

CHAMPIONS OF COMPASSION

Donor Newsletter

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Reflecting on the past

Happy New Year from all of us at Hospice Care Plus. As we enter 2022, we can't help but stop and reflect back on all of the support you provided over the past year. Thanks to you, the pandemic hasn't prevented us from providing compassionate care and meeting the needs of our patients and families. Your generosity means so much to us as we look to the future. Thank you for your continued support of our mission.



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"The hospice team was so kind and they helped me understand how to take care of my mom's needs at home."

Celebrating our 40th

We're celebrating our 40th anniversary for a full year, from the month of our founding in August 2021 through August 2022.

You can help us celebrate by donating in multiples of \$40. Consider donating in honor or memory of a loved one, and make care for all--regardless of insurance status or ability to pay--part of their legacy, and yours.

Learn more at hospicecareplus.org, or point your smartphone camera to the QR code.



How Can Your #40for40 Dollars Help?

\$40 COULD PROVIDE:



A tank of gas for a home hospice nurse



2 new nebulizer machines

\$80 COULD PROVIDE:



2 bedside tables for patient rooms at our Compassionate Care Center



Replenishing the snack cart at the Compassionate Care Center

\$120 COULD PROVIDE:



A new mattress for a patient's hospital bed

OTHER WISH LIST ITEMS:

\$420

1 new hospital bed

\$500

Could provide recovering of one chair in a patient room at our Compassionate Care Center

\$1000

Could provide recovering of one couch in a patient room at our Compassionate Care Center

Your Dollars in Action

"Rosie's Graduation Day"

When Mrs. Rosie Noble was admitted to the hospital with COVID-19, she was told she had just days to live. If that were the case, she said, she wanted to spend them at home in Jackson County. Soon after returning home, her Hospice Care Plus team began making visits to Rosie's home. For those first days and weeks that her team cared for her at home, she could not walk or stand. Back home in familiar surroundings, with the hospice team treating her symptoms, Rosie slowly improved. After three months in our care, the hospice team shared with Mrs. Noble that she had improved so much, it was time to be discharged from hospice. Rosie smiled and said, "Could I have a graduation? I've never graduated from anything before!" Rosie's team quickly got to work securing all the items needed for a proper graduate celebration. Junann, her chaplain, donated her personal cap and gown for Rosie to wear as well as the balloons. Her nurse, Angie, made Rosie her very own certificate of graduation. Kristy, her social worker, picked up the cake. Rosie was so excited and invited all of her family to join in the celebration. Her grandchildren even joined via FaceTime. Rosie's framed diploma is now displayed proudly on her living room wall as a reminder of her "graduation day."



Special thanks to Rosie for allowing us to share her story, to her physician for supporting her desire to go home and realizing hospice care would make that possible, and to the team who went above and beyond. And thanks to our donors, we have the staffing and resources to make special moments like this possible.

Announcements & Events

Remembrance Tree meets bereavement needs

Our 2021 Remembrance Tree ceremony was a success, meeting the needs of those grieving a loss during the holidays. The live stream featured music by local musicians and a recorded performance by one of our hospice patients, Mrs. Evelyn Kavanaugh. The new addition of the memorial video was appreciated by all and is now a permanent feature of the ceremony. Thank you for making this such a wonderful event!

Giving back as a volunteer

Our volunteer team provides companionship to our patients and families, administrative support to our teams in Berea and at the Compassionate Care Center, and assists with special events and projects. We're looking for helping hands to join our volunteer team in 2022! Those 14 and older are welcome. We offer both online and in-person training. For more information, contact Wil Bayne, Volunteer Coordinator, at 859-626-9292.

Community support is valued

We appreciate all of the support we received in 2021 from businesses across our service region, from large factories to fiscal courts, funeral homes, and clinics. Your support means a great deal to us. Thank you!



Melanie Hacker, Development Assistant, accepting a check from Hyster-Yale Berea Plant Vice President Diane Peacock.

Events

- We're celebrating our 40th all year long! The #40for40 Anniversary Challenge is active now.
- Hearts for Hospice will run through the month of February! Visit one of the participating banks to buy a heart.
- Mark your calendar for Bourbon, Boots and BBQ (formerly "Gala on Derby Eve"), May 6, 2022!

"Give Where You Live"

Our day with Keller Williams



One of the highlights of 2021 was being the chosen charity for the Keller Williams Red Day campaign.

This amazing crew showed up to the Compassionate Care Center decked out in their Red Day shirts, promoting the campaign's mission to "Give Where You Live."

They had all the tools and supplies needed to spruce up the grounds. The team planted new flowers outside, stained benches and rocking chairs for the patio, and gifted each patient's room with its own potted plant.

Thank you Keller Williams Legacy Group - KY for inspiring us to give where we live.

