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June 2006



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July 12 Groundbreaking Set for New Addition

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*You are cordially invited to attend
the Groundbreaking Ceremony
for our Building Addition
on Wednesday, July 12, 2006
at 5:00 in the evening
Hospice Alliance, Inc.
10220 Prairie Ridge Boulevard
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin*



To respond, please call (262) 652-4400 by July 10, 2006

Welcome to new staff:

Jill Gigliotti, RN
Laura Grasser, CNA
Mayme Johnson, CNA
Lorraine Lumley, IT / Project Coord
Lindsey Mayer, CNA
Duane Ollie, RN
Cynthia Skarda, BSW
Arevelon Turnstell, CNA

We are also pleased to announce that **Esther Letven** and **Richard Regner** have joined our Board of Directors.

Thank you all for your commitment to Hospice Alliance!

Sally Willingham Honored For 20 Years of Service



Sally Willingham, Hospice Alliance Certified Nursing Assistant, was recently honored by her co-workers on the occasion of her 20th anniversary. Executive Director Connie Matter presented Sally with a certificate and gift basket. Stories and commendations about Sally were shared.

8th Annual Brick Dedication Held

The 8th annual dedication of the Hospice Alliance Memorial Brick Walkway was held Wednesday, June 28, at the Kemper Center.

Board President Rick Fiegel served as master of ceremonies. Remarks were made by Executive Director Connie Matter and this year's names were read by Foundation President John Plous.

Terry Lawler, a Celebrant with Piasecki-Althaus Funeral Homes, spoke on "Memories." The dedication was done by Hospice Alliance Chaplain Jim Niederloh and musical selections were sung by Dana Rodgers.

This year's bricks included these in honor of:

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Gertrude Strache

Also, bricks in memory of:

William A. Landre

Lorraine A. Landre

Michael R. Gallo

Doris & Ray Hoppe

Fred "Papa" Atterbury

Frank J. Niccolai

Sharon Benko

We appreciate the generosity of Piasecki-Althaus Funeral Homes, who provided the microphone, podium and chairs for the ceremony.

For information on purchasing a brick in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Judy Walthers, Development Coordinator, at (262) 652-4400.

Grief Workshops Planned

The Bereavement Department announces two upcoming grief workshops. These services are open to anyone in the community, not just those who have lost a loved one in hospice care.

The first will be offered Thursday evenings from July 6 through August 10 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Hospice Alliance office.

Another series is scheduled Wednesday afternoons from September 20 through October 25 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. The location is to be determined.

Contact Bethany Coats-Topel or Angie Piek at 652-4400 to register.

Meditation Garden Planted



Gardeners from left to right on top, Kathleen Modory; Rosemarie Brooks, Carol Bastian and Alice Linders-Olson; Gery and Jane Riley. Bottom is Daniel Buress. These are just a few of the "planters" who helped make the Meditation Garden a reality.

The Meditation Garden was recently installed thanks to the efforts of a group of volunteers, under the direction of Kate Field of the Gateway Horticulture Department and Ken Kohlmeier, Hospice Alliance Board Member. Besides those pictured above, help was provided by: Steve Brey, Vern Matter, Sandy Kohlmeier, Hiliary Blalock, Angie Piek, Ann Mikutis-Niesen, Ann Owen, the Field Family, Joe Huelskamp, Ann Birch and Dominic James. A special thanks to Burr Oak Greenhouse for the donation of the patio flowers.

Informal meetings are being held each Monday night at 5:00 to plan what needs to be done to maintain the garden. Kate is also organizing a garden email group to discuss the garden and answer questions via internet. More help is always needed. If you are interested in becoming involved, stop by on a Monday evening or contact Kate at katedfield@yahoo.com.

Teleconference Presented on Pain Management at End of Life



This year's teleconference *Pain Management at End of Life : Bridging the Gap Between Knowledge and Practice* was presented in April at the Gateway BioCATT. Angie Piek, Hospice Alliance bereavement counselor, served as moderator. Local panel members, left to right, were Cheryl Luer, Hospice Alliance admission nurse; Beth May, social worker at United Hospital System; Karen Metallo, pastoral associate at St. Mark Church; and Phil Berce, pharmacist at Good Value Pharmacy.

New Volunteers Always Welcome



Recent graduates of volunteer training are from left to right, front row: Barbara Hart, Eve Meier, Mary Karnes, RoseMarie Schmidt, Judy Glover, Marnie Klein, Kathy Tenuta. Back row: Sherri Chmielecki, Ruth Lenox, Judy Olson, Sue Meyer, Jane Schnuck, Pat Ryan, Marv Fisher, Joanne Arens.

Volunteer Coordinator Helen Plous announces an upcoming 8-session training program, scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 5. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. through September 28 at the Hospice Alliance office.

Volunteers are needed for respite care, outreach, office help and delivery. Helen remarks, "Whatever you have to offer, we have a place for you on our volunteer team." You are encouraged to call for further information and / or to sign up at (262) 652-4400 or (800) 830-8344. Pre-registration is necessary.

Quilts and Garden To Be Dedicated

Plan to join us on Sunday, September 10, at 2:00 p.m. We will be unveiling the 3—yes, 3!— Memorial Quilts that are being assembled by the Southport Quilters Guild from the squares decorated in honor of loved ones. These works of art will be hung throughout the Hospice House as a lasting memorial and as a remembrance of the commitment Hospice Alliance brings to the community. A special thanks to Judy Olson for spearheading this project.

This will also be an opportunity to tour the recently installed Meditation Garden. There will be a short ceremony dedicating the quilts and the garden, followed by refreshments.

Our newsletter is now printed on our website
www.hospicealliance.net

If you'd prefer to view it in that manner, please contact us at 652-4400 to have your name removed from our mailing list.

Watch for upcoming editions in **October and February.**

Mark Your Calendar

Halo Volunteers' "Treasure Sale"

Saturday, July 8,
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Hospice Alliance Parking Lot

Halo Volunteer Meeting

Thursday, August 10, 9:00 a.m.

Hospice Alliance Office

♥ Love Letters ♥

"We felt, with your help, we did everything we could to make our mother comfortable in her last days. And, I personally learned so much from you. What a wonderful service you provide!"

"You all helped us, as well as our mom, during this sad time. It was so comforting to know help was just a phone call away."

"You allowed our Mom to have the feeling of independence, so she could have things "just her way" and made her feel special.

We also thank you for the way you were able to help us as a family, by continually providing support and the assurance that Mom was always comfortable."



Celeste McKloskey of the Kenosha Womens' Club presents Connie Matter with additional "boom boxes" for the music collection the group had previously supplied for the Hospice House.

“Celebration” Fundraiser Being Planned



Board Member Tom O'Neal, committee member Mary Jane Ewens and Event Coordinator Mary Karnes admire several gifts already received for the Silent and Oral Auctions, part of the 25th Anniversary *Celebration* benefit event being held on September 23, 2006, at the University of Wisconsin – Parkside Union.

Celebration! This is the theme chosen for the 25th Anniversary of Hospice Alliance. The celebration event will be held Saturday, September 23, 2006, at the University of Wisconsin - Parkside Union. The evening's highlight will occur after dinner when two very dedicated individuals will be honored for their efforts in founding and sustaining Hospice Alliance in southeastern Wisconsin. These two very special people exemplify the spirit and generosity of Hospice Alliance as it continues to help all who may need support in time of need.

The evening will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m. in the Parkside Union Atrium. While socializing, attendees will have the opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items, play lobby games, and take chances on raffles. A sit-down dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. The fun continues after dinner with an Oral Auction. To make this part of the evening a success, the committee welcomes donations of items such as gift baskets, gift certificates, or collectibles. (Cash donations are always welcome, too.)

Another important part of the evening will be to recognize our Hospice Alliance *Celebration* sponsorships. Individuals and businesses in the community are being approached with the opportunity to support Hospice Alliance through special sponsorships. There is a sponsorship available for all who wish to participate. The Crystal is \$500; the Sapphire is \$1000, the Silver is \$2500, and the Diamond is \$25,000. All sponsors will be recognized the evening of the event.

If anyone is interested in learning more about becoming a sponsor, sending an auction item, or making a donation, please contact Nancy Piasecki at 658-4101 or Mary Karnes at 694-6643. Arrangements will be made to pick up or receive donations at the donor's convenience.



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The Medicare Hospice benefit does not allow for Hospice House room and board reimbursement.

35 patients have been cared for in the Hospice House so far this year.

Some of these patients received sponsorship dollars from community donors in the amount of **\$7,500.**

Sponsorship Program

I'd like to become a SPONSOR!

A Day @ \$100_____ A Week @ \$700_____

A Month @\$3000_____ Other_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

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