

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Feb. 16 and April 20

Open House at Hospice Buffalo

Join us for an overview of the many services available to help you and your family. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Hospice Education Center, 225 Como Park Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY 14227. A tour of the campus is provided. Free event. To register call (716) 686-8070 or email info@palliativecare.org.

Saturday, March 20

WNY Perinatal Bereavement Network Theme Basket Raffle

will take place at St. Gabriel's Church, 5271 Clinton Street in Elma, NY from 7:30 p.m. -11:30 p.m. More than 150 baskets will be available for the raffle. Admission is \$7 per person, \$10 per couple and includes a chance for door prizes, pop and coffee. A cash bar is also available and guests are welcome to bring food refreshments for their table. For more information, call Chris Scott at (716)836-6460 x117 or email cscott@palliativecare.org.

A GREAT RESOURCE FOR YOU!

Caregiver News

According to a recent study published by the National Alliance for Caregiving, there are at least 43.5 million caregivers age 18 and over, who provide unpaid care to an adult family member or friend who is age 50 years or older. Almost three-quarters of caregivers have been employed while they were assisting another person.

With so many working Americans serving in the role of caregiver, Community Health Charities has

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TRULY CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Chair and President/CEO's Message



William E. Finn
President & CEO

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The holidays have come and gone with the typical whirlwind of frenzied shopping, cooking, get-togethers and, hopefully, moments to reflect upon the importance of the season in our lives.

This holiday season was especially poignant for our staff. Under the direction of The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care Volunteer Department and Foundation, our employees made the 2009 Family Care Fund drive a tremendous success. Each year, we bring Christmas to Hospice patients and families who are experiencing financial hardship. In 2009, more than \$30,000 was raised by our staff to support the Hospice Family Care Fund. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our employees and volunteers, Hospice Buffalo helped 60 families experience a more enjoyable Christmas and holiday season. This important endeavor clearly illustrates the compassion and service for which Hospice is known and serves as an example of why Western New York is one of the most generous communities in the country.

As we look forward to a new year and a new decade, we will be evaluating ways in which Hospice can extend compassionate support and quality care to more people in our community who are in need. In addition, we will work to address capacity constraints related to hospice inpatient care, continue to

build our Home Connections palliative care program and seek out new partners to enrich our services. We continue to focus on improving the quality of the experience for those who enter our program of care.

It is important to acknowledge that these goals can only be accomplished through the active support and generosity of our community. We are honored and most grateful for the gifts of support that are critical to advancing Hospice’s mission. Please accept my blessings and good wishes for a healthy and joyful 2010.

William E. Finn

William E. Finn, President & CEO

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Blessings for 2010