

# 40 YEARS *Of Caring*



*“You matter because you are you, and you matter to the last moment of your life. We will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die.”*

~ Dame Cicely Saunders, Founder of the Hospice Movement



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**HOSPICE &  
PALLIATIVE CARE**

*Care for them. Comfort for you.*

# 2018

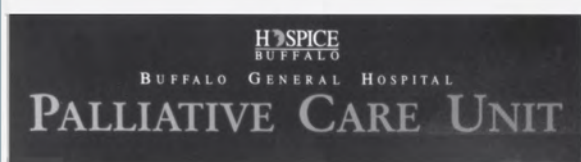
*40<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the founding of  
Hospice Buffalo*



**Dr. Don and Charlotte Shedd**  
Hospice Buffalo pioneers

*"We're not about death  
and dying. We're about  
life and living."*

~ Charlotte N. Shedd



*Dr. Josefina Magno, Executive  
Director National Hospice  
Organization (circa 1981)  
with Dr. Robert Milch,  
Hospice Buffalo physician.*



# Message from the CEO

2018 was a year of reflection and celebration for Hospice Buffalo...40 years of caring and serving our WNY community is something to be proud of. Being one of the first hospice programs in the United States in 1978, the organization endured many obstacles before reaching significant milestones and achievements. **COMPASSION** led to Hospice Buffalo's inception, **TEAMWORK** created growth, **STEWARDSHIP** helped it sustain, and **EXCELLENCE** assured it would flourish.

40 years of caring – an amazing journey of how innovation, tenacity and resilience brought our community the best end-of-life care possible. The effort to establish Hospice Buffalo was led by Charlotte Shedd, RN, and a small group of impassioned volunteers who were able to influence the Western NY community and garner their emotional and financial support. Dr. Milch, a leading surgeon at the peak of his career, decided to come on and dedicate the rest of his career to palliative and end-of-life care, and education. This brought much-needed medical legitimacy to the hospice movement. So many individuals have contributed to the growth and success that Hospice Buffalo has experienced – and to those, we are most grateful.

The overarching goal has been to help as many seriously ill people early in their disease and to positively impact their lives, as well as their caregivers. We could not have achieved this goal without the help and support from our community. We have become well integrated within our community, partnering with local hospitals, physicians, nursing homes and payers, as well as educating and conducting research with local universities and colleges. The Hospice Foundation of WNY has kept the organization strong and connected to our community.

Throughout the past 40 years, innovations have led to many advancements and improvements in the care of the medically frail and those approaching the end of life. Hospice Buffalo continues to be recognized as one of the most progressive hospice and palliative care programs in the United States. The organization owes a great deal of gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, our truly generous donors and our beloved community. Support from the community has allowed Hospice Buffalo to develop and invest in programming that expands the scope of our mission into new arenas of care and service.



Compassion, teamwork, stewardship and excellence have been Hospice Buffalo's commitments since 1978, and continue to be our pillars of strength today. It is a privilege to work among such dedicated and passionate staff and volunteers, and an honor to be part of this remarkable organization. We look forward to providing many more flourishing years of compassion, comfort and care in the WNY community.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Christopher Kerr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "K".

Christopher Kerr, MD, PhD  
CEO & Chief Medical Officer

# *Extraordinary Care* for an **Extraordinary Hero**



*Charles and his wife, Larusha*

In 2017, at 97 years old, army Veteran, Charles P. Blakely Sr. was recognized in Washington, D.C. by Buffalo Niagara Honor Flight. He was also honored by Buffalo's Mayor Byron Brown, at a memorable ceremony.

Charles fought in World War II from 1941-1945. After the war in 1950, he came to Buffalo where he met the love of his life, Larusha, at Mount Zion Church of God.

*"I spotted her the moment I entered the church. I should have been listening to what was being preached, but I just kept looking back at her...I couldn't help myself,"* chuckled Charles. *"After church, I asked if I could walk her home."*

Sadly, Charles passed just before his 99th birthday. Please take a few minutes to watch this extraordinary story about our hero, Charles, visit: [HospiceBuffalo.com/services/veterans](http://HospiceBuffalo.com/services/veterans)



*Charles with Natalie, Hospice Nurse*

*dignity*  
*Compassion*  
*empathy*



THE HARLAN & MARGARET

## Swift Legacy Circle

THE HOSPICE FOUNDATION OF WNY

Established in 1998 as the cornerstone of the Hospice Foundation's Endowment Fund, the *Swift Legacy Circle* honors the late Harlan J. Swift, who was a Hospice patient, and Margaret G. Swift, who was a devoted and steadfast volunteer. This program recognizes the many thoughtful benefactors who, with generosity and foresight, help to ensure the future of Hospice Buffalo through planned gifts or provisions in their wills. Members of the Swift Legacy Circle receive special recognition, including invitations to donor receptions and other Hospice events. We extend our gratitude to the following members of the Swift Legacy Circle.

### Charitable Bequests

In 2018, the following individuals left charitable bequests to Hospice upon their deaths, perpetuating their memory and creating a legacy to ensure Hospice and palliative care services will be available to those who need them in the future.

Donald J. Bird  
Irma Brandt  
Nellie A. Eliah  
Helen K. & Paul Ellis  
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Bernice L. Waddell  
Dorothy Barrow Wilding Fund  
Walter Wiles

### Endowments

The following individuals have established special endowment funds which provide income to support and preserve the excellent care and related services provided by The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care.

#### Essential Care for Children

Edward "Doc" Butler Family Endowment  
The Rudin Family Giggle Fund  
The Dave and Joan Rogers Family Foundation

#### Hospice Unrestricted

Michael V. Calandra Endowment  
Ann Holland Cohn Endowment\*\*  
John and Pauline Klosterman Endowment Fund

#### Hospice Building Maintenance Fund

The Nathan Benderson Family Endowment Fund\*\*

#### Hospice Buffalo, Inc.

Raymond & Mary Anne Dannenhoffer  
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#### Hospice Caregiver Enrichment Fund

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation

#### Hospice Green Fund

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Joy Family Foundation Endowment  
Charlotte & Dr. Donald Shedd Charity Care Endowment  
Francine E. Modica Endowment Fund

#### Hospice Medical Department

Dr. Victor & Julia Reinstein Medical Endowment

#### Hospice Palliative Care Institute

Dr. Elmer & Mollie Milch Endowment Fund  
Antonio & Mary Napoli Endowment  
Dr. Mickey & Nadine Stein Family Endowment Fund

#### Hospice Staff Enrichment

Nicholas Patterson Staff Enrichment Endowment

#### Hospice Volunteerism

The Rachel Gordon Family Endowment Fund

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\*\*Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies

*comfort*

# Stewardship

Permanent endowments are established by donors who wish to create a lasting legacy of support that aligns with their values and charitable interests. Most often, endowment funds are established through sizable, tax-deductible charitable gifts that are invested and provide a permanent source of income to support special programs or services. The Hospice Foundation of Western New York manages a number of endowment funds that provide long-term operating support to various programs offered by Hospice Buffalo and its affiliates.

In 2018, the Hospice Foundation was honored to be the beneficiary of three meaningful, newly established endowment funds:



## **The Francine E. Modica Endowment Fund**

was established to honor Terry Granger's late wife, Fran, who passed away due to complications from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. This Fund will assist Hospice patients in financial need, especially those suffering from ALS. Terry shared, *"From the very beginning, I knew Hospice really cared about its patients, about Fran. They set up a program of care, visits and provided us with all we needed to enable me to care for Fran at home. For the first time, someone took the time to talk to us about what to expect and how to handle the different situations that routinely kept me up at night with worry."*



## **The Dave and Joan Rogers Family Endowment Fund**

was established to support our Essential Care for Children (EC) program. This hospice palliative care program that helps families with children with serious life limiting illness. EC is a home-based palliative care model that manages symptoms, helps coordinate medical services, as well as provides psycho-social and spiritual support to improve quality of life of seriously ill children and their families. Mr. & Mrs. Rogers were inspired by the expression of an Essential Care perinatal patient's mom. *"Joan and I are so moved by this important program that offers so much to the Essential Care children and families. We are both grateful and thrilled to be in a position to make this gift and establish this fund that will allow the program to grow and flourish for years to come,"* stated Dave Rogers.



## **The Dr. Mickey and Nadine Stein Endowment Fund**

was established by the family of the late Dr. Alfred M. "Mickey" Stein within The Hospice Foundation of Western New York supporting Hospice's Palliative Care Institute (PCI). Income from the endowment will support the mission of PCI, to enhance the quality of care provided to those impacted by serious illness and loss through discovery, innovation, and collaboration. Education was always important to the late Dr. Stein and he instilled his values not only to his children but to many throughout the WNY community. This endowment honors their father's life goals and benefits Hospice as it continues to grow in innovative ways to serve the patients we care for.

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On behalf of all of us at Hospice Buffalo, we are truly grateful for the support of these three incredible families, as well as all of the meaningful contributions we received during 2018. We look forward to another great year. Thank you!



THE HARLAN & MARGARET

## Swift Legacy Circle

THE HOSPICE FOUNDATION OF WNY

As a mission-driven, non-profit organization, we believe everyone deserves the right to comfort and dignity at the end-of-life. Hospice is grateful for the generosity of so many benefactors who believe in the care and support we provide. It is because of this financial support and dedication that Hospice delivers needed care and services to nearly 1,000 patients a day in WNY. Thank you to the following thoughtful donors for their foresight and generosity to Hospice Buffalo.

### 2018 SWIFT LIVING MEMBERS

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## Thank You

*Because of you, we will  
be around well into the  
future serving those in need  
in the WNY community.*

*(L to R) Linda Balkin, Director of Development;  
Dave and Joan Rogers; Patrick Flynn, President  
of the Hospice Foundation*



## FOUNDERS SOCIETY

Established in 2005, the Founders Society honors outstanding annual leadership gifts of \$5,000 or more to benefit patients and families served by The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care. The Society pays tribute to both the late Dame Cicely Saunders, the original pioneer of the hospice movement, and the late Charlotte Shedd, founder of Hospice Buffalo. Thank you to the following individuals for their exceptional commitment and philanthropy.

### Founders Society Gold Members \$25,000+

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*PCI Research Team: Rachel Depner, MS, PhD Candidate; Kathryn Levy, MSW; Christopher Kerr, MD, PhD; Pei Grant, PhD; Lauren Gill, MSW; with UB Clinical Communication Assistant Professor, Kelly Tenzek, PhD*



*POM participant, Liz, with daughter, Charli, in front of her artwork*

## *POM2 Exhibit - Embracing Uncertainty*

More than 150 community members gathered to celebrate the opening of “*Embracing Uncertainty: Caring for Seriously Ill Children*” at UB Art Gallery on October 2, 2018. The exhibit featured photographs and narratives from Essential Care for Children caregivers. Embracing Uncertainty stems from the Photographs of Meaning (POM) program, a research intervention designed by the Palliative Care Institute’s research team, in collaboration with Roswell Park and UB. The POM program has new plans which will include caregivers of adult patients to help them find meaning and purpose.



*UB Communication students were docents for the opening – educating attendees about the POM program*

# *Teamwork*

## *CHPC Staff Serves Community*

Not only does our staff serve our patients and their families/caregivers, they also serve many non-profit organizations that make an impact on our community. Below is just a sampling of organizations where our employees are board members and volunteer their time and talents.

- Academy Health Child Interest Group Advisory Board
- Association of Fundraising Professionals of WNY – WNY Chapter
- Brothers of Mercy – Advisory Council
- Clarence Academy of Finance
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of WNY
- D’Youville College
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- Every Person Influences Children (EPIC)
- Families of FANA
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- Great Lakes Health
- Healthcare Financial Management Association – WNY Chapter
- Hospice & Palliative Care Association of New York State (HPCANYS)
- Leave a Legacy of WNY
- Lothlorian Therapeutic Riding Center
- Mental Health Advocates of Western NY
- Mount St. Mary’s Academy
- National Partnership for Hospice Innovations
- Planned Giving Consortium of WNY
- Somalia Bantu Community Garden Project
- St. Mary’s School for the Deaf
- The Eden North Collins Food Pantry
- WNY Perinatal Bereavement Board



## KLOSTERMAN SOCIETY

The Klosterman Society is named in memory of John “Jack” Klosterman, a long time board member and advocate of Hospice Buffalo, and his wife, Pauline, for their generous and extraordinary kindness. Like Jack and Pauline, members of the Klosterman Society demonstrate wonderful support of Hospice Buffalo with annual gifts of \$1,000-\$4,999.

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*Hospice patient, Doris, praying with Rev. Becky Naber, Spiritual Care Counselor*



*Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with it.*

# Compassion



## Patient Love

What started as a handful of passionate volunteers caring for and helping dying patients find peace and dignity in their final days remains our mission – as well as our staff's passion – today.

*The patient's warm smile, kind words and expressions of love bring Larry a little joy.*



## Family Care

Hospice Buffalo's holistic approach to care focuses on the whole person – physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually – for the patient as well as the family.

*Hospice nurse Nancy, and her family sharing in a special moment in final healing.*



*A child's message to his dad after Camp Blue Skies weekend bereavement for kids.*

## Grief Support

Hospice Buffalo has been WNY's go-to bereavement support resource not only for loved ones of Hospice patients, but also our community at large. *The Wilson Support Center* provides programs, education, guidance, and counseling referral to anyone trying to cope with grief and loss.

dignity healing endure hope  
empathy comfort reminisce



A group of volunteers, led by Charlotte and Don Shedd, begin providing hospice care to dying patients in Buffalo.

1974

1976

Hospice Buffalo establishes offices at 2929 Main Street, Buffalo.

**HOSPICE**  
BUFFALO  
Hospice Buffalo incorporates

1978

Hospice Buffalo opens first hospice beds at Buffalo General Hospital.

1980

Hospice Medicare Benefit established.

1982



Hospice Buffalo opens first 8-bed unit in Alden, NY.

1984

# 40 years of Caring Hospice Buffalo history

# Stewardship



*Annual Rock Dedication Ceremony creates a special time for donors to memorialize their loved ones who've passed.*

## Foundation

The Hospice Foundation of WNY has raised millions of dollars for Hospice Buffalo and its palliative care programs through individual and corporate giving, tributes, memorials, bequests, third-party fundraisers and events: Spring Bouquet Sale, Memorial Walk, Summer Affair, Harvest Fest, and Light-A-Life Bell Sale & Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony.



*Home Connections patient, Susan, with her volunteer, Nancy, during their StoryCorps interview. A copy of their interview is archived at the Library of Congress.*

## Endowments

Many of Hospice Buffalo's special programs, like Essential Care for Children, Expressive Therapies, Volunteers, Research and Education, could not be possible without the generosity of local businesses and financial support from endowments and grants. Thanks to a grant from StoryCorps Legacy and a group of dedicated Hospice Volunteers, patients and family members are given the opportunity to record, preserve and share their stories.



*Dr. Chris Kerr presenting Colleen Ray, GM of Administrative Orchard Heights, awarded being Partners in Caring plaque, recognizing community partners for exceptional care collaboration.*

## Community

Collaboration is one of our foundations in providing the best end-of-life and palliative care possible for our community. Academic relationships have been key to the success of our Research, Education, and Expressive Therapies programs.

Our strong partnerships with Independent Health, Catholic Health, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Great Lakes Health, Oshcei Children's Hospital, and many others, enable us to provide broader services, resulting in coordinated, enhanced care for our community.

giving legacy transcend support fellowship collaboration

**PALLIATIVE CARE BUFFALO**  
Essential Care for Children

Essential Care for Children, a pediatric palliative care specialty program, affiliates with CHPC.

1998

2003

Mitchell Campus Kresge Residence transitions to 22-bed Hospice Inpatient Unit.

**Camp Blue Skies**

First Camp Blue Skies for grieving children in our community.

2004



Hospice opens Mitchell Campus Hospice House as a residence for terminally ill patients.

2004

**PALLIATIVE CARE**  
BUFFALO  
Wilson Support Center

Mary & Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Community Support Center opens.

2007

Research from Duke University shows that hospice care saves money for Medicare.

2007

# Teamwork



## Expressive Therapies

Therapists address the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of our patients and families through massage, music, and art therapies. Custom interventions provide a creative outlet for self-expression and interpersonal support, help patients manage pain and other symptoms, decrease loneliness and isolation, and assist with creating a legacy.



Expressive therapies play an important role in enhancing the quality of life for patients and their families in Hospice, as well as our Essential Care for Children program. (Above - Gina, MT-BC, with Schelvin; Left - Charlie)



Home Connections patient, Amanda, with her "second family," Cheryl and Amber, social workers.

## Palliative Care Buffalo

Palliative care specializes in relieving pain and other symptoms in people affected by serious illness – whatever the diagnosis – to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. Palliative Care Buffalo includes Home Connections for adults and Essential Care for Children.



## Volunteers

Hospice Buffalo could not provide outstanding care and support without the assistance from our devoted volunteers. Our 1,200+ volunteers provide invaluable companionship, support and extra care for our patients and their families.

Longtime volunteers, Terry and Phil, find pleasure in maintaining our Hoffman Garden and beautifying the Mitchell campus for patients, visitors and staff to enjoy.

art thoughtful dedication  
massage caring devotion  
music companionship



Hospice Foundation of Western New York, Inc. is established

1992



Life Transition Center (established in 1977) affiliates with Hospice Buffalo, expanding grief support to the community

1993



Hospice Buffalo establishes a formal collaboration with The State University of New York at Buffalo (UB)

1994

Hospice Mitchell Campus opens – the nation's first integrated campus with the 22-bed Kresge Residence and 10-bed Inpatient Unit

1995

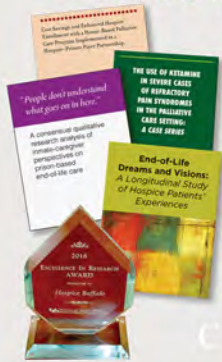


Hospice Buffalo becomes The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care

1997

In celebration of Hospice Buffalo's 40th Anniversary, we unveiled four wall panels – a timeline that highlights our CHPC commitments and milestones along our journey. The panels are on display in the William M. & Phyllis Bender Care Center.

# Excellence



## Research & Education

Hospice Buffalo emphasizes listening, anticipating, educating and training, not only patients and families, but clinicians, students and peers in the hospice and palliative care field. The Palliative Care Institute was established to improve quality of life and experiences for patients, as well as their families and caregivers, through research and education.

Many PCI studies have been published in peer-reviewed journals and were also featured in The New York Times, The Huffington Post, Scientific American Mind, and Psychology Today.



## Quality

Hospice Buffalo has become a respected leader among hospice and palliative care organizations. In 2009, Anton Video Film/Jon Hand and Hospice Buffalo produced an award-winning film, *Graceful Passages*. The *Hospice Journals*, that became a training tool used by hospice programs nationwide. This film followed several hospice patients' final stages of life and beautifully captured families' perspectives, experiences and feelings.

In 2017 and 2018, Hospice Buffalo was recognized as a "Hospice Honors Elite" organization for performance and quality, scoring above the national average on 100% of the measured indicators. This HEATHCAREfirst award holds great meaning, as the rating comes directly from patients' caregivers.



Live-time two tablets to enter patient information into the EMR system. (Hospice patient, Judy, with nurse, Scott)

## Innovation

We continually innovate and challenge ourselves and each other – focusing on evidence-based best practice in all we do. The electronic medical record (EMR) is used in all care settings and is accessible on tablets and laptop computers.

In 2017, the IT team developed a predictive analytics tool to help community clinicians identify who might benefit from hospice or palliative care sooner. In 2018, they launched a comprehensive Business Intelligence platform to better track admissions and census, analyze costs, optimize staffing, and collect and analyze quality and outcomes data. These innovative ideas and solutions help us evolve, so more people can have an exceptional end-of-life experience.

cultivate  
inspire

persevere

sustain

evolve

create



Home Connections in-home palliative care program launched

2008



Palliative Care Institute created to foster education and research in end-of-life and palliative care

2010



Hospice Buffalo receives the American Hospital Association's "Circle of Life" Award for innovation

2011

12-month renovation of 22-bed Hospice Inpatient Unit at Mitchell Campus complete

2014



Hospice cares for nearly 1,000 patients every day offering many specialized services beyond Medicare requirements

2018

# Excellence

## Hospice Buffalo's Commitment



There have been numerous awards and formal recognitions of achievement, but of course, our real measure of achievement is the overwhelmingly positive feedback and support we receive from our community. It's in the countless gestures of gratitude and encouragement – the letters, cards and donations received, the hundreds in attendance at our community events and the many who, even in the midst of their loss, feel compelled to come forward, say thank you and give back.

## Caregivers Recognize Hospice Buffalo's Quality



For two years in a row, Hospice Buffalo was named a Hospice Honors Elite organization by Deyta Analytics, a division of HEALTHCAREfirst. Hospice Honors is a prestigious program that recognizes hospices providing

the highest level of quality as measured from the caregiver's point of view. Approximately 71 of 1,850 hospices received the Elite award, which puts Hospice Buffalo in the top 3% of hospice programs nationally.

## WNY Community Recognizes CHPC Staff



### Terri Ryan, RN

Director of Essential Care for Children & Perinatal Programs, was the recipient of Western NY Perinatal Bereavement Network's "Community Nurse of the Year" award at their annual Elegant Evening to Remember in May.



### Anna Bernas, RN

Hospice/Palliative Care Liaison, received the "Friends of Nurses" award, presented by Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center this past May. This honor is given to the person who is seen as a friend to all at Roswell. Anna works in Roswell's outpatient clinic.



### Lynn Riker

Director of Clinical Outreach, was recognized by the Network in Aging of WNY with the 2018 "Dr. Evan Calkins Meritorious Service Award" to honor contributions to the field of aging in Western New York.

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## Ford Friendship Van

Last November, Hospice Buffalo was awarded a "Ford Friendship Express" van from the WNY Ford Dealers. We are truly grateful.

Many of our patients are home-bound or live alone, and often feel isolated. This van is being used by volunteers and staff to help meet the needs of homecare patients and their family members. Hospice Buffalo is honored by this generous gift and treasures community partnerships – especially the WNY Ford Dealers.

*Photo from left to right: Duane Jonmaire, West Herr Commercial Account Manager; Patrick Flynn, Hospice Foundation President; Annette Smith, West Herr Executive Assistant; & Brad Hafner, West Herr Chairman*

# Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale



The 32nd Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale was a remarkable success, raising over \$398,000. Over 27,000 bouquets were sold across Erie County the first week of March.

Presenting Sponsor: KeyBank

Annual Volunteers: 700+



*"As a longstanding supporter of Hospice Buffalo, I was honored to help coordinate this year's Annual Spring Bouquet Sale for BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York. Year after year, our employees embrace Hospice Buffalo's largest fundraising initiative with overwhelming support."*

~ Beverly Golubski, Executive Assistant, BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York & Spring Bouquet Sale Coordinator

# Hospice Memorial Walk



The 22nd Annual Hospice Memorial Walk, was held on May 20 at Canalside. Over 3,000 people walked in memory of their loved ones and raised over \$278,000. After walking the 5k throughout downtown Buffalo, walkers enjoyed a picnic lunch, games, prizes, music, and more family fun back at Canalside.

Presenting Sponsor: Wegmans

Annual Volunteers: 350



*"We as a family, are eternally grateful for all that Hospice gave us, as well as what they provide to all families. This year our family will be walking at the Hospice Buffalo Memorial Walk, in memory of our beloved grandmother, Marilyn Cruz."*

~ Alexandra Hoegel, Memorial Walk Captain of Team Marilyn

# Summer Affair



Over 650 guests celebrated the summer at Buffalo RiverWorks on July 26. The Summer Affair featured cocktails, dinner, auctions, raffles and music from JoyRyde. Over \$84,000 was raised at the ultimate summer party.

Presenting Sponsor: Life Storage

Annual volunteers: 25



*"Like so many others, I have experienced first-hand the care and dignity Hospice provides to end-of-life patients and their families. The service Hospice and its caretakers provide to our community will never become obsolete."*

~ Diane Piegza, Life Storage Vice President, Corporate Communication & Community Affairs

# Hospice Harvest Fest



On October 19, Hospice supporters enjoyed a night out at the 18th Annual Harvest Fest. The Hospice Foundation's gala raised over \$322,000 and had 550 guests in attendance at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. The evening featured silent and live auctions, wine & craft beer tasting, and a gourmet dinner with wine accompaniment courtesy of Constellation.

Presenting Sponsor: The Premier Group

Annual Volunteers: 100

*"Having the opportunity to serve on the Hospice Harvest Fest Committee over the past few years has been a fun and rewarding experience for us both. Knowing that the money raised from the event supports Hospice initiatives, and the community it serves, gives us great joy. It's been an honor to be involved in such an important event and we plan to be involved for years to come."*

~ Ryan and Lisa Zebro, Harvest Fest Committee Members & past Harvest Fest Chair Couple



# Light-A-Life



The Light-A-Life tree lighting ceremony has become a beloved and popular tradition for over a quarter century. For contributions at different levels, tags affixed to the trees with decorative ribbons bear the names of donors' loved ones. The event is presented every December by CTG, which hosts the trees and the ceremony at its Delaware Avenue headquarters, and is sponsored by M&T Bank.

Annual Volunteers: 100

Presenting Sponsor: CTG

Sponsored by: M&T Bank

*"I keep my Light-A-Life bells displayed all year round because they symbolize one word – MOM and she is in my heart every day."*

~ Judith Miceli, 25 year Light-A-Life Bell Patron



# Hospice Helpers



Many organizations, groups and individuals organize fundraisers and events throughout the year to benefit Hospice. We are deeply grateful for all of the golf tournaments, garage sales, motorcycle runs, dress-down days and parties, etc. that raised over \$100,000 in 2018.

Annual Volunteers: 500

*"We will never forget all the care, love and compassion Hospice showed our Mom during the most painful time in our lives. We want to celebrate our Mom's life with this event, two things she is known for putting on tea parties and her artistic painting."*

~ Jennifer Gernatt, hosting a Tea Party Paint Night Fundraiser to benefit Hospice Buffalo in memory of her mom, Bonnie





## HOSPICE SPRING BOUQUET SALE PARTICIPANTS

**The following companies,  
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in the 2018 Hospice Spring  
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Hunt Real Estate Corporation - Depew Office  
Hunt Real Estate ERA - Amherst Office  
Huth Road Elementary School  
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I-Evolve Technology Services  
IMA Life North America, Inc.  
IMMCO Diagnostics, Inc.  
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Integer Holdings Corporation  
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ITT Enidine Inc.  
Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc.  
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Johnson Controls, Inc.  
Kaegebein Elementary  
Kat's Closet Apparel & Beauty  
KATZ Americas  
Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village  
Kenmore East High School  
Kenmore United Methodist Church  
Kenmore West Senior High School  
Kenmore-Tonawanda Buildings & Grounds  
Kenmore - Town of Tonawanda Schools - Transportation Dept.  
Kenmore - Town of Tonawanda Schools District Office  
John F. Kennedy High School  
KeyBank - Erie County branches & office locations  
Gary Krull & Associates CPA PC  
Lackawanna City Court  
Lackawanna High School

Lactalis American Group, Inc.  
Lafayette High School  
Lake Shore Middle School  
Lake Shore Savings Bank  
Lake Shore Senior High School  
Lamar Advertising  
Lancaster Central School District Office  
Lancaster Central Schools Transportation Department  
Lancaster High School  
Lancaster Middle School  
Lancaster Police Department  
Larkin at Exchange Building  
Larkin Center of Commerce  
Larwood Pharmacy, Inc.  
Lawley Service, Inc.  
Ledgeview Elementary School  
The Legend Group  
Charles Lindbergh Elementary School  
Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP  
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Maple Internal Medicine & Pediatrics, PLLC  
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Frederick Law Olmsted School #156  
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Orchard Park Middle School  
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P&P Home Improvements  
Parkdale Elementary School  
S.C. Parker & Co., Inc.

## HOSPICE SPRING BOUQUET SALE PARTICIPANTS

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Paula's Donuts Corp.  
PCB Piezotronics, Inc.  
People, Inc.  
Perry's Ice Cream  
Personal Computers, Inc.  
Petals to Please  
Pfannenberg Sales America, LLC  
Phillips Lytle, LLP  
Pinehurst Elementary  
Plant Place & Flower  
Baskets, Inc.  
Practicefirst Medical  
Management  
Praxair  
Pro2, LLC  
Queen of Heaven School  
R&P Oak Hill Development, LLC  
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Rand Building/Main Seneca  
Corp.  
Ray Laks Honda  
Renee's Deli  
Rich Products Corporation  
Riverview Elementary School  
Room to Spare Storage  
Rosina Food Products, Inc.  
Roswell Park Comprehensive  
Cancer Center  
Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf,  
Cunningham LLC  
S&N/Eileen's Greenhouse &  
Flower Shoppe, Inc.  
Sabers Flower Shop  
Safetec of America, Inc.  
Sagent Lending Technologies  
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Salem United Church of Christ  
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A.J. Schmidt Elementary School  
Schop, Powell & Associates  
Scime's Sausage  
John A. Sciole Elementary  
School  
Sefar, Inc.  
Seneca Greenhouse  
The Service Collaborative of  
WNY, Inc.  
Shaw & Shaw, P.C.  
Sheridan Hill Elementary  
Charlotte Sidway Elementary  
School

SkillsUSA Potter Career Centers  
Smallwood Elementary School  
Sodexo  
Software Solutions Group, Inc.  
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South Buffalo Charter School  
South Buffalo Community  
Association  
South Davis Elementary  
South Park High School  
South Pointe Senior Apartments  
Southside Trailer Service, Inc.  
Spinneybeck  
Ss Peter & Paul School -  
Hamburg  
Ss Peter & Paul School -  
Williamsville  
St. Christopher School  
St. Gabriel's  
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St. Mark Lutheran Church  
St. Teresa's Church  
Steuben Foods, Inc.  
Stewart Title Insurance Corp.  
Study Model Services  
Sandra Stumpf  
Stutzman ATC  
SUNY at Buffalo - College of  
Arts & Sciences - Dean's Office  
SUNY at Buffalo - Computing  
& Information Technology  
SUNY at Buffalo - Procurement  
Services  
SUNY at Buffalo - Rehabilitation  
Science  
SUNY at Buffalo - Research  
Institute on Addiction  
SUNY at Buffalo - School of  
Dental Medicine  
SUNY at Buffalo - School of  
Management  
SUNY at Buffalo - School of  
Nursing  
SUNY at Buffalo - VP for  
Finance & Administration  
SUNY Buffalo - 1 Capen Hall  
Sweet Home Central School  
District Office  
Sweet Home Central Schools -  
Transportation Dept.  
Sweet Home High School  
Sweet Home Middle School  
Synacor  
Tara Cares, Inc.  
The Tarantino Law Firm  
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Thermo Fisher Scientific  
Thomson Industries, Inc.  
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City of Tonawanda  
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Tonawanda Pediatrics LLP  
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Town of Grand Island  
Town of Hamburg  
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Logistics  
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Associates, LLP  
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Try-It Distributing Co., Inc.  
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UB Neurosurgery - Williamsville  
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UBMD Family Medicine  
Unifrax  
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Union Pleasant Elementary  
School  
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Upstate Niagara Cooperative,  
Inc.  
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Verizon Communications  
Viant Medical  
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Wahl's Candies  
Wales Primary School  
Walsh Duffield Companies, Inc.  
Waste Management/Recycle  
America  
J.T. Waugh Elementary  
Weinberg Campus  
West Herr Automotive Group  
Auto Exchange  
BMW of Rochester  
Chevrolet of Hamburg  
Chevrolet of Orchard Park

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Chevrolet of Williamsville  
Chrysler/Jeep  
Collision Center - Hamburg  
Collision Center - North  
Dodge  
East Aurora Buick GMC Cadillac  
Executive Office  
Ford of Amherst  
Ford of Hamburg  
Ford of Rochester  
Honda  
Mercedes Benz of Rochester  
NAPA/The Parts Store  
Nissan - Infiniti of Williamsville  
Nissan of Lockport  
Nissan of Orchard Park  
Subaru/Kia  
Toyota of Orchard Park  
Toyota of Williamsville  
Used Car Outlet  
Vehicle Accessories  
West Seneca Central Schools  
Transportation Dept.  
West Seneca East Middle School  
West Seneca East Senior  
High School  
West Seneca West Elementary  
School  
West Seneca West Middle  
School  
Western Division Federal  
Credit Union  
Western New York Breast Health  
Western New York Urology  
Associates  
WGRZ Channel 2  
Willia Towers Watson -  
Liazon, Inc.  
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District Office  
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*Designated Memorials  
recognized at  
a meaningful  
evening  
of tribute in our  
Memorial Garden.*



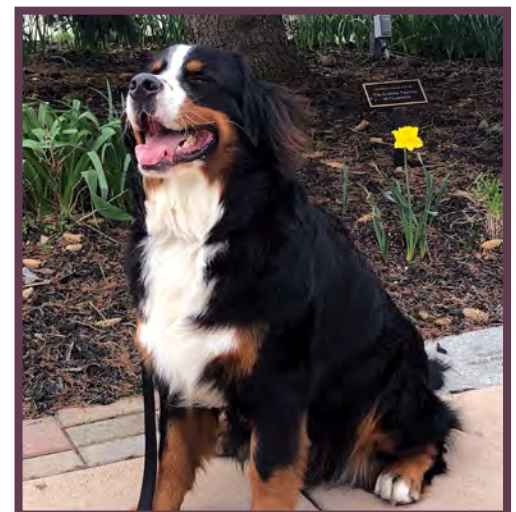
## *2018 Highlights*



*Annual Donor  
Reception held at  
the Saturn Club  
recognizing  
benefactors in  
our Klosterman,  
Founders and Swift  
Legacy societies.  
Thank you for your  
continued generosity.*



*Hospice Buffalo has been  
blessed by the addition  
of two incredible  
canine companions  
in 2018. Hudson, (right)  
and Lola, (left) have  
shared their comfort  
and joy throughout  
the Hospice campus.*





## **HOSPICE HELPERS \$250+**

**The following groups, organizations and individuals hosted third party events or fundraisers in 2018 to benefit the Hospice Foundation of Western New York.**

Abbey Square, Inc.  
AFGE Local 2930  
AmazonSmile Foundation  
Amigone Funeral Home, Inc.  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Banko  
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping Promotion  
Beach Bum Glass  
BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York

Boulevard Mall - Gift Wrapping  
Buffalo-Erie Marathon Association., Inc.  
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Clinton Street Elementary  
Daemen College - Physician Assistant Student Society  
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La Nova Pizzeria, Inc.  
Mathletes Cindy Frank Memorial Run & Walk  
Bob McDonnell Memorial Car Cruise  
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Premium Mortgage Corp.  
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Paul Reid Memorial Horseshoe Tournament  
SkillsUSA Potter Career Centers  
Taste of Buffalo  
Town of Lancaster Tennis Tournament  
Trans American Customs & Logistics  
Tri County Country Club - Hengerer Committee  
United Way of Buffalo & Erie County  
Walsh Duffield Companies, Inc.  
Celebration of Life - Veronica Wanderlich  
Denise Welch Memorial Picnic  
WNY Elvis Appreciation Society, Inc.

## **IN-KIND**

**The following individuals and companies generously made gifts in-kind of \$250 or more towards the Hospice Foundation's Special Events or general operations of The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care in 2018.**

3M O-CEL-O  
Allegra  
Allpro Parking, LLC  
American Medical Response  
Anderson's Frozen Custard  
Balloon Masters  
Barbara Oliver Jewelry  
BAV Services  
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Wilcro, Inc.  
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Woodhouse Day Spa



# Hats Off TO HOSPICE

## HATS OFF TO HOSPICE

The following walkers raised donations totaling \$250 or more in memory of their loved ones for the 2018 Hospice Memorial Walk.

Karen Allein  
Debbie Armstrong  
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Karen Augustine  
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Margaret Cammarano  
Judith Carter  
Victoria Christopher  
Kim Clarke  
Melissa Coder  
Samantha Conrad  
George Cotroneo  
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Carla Largis  
Matt Lasher  
Everett Lemanski  
Pamela Lindell  
Connie Lindell-  
Broniszewski  
Yanenowi Logan  
Jennifer Louth  
Vincenne Lucci-Budwey  
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Drew Ludwig  
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Thank you to the following restaurants who donated dinner and dessert for more than 80 family members each month at “A Dinner to Remember.” This special dinner program was established in 2008 and spearheaded by Tom Lombardo of Ristorante Lombardo. It allows the families and friends of patients in The Mary & Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Inpatient Unit, enjoy a stress-free evening filled with good food, music and relaxation.

Aroma Trattoria	Frankie Primo	Ristorante Lombardo	Share
Crave	Oliver’s Restaurant	Salvatore’s Italian	Siena
Eagle House	Osteria	Gardens	



## 2018 SIGNATURE SOCIETY

The Signature Society is a prestigious group of volunteers who lend their presence and support to the Hospice Foundation’s Annual Fund Appeal with handwritten notes to high-end donors. Thank you to the following 2018 members.

*Brendan & Danielle Rich*  
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Aided by their collective efforts, the Hospice Foundation major events brought in over \$1 million in 2018. This success was made possible because of their commitment of time and effort, together with great collaboration.

Thank you for being Hospice advocates and your continued commitment to the values and mission of The Hospice Foundation of WNY.



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# 2018 FINANCIALS

In this report we acknowledge the 40th Anniversary of Hospice Buffalo. Over the years, approximately 90,000 people have received quality end-of-life care from our organization. Hospice Buffalo is very grateful for your generous charitable support. Being good stewards of the gifts we receive is of greatest importance. Your donations are used in ways that enrich our mission and provide meaningful moments for all our patients and their families. The strong



financial results reflect the strength of the organization and that of the dedicated staff and volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of the many patients and families we serve. We are proud to share the following 2018 financial results with you, our most devoted donors and friends.

*Patrick T. Flynn*

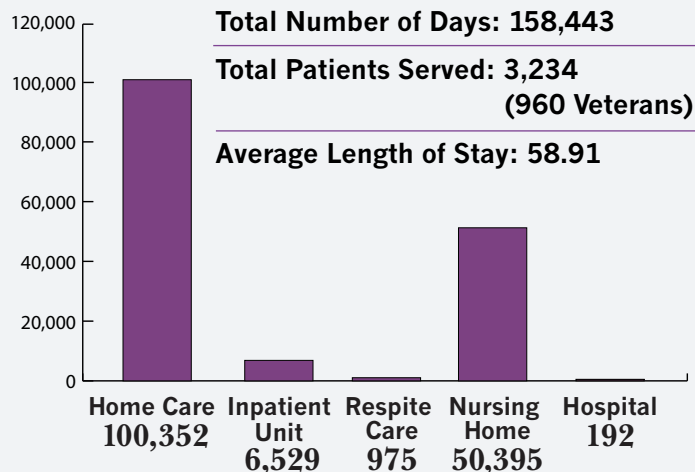
Patrick T. Flynn, President  
Hospice Foundation of WNY

## 2018 Consolidated Statement of Activities And Changes In Net Assets

Revenue, Grants & Other Support.....	\$43,437,807
Operating Expenses .....	\$41,717,037
Net Income from Operations .....	\$ 1,720,770
Other Gains/(Losses) .....	(\$ 2,038,554)
<b>Total Change in Net Assets .....</b>	<b>(\$ 317,784)</b>
Change in Assets without Donor Restrictions.....	(\$ 1,177,997)
Change in Assets with Donor Restrictions.....	\$ 860,213

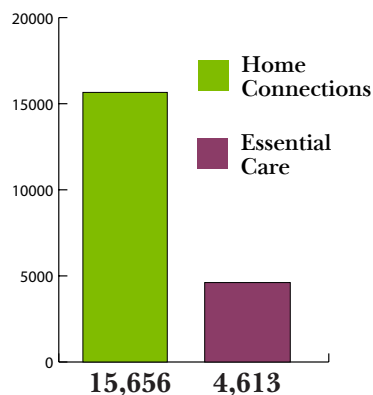
## Hospice Buffalo Patient Service Statistics

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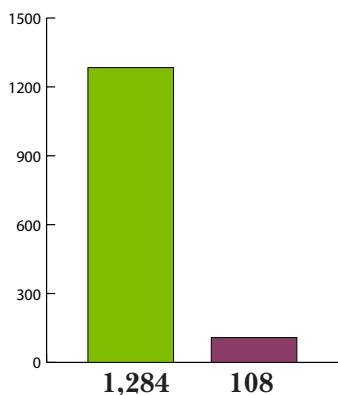


## Palliative Care Buffalo Patient Service Statistics

### Patient Visits



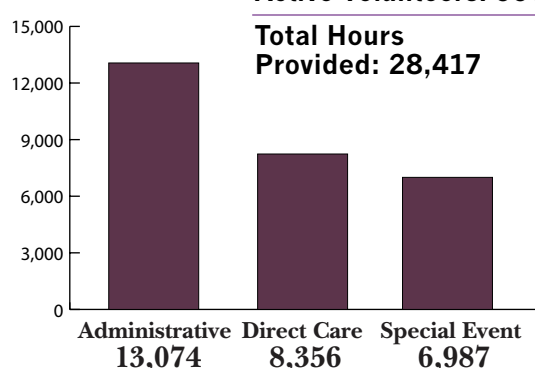
### Patients Served



105 Veterans served/Home Connections program

## Volunteer Statistics

### Hours:



## Newest Naming Opportunity

*Hand-crafted stained glass windows engraved in the memory of your loved one, designed by Joseph Albrecht, Roycroft Artisan (shown right)*



*CHPC's success would not be possible without the dedication, talents, expertise, and time our board members so graciously give. They challenge, encourage, and stand alongside us, every step of the way.*

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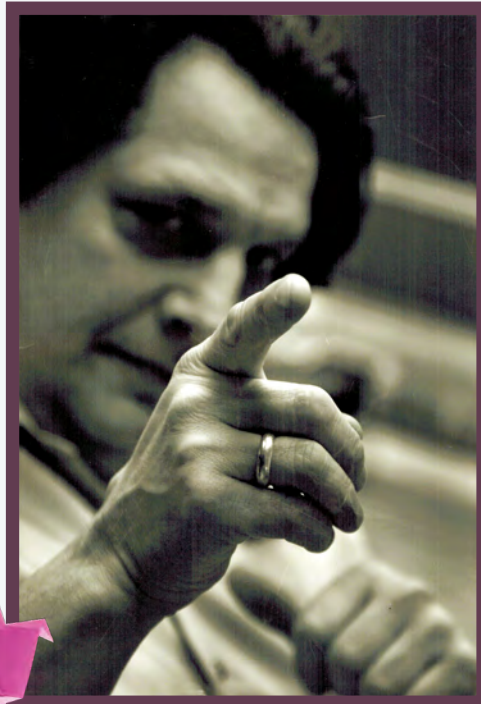
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**Jon R. Hand**

JUNE 26, 1952 - AUGUST 10, 2018



*Jon Hand*, passionate photographer/videographer and talented artist, passed away suddenly on August 10, 2018. If you were ever photographed by Jon, you would remember him – his warm and open personality and bold character left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of meeting him.

Jon is probably best known for his work for Hospice Buffalo, where he photographed and filmed very

personal end-of-life documentaries, as well as an award-winning film titled *“Graceful Passages: The Hospice Journals.”*

Jon had been a freelance photographer for Hospice Buffalo since 2007 – capturing special moments and creating cherished memories and legacies for our patients’ families.

Through the years, Jon worked for many nonprofits. *“He was a missionary on some level,”* said Jon’s

dear friend, Paul Hogan, executive vice president of the John R. Oishei Foundation and published poet. *“The money was not the point – the point was to get the word out and help the organizations...”*

Jon was very giving of his time and talents – dedicated to doing the best he possibly could – we are eternally grateful. Jon is survived by his wife, Cynthia, and two sons, Anton and Andrei.

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