them for their service. Each Veteran was given a gift bag with a Valentine's Day Card, thanking them for their service, written by a child, playing cards, non-slip socks, and other items as a gesture of our appreciation for their service.

Scan here to learn more about our Veteran Initiatives



Tips for Caregivers: Let others take part in caregiving. Take a break, go outside, do something for yourself.

About Friends of Hospice

Friends of Hospice was established in 2008. Its mission is to inform community members about Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties' services and the importance of end-of-life care. Through its friend-raisers and fundraisers, they connect with others to support hospice patients and their families.

Friends of Hospice supports the Thriving Families Grief Support Group, the bereavement care program, and purchases items for patients receiving hospice care at home. It also supports The Kaplan Family Hospice Residence by purchasing items when needed and is called upon at times to support the organization in other ways.

Friends of Hospice holds an annual spring luncheon meeting, as well as other events throughout the year. A membership fee of \$25.00 annually supports the organization.

Spring Luncheon - Save the Date | June 7, 2023 at The Powelton Club

15th Annual Mum Sale



Friends of Hospice Members at the Mum Sale, from left to right:
Lauren Naru, Greer Cooper, Colleen Fogarty, Barbara Naru,
Caren Aiello, Roseanne Baker.

On Friday, September 16, 2022 Friends of Hospice welcomed the 2022 fall season with their 15th Annual Mum Sale. Special thanks to Greer Cooper for chairing the event. Last year's assortment of Bronze, Purple, Red, White, and Yellow Mums were distributed throughout the day by committee members at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Sullivan County and at Hospice's offices in Orange County. Over 500 Mums were sold, raising over \$2,500.

Friends of Hospice Mum Sale will be taking place again this Fall, more information to follow.

Scan here to
learn more about
Friends of Hospice



Witch Hat Party

On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, Friends of Hospice held its Annual Witch Hat Party. This event is Friends of Hospice's largest fundraiser and raises money to benefit Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties. Close to 200 guests attended this fun-filled evening at The Powelton Club. Thank you to this year's co-chairs Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega, Barbara Naru, and Marlene Stang, and the entire committee, who worked tirelessly to plan this event, which raised over \$20,000. Guests were treated to either a Group Medium Reading or a Palm Reading and participated in several fun games of chance.



Thank You To The Witch Hat Party Committee

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Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega
Barbara Naru
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Save the Date | October 26, 2023 at The Powelton Club

Hospice Events

15th Annual Golf Classic

On Monday, August 8, 2022, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties held its 15th Annual Golf Classic at The Powelton Club. Over 120 golfers participated. We would like to thank Hospice Golf Classic Chair, Glen L. Heller, Esq. and the entire Golf Committee, as well as the numerous sponsors who supported last year's event.

Over the past 15 years the event has raised just under \$1 million. Join us this summer, on Monday, August 7, 2023, as the event raises it's \$1 millionth dollar for Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties.

2022 Committee: Denise Freeman · Greg Goldstein · Paul Hoffner · Joann Menendez
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**On behalf of Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties and the families we serve,
thank you to our golf sponsors for your generosity.**

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Hospice Events

2022 Holiday Tree of Life

From mid-November through mid-January Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties once again held its Holiday Tree of Life.

Contributions are made In Honor or In Memory of a friend or loved one. This special person's name is displayed on a tree at the location of the donor's choice, throughout the holiday season. Proceeds directly benefit someone receiving Hospice end-of-life care or bereavement services in Orange or Sullivan County. This year there were two locations in Orange County and four locations in Sullivan County.

On December 2, 2022, a tree lighting Ceremony was held at the Galleria at Crystal Run featuring the Middletown Concert Chorale.

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Hospice Volunteer, Ginny Urban, Hanging Ornaments at Adams Fairacre Farms



Middletown Concert Chorale Performing at the Galleria at Crystal Run



2023 ANNUAL GALA **HOSPICE** of ORANGE & SULLIVAN *Honoring Daniel Grady*

Saturday, April 22, 2023



50/50 drawing to take place at the Gala on April 22, 2023. Winners do not need to be present to win. Winner receives 50% of amount raised from raffle ticket sales. Guaranteed minimum \$1,000. Cost \$40.00 per ticket. Max 600 tickets will be sold.

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties is pleased to announce it will be honoring Daniel Grady for his 34 years of dedicated leadership at its highly anticipated Annual Gala at West Hills Country Club.

6:00 PM | Registration, Cocktail Hour, Hors d'oeuvres, and Silent Auction
7:00 PM | Dinner and Dancing with The Motones
10:00 PM | Silent Auction Closes - Auction and 50/50 Raffle Winners Announced

Proceeds benefit Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties programs and services.



Scan here to view our website to support the Gala

For more information about Hospice events, please contact the Advancement Department at (845) 561-6111 or advancement@hospiceoforange.com

Community Involvement

Community Awareness is a priority for Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties. It is our goal to partner with local organizations and individuals to bring awareness to the public of the services we offer. We also couldn't do what we do without the support of the communities we serve.



Senior Summit

On November 9, 2022, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties had a table at the Sullivan County Office of Human Rights Senior Summit at Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre. Over 100 seniors attended, it was a wonderful opportunity to speak with seniors of Sullivan County about the services we offer.



Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global movement of generosity. It was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a global movement. We are thankful, and grateful for the individuals who selected us as the recipient of their 2022 Giving Tuesday gift.



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Thank you to Alan Seidman and the Construction Contractors Association of the Hudson Valley, Inc., for naming Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties as a Charity-of-Choice for donations received at their November 28, 2022, Holiday Gathering.



Fidget Pillows

Thank you to Karen Hansen for the generous donation of these fidget pillows for our patients. These special pillows provide sensory and tactile stimulation for the restless hands of someone with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia.



Wireless Zone for Giving

As a community partner, Wireless Zone for Giving awarded over \$10,000 of grant funding to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties this past year for our Vigil Care Program.

It is through the generosity of others that we can continue the work we do. Thank you to those listed here, and countless others, for recognizing the importance of our work.

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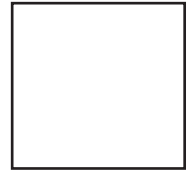
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