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**HOSPICE**  
**BUFFALO**  
*Care for them. Comfort for you.*

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## Be Our Advocate

*"It is essential for people to understand that hospice is not 'giving up' – it is not the abandonment of care, but truly the most comprehensive type of care available, and it's 100% covered by Medicare,"* said Dr. Christopher Kerr, CEO & CMO of The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care. *"Hospice and palliative care are successful models of care that are person-centered and seek to control symptoms while bringing peace, dignity and compassion. But too often we hear, 'I wish we would have called sooner.'"*

**November is National Hospice & Palliative Care Month – please advocate to help those with serious illness live life as fully as possible.**



Dr. Christopher Kerr,  
CEO & CMO

Share your Hospice story online using  
**#HospiceHelpedUs**

## Hospice helped us much earlier than we thought

*"Hospice is not just for end-of-life ~ they can actually help when you want to improve someone's quality of life."*

~ Linda



My wonderful dad, Martin, a Marine veteran in his seventies, was suffering with COPD and congestive heart failure for years. His biggest problem was breathing. He was doing okay on oxygen at home, but steadily, he needed more and more oxygen and was moving less and less. Leaving the house made him anxious. He was just always at home sitting in his chair. I didn't like to see him spending his days struggling to breathe.

I had heard Hospice Buffalo was "more than end-of-life care" and their focus was to improve "quality" of life. I didn't think he was at the point where he would pass soon, but I decided to reach out to Hospice. In early 2018, Hospice nurses and doctors began coming to the house to help us care for him. He felt comfort in knowing that they would come to him.

Hospice Buffalo's home-care team continued their visits, while dad continued to receive visits from my siblings and his grandchildren. He relished the cherished conversations and weekly burgers from Red Robin! Dad loved those burgers so much that he made a goal to taste each one on the menu – Hospice Buffalo was definitely making a difference in his life! They gave him the chance to focus on delightful moments that made him happy, as well as our family. We were so happy knowing he was in good hands.

During a visit in early April, his nurse immediately knew something was wrong and suggested taking Dad to the Mary & Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Hospice Inpatient Unit. Surrounded by family, he slept steadily in a beautiful room with his favorite music playing in the background. The day came when his doctor explained in caring words that he would not be going home. That day, I sat alone with dad and tried to grasp what was happening. He was resting so peacefully – I felt comfort in knowing he was receiving such excellent care.

His nurse asked us if there was anyone in our family who could not be here and we instantly said his granddaughter. She recommended we call and give her a chance to talk to him – she was grateful for that opportunity. Something that seemed so small made a huge difference to our family. That day, my brother and I sat with Dad telling him that he was a great dad and how much we loved him. On April 11 at 5 AM, we received that heartbreaking call – our magnificent dad had peacefully passed.

Our experience with Hospice – from the first call to the very end – was absolutely wonderful. I would tell anyone who has a loved one suffering with a serious illness to call Hospice Buffalo. They can be there for everything you need to help you and your family through a difficult journey. I wish I had called sooner, but I am very thankful for those four months we had with Dad. ■

Visit [HospiceBuffalo.com](http://HospiceBuffalo.com) to hear Linda's story.

## Grief and the Holidays

The holidays are traditionally a time of family, laughter and joy. For those who are grieving or have a seriously ill loved one, the holidays can be a time of mixed emotion and challenge. How does one cope with the extra demands of the approaching holiday season? Our Grief and the Holidays program can be a resource of support to assist you during this time, offering opportunity for reflection and guidance.

**Tuesday, December 3  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Hospice Education Center  
225 Como Park Boulevard,  
Cheektowaga  
  
Presented by Hospice Buffalo  
Spiritual Care Team  
  
RSVP by November 29**

Call the Wilson Support Center at 901-0289 or email [kfanning@palliativecare.org](mailto:kfanning@palliativecare.org) to register for this **free event**.

*Join Us* FOR THE  
**LIGHT-A-LIFE MEMORIAL  
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**  
**Saturday, December 7  
5-5:30 PM**  
 Held outdoors at CTG  
 800 Delaware Ave., Buffalo  
 Free parking



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## Giving Thanks

### Message from the President

With the holidays approaching and Thanksgiving just a few days away, this time of year reminds us to give thanks for the many blessings that surround us. At this “thankful” time of year – maybe more than any other time – we reflect back on people who touched our lives, experiences that made a positive impact on us, and/or organizations that guided us in time of need. It helps us recognize why “giving back” is so important. As we reflect, we feel grateful for those we love. At The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, we witness bonds of love among family and friends at life’s end. It is a privilege for us to be part of these very personal interactions, displays of affection and to play this vital role in helping families through their difficult journeys.



Since Hospice Buffalo's inception in 1978, nearly 90,000 people have experienced Hospice's quality-of-life care. And many of you, our dedicated constituents, have also witnessed firsthand the compassionate and skillful care your loved ones received. It is astounding to realize that these incredible experiences are happening each and every day, with nearly 1,000 people in our community receiving care from the Hospice Buffalo, Home Connections or Essential Care for Children teams. The unique services provided at Hospice, such as our music, massage and art therapies, are only made possible through the generous support of our loyal donors, as well as our volunteers. Their gifts of time, talents and financial resources have helped build what is considered to be one of the premier hospice and palliative care programs in the nation. This prestigious recognition is truly something that you and this community, known for its hospitality and generosity, can be most proud of.

I wish to thank you for investing and giving so much to make this organization strong and sustainable. Please accept our gratitude for the gifts you offer and blessings for a peaceful, healthy and happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season. ■

Sincerely,

Patrick T. Flynn  
 President, Hospice Foundation of WNY



## Corporate Gift Matching ~ Every Match Makes a Difference!

Corporate gift matching is a type of philanthropy in which companies financially match donations that their employees make to nonprofit organizations. Philanthropy is essential in supporting the multitude of programs and services that are beneficial to building

vibrant communities – gift matching increases the impact of every dollar an organization receives. It is also an opportunity for companies to increase employee engagement and support causes that are important to them.

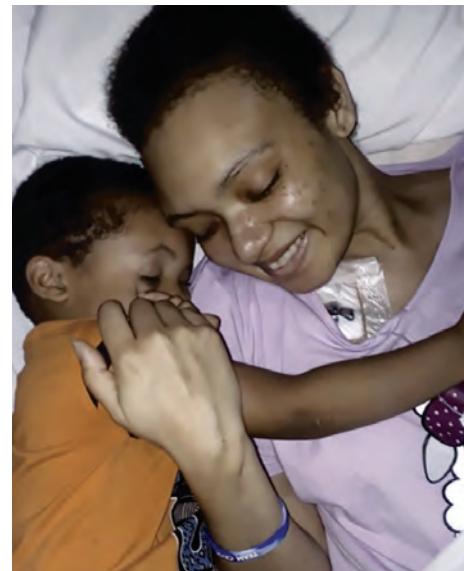
Another way companies can demonstrate support, as well as acknowledge their staffs' philanthropic efforts, is by matching their employees' fund-raising donations. Sherry Marsh, 2019 Hospice Bouquet Sale coordinator at Fresenius Kabi, sold 207 bouquets and raised \$4,710 – earning her top ranking as a first-time coordinator! Fresenius Kabi matched a percentage to total \$7,500. Sherry became a hospice advocate after experiencing wonderful compassionate care that her husband received at Niagara Hospice in 2018.

If you are interested in participating as a Bouquet Sale coordinator, please contact Emily Carrier at (716) 989-2022 or [ecarrier@palliativecare.org](mailto:ecarrier@palliativecare.org). Take a moment to find out if your company has a corporate gift matching program to help extend your support of Hospice Buffalo. Every gift, every dollar makes a difference – YOU make the difference. ■



Sherry with her Bouquet Sale display at Fresenius Kabi.

## Hospice Buffalo ~ Connection of Love



Sierra Wimpy with her son.

At 28 years old, Sierra was determined to live, despite the unrelenting pain she endured from metastatic colon cancer. Throughout her stay in the Mary & Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Hospice Inpatient Unit (HIU), her mind was set on beating cancer so that she could watch her son grow up, marry her fiancé, and celebrate more holidays with family and friends. Her story is one filled with perseverance, strength, hope, and an unwavering “connection of love” with those who touched her life.

By this time, you should have received Hospice Buffalo's annual Fall Appeal in the mail. Please take a moment to read Sierra's beautiful story and give as generously as you can using the donation form included in the Appeal or visit [HospiceBuffalo.com/Giving/Fall-Appeal/](http://HospiceBuffalo.com/Giving/Fall-Appeal/). The support of the WNY community affords Hospice Buffalo the opportunity to grow and meet the needs of seriously ill patients in the most innovative, compassionate, and timely way possible. Thank you in advance for your support! ■

## Corporate Spotlight

**Thank you** to BlueCross BlueShield of WNY for their outstanding support of Hospice Buffalo's mission for nearly 30 years. As a generous sponsor of several of our major events – Hospice Memorial Walk, Bouquet Sale and Harvest Fest, their support helps sustain vital programs and services for Hospice Buffalo's patients and their families. BlueCross BlueShield is committed to improving quality of life by supporting initiatives that have the greatest impact on the health of all individuals in our region. Western New York is fortunate to have BlueCross BlueShield as a philanthropic and caring community member. ■



**BlueCross BlueShield  
of Western New York**

## Book & Documentary Film Update

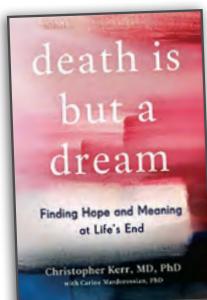
### **"death is but a dream"**

Explore meaningful dreams and visions that bring comfort as death nears. Dr. Christopher Kerr has cared for thousands who, in the face of death, speak of finding love, insight, and grace. They reveal that there is hope beyond cure as they transition to focus on personal meaning. In this extraordinary and beautiful book, Dr. Kerr shares his patients' stories and his own research pointing to death as not purely the end of life, but as a final chapter of humanity and transcendence.

**Book** will be published February, 2020.

#### **Pre-order your book today!**

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- Barnes & Noble
- IndieBound



**Documentary Film** was submitted to:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| • Sundance                  | • Tribeca          |
| • Miami                     | • Ann Arbor        |
| • Atlanta                   | • Big Sky Doc Fest |
| • Austin                    | • Brooklyn         |
| • Cleveland                 | • DeadCenter       |
| • Florida                   | • Santa Barbara    |
| • SXSW (South by Southwest) |                    |

## Holiday Gifts Needed

The Volunteer Office seeks gift donations for families through an Amazon wish list. A list of requested items can be viewed at <https://amzn.to/35gh0cj>.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding items requested, please contact Lisa Nestico at [LNestico@PalliativeCare.org](mailto:LNestico@PalliativeCare.org) or (716) 989-2360. Thank you!

## Hospice Volunteers Giving the Gift of Time

We live in a world where our time is precious and valuable. Often, we are running from one place to another and feel as though there is never enough time in one day to do all that we hope to accomplish. And yet, Hospice Buffalo volunteers seem to always 'make time' for us. Giving time to others – even when our days feel full – is a beautiful gift. One of the most meaningful ways to 'give' is by volunteering at an organization whose mission and purpose aligns with yours. Many Hospice Buffalo volunteers feel a greater sense of purpose by sharing their time to support our patients and families, as well as advocating for hospice and palliative care in our community. Volunteers play a special role at Hospice, offering support to patients and families, administratively, and for events. Many have had personal experiences with our organization, which led them to make the decision to become a volunteer.



Volunteers, Alice and Nancy, in the West Herr Comfort Café

Sharing life stories, reading, or delivering a birthday cake for a home-care patient are just a few examples of moments that give meaning to our patients and volunteers. One Birthday Brigade volunteer recently shared a memorable and joyous experience of delivering a cake to a patient and family who recently lost a loved one. When she arrived at the home, everyone was so appreciative – she thought to herself, *"This is what Hospice is really about."*

During a patient visit in the Hospice Inpatient Unit, the patient said to the volunteer, *"I'm sure there are other things you can be doing right now, but know how much your time means to someone like me."*

Hospice Buffalo volunteers truly make a profound impact on our patients and their caregivers, as well as our staff. Volunteers are instrumental in providing administrative and event support. They assist in a variety of tasks which give staff opportunities to focus on doing what is essential to provide the services our community needs for their loved ones. Volunteers who give their time at events often hear from attendees and families about how Hospice Buffalo helped ease their family's journey through a difficult time.

Ask any one of our volunteers about the work they do and they each light up. Our volunteers never know where they may be when someone stops them to share a story, a memory, or thank them for all they do. Our volunteers always say it is their pleasure to do what they do and that their life is also impacted by these experiences. In the end, it is those we serve and our community who benefit from each one of our volunteers – all because of their generous gift of time. If you are interested in becoming a Hospice Buffalo volunteer, please visit the Volunteer page on our website to learn more. You can download an application online or contact Lynsey Danat, Volunteer Services Manager at [LDanat@PalliativeCare.org](mailto:LDanat@PalliativeCare.org). ■

## Hospice Care Now Available at Absolut Care

Hospice Buffalo and Absolut Care are partnering to care for and improve the quality of life for patients who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness. The 5-room/10-bed Frances A. Little Hospice Wing is named after a WWI American Red Cross nurse, who lived in East Aurora, is in the Willink Building on the Aurora Park campus in East Aurora, NY.

*"We are very proud to be partnering with Absolut Care. Collaboration between nursing homes and hospice can truly improve care at the end of life,"* said Dr. Chris Kerr, CEO & CMO of Hospice Buffalo. *"While residents continue to receive quality care and services from Absolut Care's staff, our Hospice Buffalo team will provide additional physical, psychosocial, emotional, and spiritual support to the patient and their family."*

Russ, son of an Absolut hospice patient, commented, *"At the time my father enrolled in Hospice Buffalo he was in another rehab facility. My siblings and I were wrestling with the decision of where to place my father, knowing that we could no longer care for him at home. At the same time, the hospice unit at Absolut Aurora was opening and we decided to visit the facility. We were impressed with the recent renovations. During our visit, all of the Absolut staff were friendly, accommodating and extremely helpful. Based on what we saw of the facilities and our positive interactions with all staff members, our decision to place our father in the new hospice unit at Absolut of Aurora was an easy one."*



Hospice Buffalo and Absolut Care staff at the ribbon cutting for the new Frances A. Little Hospice Wing

The Hospice team includes board certified geriatric physician, Christopher Jacobus, MD, who will work directly with each patient's physician; hospice registered nurses who coordinate an ideal plan of care, manage symptoms, and ease pain; a hospice social worker to assist with emotional matters and help prepare the family and caregivers; a spiritual care counselor who offers non-denominational guidance; trained volunteers who serve and visit hospice patients; and bereavement counselors who will guide all family members and caregivers for 13 months after their loved one passes, offering support, counseling, and resources.



Dr. Chris Kerr, CEO of Hospice Buffalo, and Wemillie Arellanos-Likos, administrator for Absolut Care, formally open the new wing.

*"We are pleased to partner with Hospice Buffalo on the creation of this Hospice Wing at our East Aurora Campus,"* commented Chris Luterek, VP of Business Development for Absolut Care. *"This partnership will help fill a need in the Southtowns for people wishing to enhance their loved ones' level of care. Hospice services are fully covered by Medicare and included in most insurance plans."*

To find out more about this program or to schedule a patient consultation or tour, call (716) 343-0108. ■

### Did you know?

Hospice care is available in most assisted living facilities and nursing homes in Erie County. If you know someone who may benefit from this comprehensive care, call (716) 686-8040.

# A Dinner TO REMEMBER HOSPICE BUFFALO

## Thank You

For 10 years, WNY's finest restaurants have come together to donate gourmet dinners and desserts for our patients and their families at Hospice Buffalo's "A Dinner to Remember" program. Over 80 meals are served each month and Hospice volunteers provide live instrumental music, as well as serve and clean up.

"A Dinner to Remember" is much more than a delicious meal. It is an opportunity for Hospice patients to gather with their family and friends, share stories, and laugh, giving them the time and space where they can simply focus on the moment and create a beautiful memory.

On behalf of the Hospice Foundation and all of our patients and families, we would like to thank all those involved in making these evenings special and meaningful, and the following participants for donating delicious meals this past year: Ristorante Lombardo, Siena, Osteria, Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant, Crave, Oliver's Restaurant, Share Kitchen & Bar Room, Bacchus Wine Bar & Restaurant, Eagle House Restaurant, and Trattoria Aroma.

If you know of a restaurant that would like to participate in our "A Dinner to Remember" program, please ask them to call the Hospice Foundation of WNY at (716) 686-8090. ■

*"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees."*

— Amelia Earhart



Rory Quinn, his siblings and cousins love 'Grandpa Days.' It is exciting! Each of them waits in anticipation for their own special day to experience the next adventure with a fun and loving granddad. Unfortunately, Grandpa Days were becoming less frequent as 66-year-old Grandpa Quinn bravely battled kidney cancer. Over 2 years, he went through surgery, chemo, radiation, and finally immunotherapy. After a few good months, the cancer unfortunately returned and on July 13, he enrolled in the hospice program at the Mary & Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Hospice Inpatient Unit – an extremely sad day for them all.

Grandkids Gavin (10), Keira (9), Charlie and Owen (8), Rory (7) and Colleen (4) visited Grandpa Quinn, after barely seeing him over the last month. They shared memories, hugs and tears in the short time they spent with him. Two rooms down the hall, their best friends, Claire and Brady Sullivan, and Matthew, Lucas and Maeve Mihalics, were experiencing the same emotions for their great-grandmother, Margaret Thexton.



As they left, Rory told his mom, Meghan Quinn, "I want to do a lemonade stand to help grandpa and all the people at Hospice taking care of him." The very next day, Rory, his siblings, cousins, and best friends set up their lemonade stand. It became an instant success for their mission. Posted on social media, their story spread fast and the South Buffalo community

came together in support of these two Hospice Buffalo patients and their families. Neighbors, friends and members of the community came out in droves to get their glass of lemonade. Those who could not get there gave their support through online donations. This group of amazing children raised over \$1,000 for Hospice Buffalo in just a few days! Sadly, Kevin J. Quinn passed away on July 15 and Margaret A. Thexton passed away on July 16. ■

Gavin, Keira, Charlie, Owen, Rory, Colleen, Claire, Brady, Matthew, Lucas and Maeve – We give you our most heartfelt gratitude for your thoughtfulness, passion and ambition.

Special thanks to the children's parents: Meghan and Kevin Quinn; Shannon and Raymond Krug; and Ray and Katie Sullivan, for sharing this beautiful story on Facebook and allowing us to share with our Hospice Buffalo community.



## HOSPICE **Helpers** | community events update

The Hospice Helpers program provides organizations and individuals with the opportunity to organize fundraising events to benefit Hospice Buffalo! We are our community's only hospice program dedicated to caring and supporting all people facing their end of life journey. Your fundraising efforts ensure that we always have a Hospice program right here in Erie County to serve our families, friends and neighbors during their most critical times in life.

**Be creative!** If you or your company has a unique idea to fundraise for Hospice Buffalo or if you have questions about the Hospice Helpers, please contact the Hospice Foundation at (716) 686-8090 or e-mail Emily at [ecarrier@palliativecare.org](mailto:ecarrier@palliativecare.org)

**Thank you** to the following community groups and individuals who organized events to benefit Hospice Buffalo. Recent events raising \$250 or more are listed below.

<b>Mr. Joe Eckl</b> , EE/BB Golf Open .....	<b>\$9,105</b>
<b>Ms. Michele Flattery</b> , 6th Annual Bob McDonnell Memorial Car Cruise .....	<b>\$7,047</b>
<b>Ms. Sandra (Sam) Sperduti</b> , 10th Annual Ironhorse Motorcycle Run.....	<b>\$5,210</b>
<b>2019 Taste of Buffalo</b> .....	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Andrea Pusateri</b> , Dor's Fight Club.....	<b>\$2,490</b>
<b>Bella Kids Consignment</b> Spring Sale.....	<b>\$2,218</b>
<b>SUNY Cap 49th Annual Conference</b> .....	<b>\$2,170</b>
<b>Potter Career &amp; Technical Center</b> , Bake Sale.....	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Ms. Tammy Berner</b> , Ride For Katie Jo .....	<b>\$1,465</b>
<b>Quinn/Krug</b> , Lemonade Stand .....	<b>\$1,211</b>
<b>Daughters of Bonnie Horton</b> , Lulu's Tea.....	<b>\$1,115</b>
<b>Frosty's Ice Cream</b> , Colossal Cone Eating Contest.....	<b>\$1,010</b>
<b>2019 Buffalo Marathon</b> .....	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Mr. Fran Nesbit</b> , IMA Life Golf Tournament.....	<b>\$750</b>
<b>Abbey Square Inc.</b> , 7th Annual Golf Tournament .....	<b>\$725</b>
<b>Mr. Bill Frank</b> , 7th Annual Mathletes Cindy Frank Memorial 5k Run.....	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Town of Lancaster Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department</b> , Love is Love is Love Tennis Tournament .....	<b>\$260</b>

## Did You Know? Nonprofit Charitable Giving Incentives

### Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA Account can be tax deductible and benefit Hospice Buffalo

Charitable giving incentives are an investment in the public good. These incentives encourage donors to increase their giving, benefitting people who access services provided by nonprofit organizations.

In December of 2015, the United States Congress approved and made permanent a number of charitable giving incentives, including the IRA Charitable Rollover. It allows taxpayers age 70½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA accounts directly to charity without first having to recognize the distribution as income. Included in the bill are tax-free distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) for charitable purposes.

Your **Required Minimum Distribution** (RMD) is the minimum amount you must withdraw from your account each year. One of the key benefits of the direct charitable contribution from your IRA is that the distribution counts towards your RMD. You can contribute more than your RMD to charity, as long as you do not exceed \$100,000 in a calendar year and it must be a direct gift to a charity (no planned/deferred gifts).

Your IRA charitable distribution may be made to Hospice Buffalo as a tax-exempt organization.

We recommend that you always consult your attorney, financial planner or tax advisor before making an IRA charitable distribution or planned gift. For more information on this charitable gift option or planned giving opportunities, please call the Hospice Foundation at (716) 686-8090. ■



## Holiday Gift Wrapping at the Galleria Mall

**November 29 – December 12**

Monday – Thursday, 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Friday – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**December 13 – 23**

Daily, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**December 24**

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Note: There will be no gift wrapping promotion December 7 & 8.**

As you do your holiday shopping, save yourself some hassle – get your holiday gifts beautifully wrapped and support Hospice Buffalo patient care! Prices range from \$2 - \$6 (depending on the size of the gift) and include festive paper, a bow, and a gift tag to complete the package. Find us on the lower level near Lord & Taylor. For more information, please call the Hospice Foundation at (716) 686-8090.

## Hospice Buffaloes & Angel Ornament Holiday Promotion at Walden Galleria

**November 22 – December 12**

Monday – Thursday  
5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Friday – Sunday  
11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**December 13 – 22**  
11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**December 23** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**\$5**  
each



**\$10**  
each



The Hospice Foundation is kicking off its 18th Annual Holiday Promotion with the Hospice Buffaloes & Angel Ornament Sale. Back by popular demand, Hospice Buffaloes will be sold for \$10 each. Purchase a Buffalo to give as a gift to a loved one or donate your Buffalo back to an Essential Care child.

You can also purchase our Angel Ornament to decorate your tree. This beautiful white wooden Angel Ornament will look heavenly amid any holiday decor! They will be sold for \$5 each. For more information, please call the Hospice Foundation at (716) 686-8090.

You can find us at the Walden Galleria lower level near Lord & Taylor and at the Hospice Buffalo Mitchell Campus, 225 Como Park Blvd., Cheektowaga. ■



**HOSPICE BUFFALO**

## HARVEST FEST

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Thank you to all the sponsors and guests who attended the **19th Annual Harvest Fest** held on Friday, October 18 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Our premier gala raised \$304,000 with more than 500 guests in attendance. This year's event *Celebrated the Colors of Fall* and honored Dave and Joan Rogers with the Hope, Care & Dignity award for their recent endowment gift to the Essential Care for Children program. The event featured the finest wines, craft beers and hors d'oeuvres. Guests also enjoyed a gourmet dinner with wine accompaniment from Southern Glaziers Wine and Spirits, experienced a one-of-a-kind live auction and an exciting after party featuring desserts and the music of the Silver Arrow Band.

Thank you to Brendan & Danielle Rich for chairing this wonderful event.



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Order your personalized porcelain bell online today at [HospiceLightALife.com](http://HospiceLightALife.com) or stop by the Hospice Mitchell campus and have your bell hand-inscribed while you wait on **Wednesday, December 18: 8:00 - 11:00 am | 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Credit card, cash and checks accepted. Complimentary gift wrapping available.



# together in dignity.

Memorial and tribute gifts are a meaningful way to support patient care at Hospice while offering an expression of one's sympathy and respect to family members and friends. To the family and friends of those remembered, we express our condolences.

Thank you to the families who designated Hospice as the beneficiary of donations in memory of their loved ones. The gifts received from designated memorials support patient care — our organization's greatest priority.

Listed below are gifts received by Hospice from May 1 - September 30, 2019. Due to space limitations, only gifts of \$50 or more per donor are listed. However, with proper information, notification of any size gift is sent to the family of those being remembered. Tribute gifts made to Light-A-Life are not listed below.

If there is an error or omission, we are sincerely sorry. Please contact the Hospice Foundation at (716) 686-8090 so we may correct the error.

## *in memory of...*

Alfred H. Achramovitch

Mrs. Nancy Brady  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael A. Morris  
& Family

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Ms. Lisa McKay  
University at Buffalo Surgeons -  
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