



HOSPICE FOUNDATION

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Dear Friend:

*Our thanks to you,
and Hospice,
for creating memories
we'll cherish forever.*

My sister, Ann Gadanyi, was not just a devoted mother and accomplished artist, she was an inspiration. When cancer took away the use of her right arm, she learned to use her left hand so she could keep on creating beautiful greeting cards like the ones you see here.

That resolve is a big part of what defined Ann. She was determined to attend two important milestones in her daughters' lives – Juliana's performance in her high school musical and Emily's wedding in the chapel at Hospice. Our whole family will always be grateful to Hospice for making these – and many more precious times together – possible.

Because you have supported Hospice so faithfully in the past, we're grateful to you as well. We hope we can count on you to **continue your annual generosity with a gift of to the Hospice Foundation.**

People often say they wish they had contacted Hospice sooner. When Ann passed away last March, she had been a Hospice patient for close to a year. She began receiving care at home in April 2008. Last November, when she needed more help with pain and other symptoms, she went to live at Hospice House on the Mitchell Campus.

So many things about Hospice House are like home – it's such a family-friendly place! Ann was able to decorate her own room and have her daughters stay with her. Juliana even took guitar

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All gifts, donations and bequests to our non-profit program are tax-deductible under federal regulations. Please return this Hospice Donation Certificate with your gift in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.

The Hospice Foundation of Western New York supports Hospice Buffalo, St. John Baptist/Hospice Buffalo House, Hospice House at Mitchell Campus, Home Care Buffalo/Essential Care for Children, Caring Hearts Home Care, Home Connections Palliative Care and Life Transitions Center, Inc.

lessons with a Hospice music therapist. Ann loved good food and loved inviting her extended family to Hospice's wonderful Dinners to Remember. She was so thankful for all the care she received.

Most of all, we will never forget Hospice's role in our last Christmas together. Ann wanted so much to attend Midnight Mass at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, then wake up at home on Christmas morning. Thanks to the extraordinary staff at Hospice, she got her wish. Dr. Christopher Kerr, Hospice medical director, attended the service with her, then administered her medicine at 1:00 a.m. Ann was so overwhelmed by his dedication that she contacted *The Buffalo News*, where her story was published on Christmas Day.

With her husband and daughters by her side, Ann died just one week after Emily's wedding, two weeks after Juliana's play. Her faith was so strong, she had no fear of death. She just wanted to be here for her daughters. And with the help of Hospice, she was.

Please send your gift today, so that more families like ours can benefit from the exceptional compassion of Hospice. Simply complete the **Hospice Donation Certificate** and return it with your check or credit card information in the enclosed envelope, and **please be as generous as you can**. We will forever appreciate the difference Hospice made for Ann and all of us who loved her.

With profound gratitude,


Kathryn Foegen

P.S. Ours is only one story. Multiply it by the 600 patients and families Hospice cares for every day, and you'll understand just how important your contribution is! Please send your gift **today**.

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