31st Annual Helping Hands Award Honoree
Lou Behre
As you read through this issue, I think you’ll find that one thing stands out above all else – there are many, many people in the communities we serve who feel compelled to share their time, treasure and talent with Center for Hospice Care. Many have had a loved one who was a CHC patient. A common theme is that those who have experienced the skilled, compassionate care CHC offers patients want to make sure that other families have access to the same services.

One example is the organization featured in this issue’s Donor Profile. The North Central Indiana Chapter of the National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors (NCIAIFA) holds an annual golf outing named after one of their own, Joseph E. Smith, who was a CHC patient. Over the course of 16 outings, the group has raised $85,100 to support CHC.

The St. Joe Valley Street Rods – you can see a lineup of their street rods on page 25 – have donated $48,650 in the course of 10 years, primarily through selling Barnaby’s Pizza coupons (a big thank you to Barnaby’s as well, for making this possible). Their donations help us keep the promise we made 35 years ago: that no one eligible for hospice services would ever be turned away, regardless of their ability to pay. It’s a tremendous responsibility, but one we are very pleased to say we’ve been able to meet, thanks to individuals, businesses and organizations like these.

We could not do what we do without the help of our community, which also includes volunteers like Pauline Pierson who received the 2014 John E. Krueger, MD Hospice Caring Award for her volunteer service, or Connie Nygeres, the first CHC volunteer to reach 30 years of volunteer service.

On behalf of the patients we serve and their loved ones, please accept our thanks for your support. We could not do what we do without you!

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A NOTE FROM WITHIN

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Given these numbers, it may be surprising to learn that the number of potential hospice patients has been shrinking due to the drop in the death rate. In Indiana, deaths per 1,000 people declined 14% from 2000-2011. The reality of increased competition from a larger number of hospice programs seems counterintuitive.

The modern hospice movement, brought by Dame Cicely Saunders to the US during the 1960s, made significant progress throughout the 1970s. By 1978, a federal task force had identified hospice care as a concept worthy of federal support. This paved the way for the establishment of hospice organizations throughout the country.

In Indiana, a number of grass-roots initiatives were undertaken to bring hospice care to those at the end of life. Locally, a group of dedicated volunteers formed Hospice of St. Joseph County in 1978. It was among the earliest established hospice organizations in the state. On January 1, 1980, Hospice of St. Joseph County admitted its first patient.

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When planning a cycling event, there is always one factor beyond the control of the organizers: the weather! The 5th Annual Bike Michiana for Hospice in 2013 proved that. In 2014 though, the weather was perfect for the event. A cool morning gave way to a sunny and all-around beautiful day for the participants to enjoy live entertainment, great food and a fun ride.

This past year’s ride featured returning establishments and new restaurants joining the mix. Yesterday’s returned at the Elbel SAG, and Indulgence Pastry Shop & Café once again hosted the Pinhook Park SAG. At the Spicer Lake SAG, Moser’s Austrian Café was joined by one of the area’s newest restaurants, BarBici Italian Street Food. LaSalle Kitchen and Tavern was the host of the Weko Beach SAG, and the after-party was cooked up by Evil Czech Brewery. They all supplied the riders with the delicious food—which is what puts this ride over the top! The event would not be possible without the financial backing from so many organizations in the community. This year’s SAG stop sponsors were InServ, Ruth M. Hillebrand Center for Compassionate Care in Medicine/Notre Dame College of Science, and Visit South Bend Mishawaka. Ride Supporters included Indiana Beer, 1st Source Bank, Outpost Sports, Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, Ancon Construction, Borden Waste-Away Service, Inc., and LaSalle, Curran, Kuehn Attorneys & Counselors at Law.

More than 1,100 riders registered for the 2014 event, some coming from as far away as New York, Massachusetts and Virginia. Proceeds from registration fees are split between Center for Hospice Care (CHC) and Bike Michiana Coalition (BMC). Both organizations are dedicated to improving the quality of living in our communities. All donations raised by participants benefit CHC. The 2014 Bike Michiana for Hospice raised $35,196.02 for CHC and $18,983.80 for BMC.

The 7th Annual Bike Michiana for Hospice will be Sunday, September 13, 2015. Registration is now open at $50 for adults at www.bikemichianaforhospice.org/registration.

Left: A group of riders prepares for the day’s ride with a group photo.

Center: A volunteer prepares the stuffed bruschetta avocados at the Elbel Golf Course SAG stop presented by Yesterday’s.

Right: Riders traveled down a country road and enjoy the shade provided by a full canopy of trees.

Top Left: BarBici teamed with Moser’s Austrian Café to host the Spicer Lake SAG stop. Riders really enjoyed the delicious flat breads from BarBici.

Top Right: Cornfields were one of the many different sights encountered along the scenic routes.

Middle Left: You’ll Dew provided entertainment at the Spicer Lake SAG stop.

Middle Center: It takes a lot of water to keep over 1,100 riders hydrated throughout the day.

Middle Right: After a long day of riding, these riders celebrated with a group shot at the finish line.

Bottom Left: The after-party, hosted by Evil Czech Brewery, was the perfect end to a great day.

Bottom Right: Hopefully, no riders decided to take a swim in this swampy water!
The past 29 years, people with a special tie to Center for Hospice Care have taken part in the Walk for Hospice. 2014 marked the second year that the Walk utilized the Mishawaka Riverwalk, and the first time the event was staged from CHC’s Mishawaka Campus.

The Walk is a chance for loved ones to gather and remember those they have lost. For many, it is the first time they have been together following the loss. Other groups take part in the event year after year, using the Walk as a chance to celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

This past year’s Walk had all of the traditional favorite activities, including the Memory Wall, cheerleaders at the finish line, face painting and balloon sculptures for the kids, and bagpiper Leonard Sailor leading off the Walk. But the new staging location allowed some new treats! Local favorites 3rd Session provided live music at the Battell Park bandshell, where walkers also were able to choose from several delicious ice cream treats. Group photos were also available at Battell Park.

This event would not be possible without the support of our sponsors. Many thanks to the following companies, groups and organizations for their support!

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Route Markers: Dynamic Mechanical Services Steven A. Goldberg, CPA Bowman’s Tin Shop
We would also like to thank our Water & Snack Stop sponsors: Culligan of Michiana, Laven Insurance Company, Whole Foods Market, Walmart, Pepsi, Waste Management, and Stanz.

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As part of its ongoing community partnership initiatives, Center for Hospice Care (CHC) and the Hospice Foundation (HF), along with DJ Construction, hosted the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce’s Biz-Ness After Hours in August.

The event was an evening mixer attended by a number of professionals from both Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties. The event was complimentary for chamber members; similar events are held throughout the year at a number of different locations. It’s an ideal event for making new contacts and renewing existing relationships.

With offices and Hospice Houses in both Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties, building and maintaining community partnerships in both counties is important to CHC/HF. The evening featured prize giveaways and tours of the CHC campus as well as appetizers and a cash bar.

Greater Elkhart County Chamber of Commerce Biz-Ness After Hours

Top: Members of the Greater Elkhart County Chamber of Commerce greeted guests as they arrived at the Biz-Ness After Hours.

Middle: Guests were able to drop their business card in a jar upon arrival to register to win a Nike® Tote Bag. Three were given away throughout the event.

Bottom Right: Center for Hospice Care and Hospice Foundation President/CEO Mark Murray addressed the guests and informed them of the progress that CHC and HF have made in recent years.

Bottom Left: Along with the cash bar, complimentary refreshments were available for attendees.
Billed as a celebration of international art, food and beer, Okuyamba Fest serves as an awareness builder and fundraiser for Center for Hospice Care’s African partnership with the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU). This past year’s event was held on October 23rd at Center for Hospice Care’s Mishawaka Campus and featured TV producer/host/philanthropist Brandi Milloy.

Social media and gossip magazines are full of stories about celebrities and charities. They show up on the red carpet of the event to be interviewed and photographed, and bring name recognition to the event. But how often do these celebrities actually take an active role with those charities, or truly believe in the cause? PopSugar’s Brandi Milloy is one who does.

In September 2013, Brandi heard about the Road to Hope program through her friend, actress Torrey DeVitto (Vampire Diaries, Pretty Little Liars), who was in Africa for filming of the Road to Hope documentary. Since then, Brandi has traveled to Uganda to volunteer with PCAU, done red carpet interviews at the Road to Hope Hollywood event, and most recently was the keynote speaker at the 3rd Annual Okuyamba Fest held at CHC’s Mishawaka Campus. When Brandi speaks of her time in Uganda, her passion for the work PCAU does is evident. Her message to those in attendance was clear: what we see as a little contribution goes a long way in making the lives of children on the Road to Hope brighter. Along with Brandi’s moving speech, attendees also viewed a trailer for the Road to Hope film and had the opportunity to preview one of the scenes from the upcoming documentary.

The evening included a selection of international foods, beers and wines, and a silent auction featuring Ugandan arts and crafts. The event raised $3,315 for the Road to Hope fund. For more information about Road to Hope visit www.RoadToHopeFilm.org

Left: Keynote speaker Brandi Milloy (center) shares some of her experiences in Uganda with Grace Munene (left), and Brianna Wanless, a University of Notre Dame student who will be interning in Uganda this summer.

Middle: The sushi was a popular choice among guests.

Right: Brandi Milloy shares her experiences in Uganda with those gathered. She also stressed the importance that each and every donation carries.

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Some of the items that were available to guests in the silent auction. Most of the items are one-of-a-kind, hand-made arts and crafts from Uganda.

Far Left: In honor of the Palliative Care Association of Uganda, the Ugandan flag is hung prominently during every Okuyamba Fest.

Left: Guests listened intently as keynote speaker Brandi Milloy shared the story of how she became involved with the Road to Hope Program.

Bottom Row: Hospice Foundation’s Chris Turban (center) converses with Nancy Sticher (left) and Wilma Veldman.

There was a delicious assortment of hors d’oeuvres available for guests to enjoy throughout the event.

3rd Annual Okuyamba Fest
Dedicated CHC Volunteers Recognized

Center for Hospice Care recognized its dedicated volunteers at the 2014 Volunteer Recognition and Annual Report Luncheon held at the Century Center in South Bend. Among those honored was Plymouth resident Pauline Pierson, who received the 2014 John E. Krueger, MD Hospice Caring Award.

It’s been 29 years since Pauline first heard about volunteering for CHC. She knew right away that hospice would be a good fit for her. After completing volunteer training, she began with patient care and office work. Later, she moved on to bereavement calling. She has also volunteered at the Walk for Hospice and at Camp Evergreen.

“I’ve always been so impressed with the hospice philosophy,” expressed Pierson. “It’s been a blessing to know the people involved and the patients. I feel like I’m being helpful to someone. But what I have found is that selfishly I have been helped probably more than I have helped them. Volunteering at Center for Hospice Care lets me do some good.”

The John E. Krueger, MD Hospice Caring Award was initiated in 1994 and that year was awarded to the man whose name it bears in recognition of his years of devoted volunteer service. This award is given annually to a volunteer who exemplifies his commitment.

Also recognized was Connie Nygeres, Center for Hospice Care’s first volunteer to reach 30 years of volunteer service. During her time as a volunteer, her service evolved into patient care. Connie also started doing odd jobs in various Center for Hospice Care offices. “I would do many things,” she said. “I was just glad my kids were grown up and I could get out and do many things. I really got involved at hospice. I feel very fortunate being part of this hospice team for 30 years – it’s a true team operation.”

Circle of Caring Luncheon

Stewardship is one of the four pillars of the Hospice Foundation; as such, it was a privilege to host members of the Circle of Caring at the annual Hospice Foundation/Center for Hospice Care Circle of Caring Luncheon on March 19th.

Dozens of supporters of both organizations gathered in the Conference Center on the Mishawaka Campus to hear Mark Murray, MD/HF CEO, and Mike Wargo, HF COO, update them about Center for Hospice Care and the Hospice Foundation work and initiatives in 2014.

Some of the significant accomplishments noted by Murray included the fact that the first hospice federal Medicare/State survey in six years proved to be a perfect survey. Other noted accomplishments included receiving the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce’s 2014 Economic Impact Award as well as welcoming Jennifer Cuyava, MD, who spent six weeks at CHC learning about palliative care, hospice inpatient care and bereavement services as part of the agreement between Mayo Clinic’s Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship and CHC.

Later, Wargo thanked supporters for their generosity, mentioning that with the generous support of donors, CHC/HF was able to raise $1,605,666 to offset the cost of charity care, and bereavement services. This figure was a 35% increase from the prior year. He also noted that while fundraising was up in 2014, the value of the services covered was $1,612,828; the difference was made up by investment gains.
Elkhart Campus Memorial Dedication Scheduled for June 2nd

Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch woman imprisoned during the Holocaust for hiding Dutch Jews said, “Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future.” The June 2nd Elkhart Campus Memorial Dedication ceremony will honor both the past and the future as memorial items purchased to honor the lives of loved ones are dedicated. The purchase of these bricks, benches, flowering and evergreen trees helps assure that those who may be eligible for hospice care in the future, but without the means to pay for it, will receive the compassionate care they need.

The memorial dedication is more than an unveiling of memorial items donated; it is also a chance for donors and families to gather and reflect on the life of the person honored by the memorial gift. The gathering will also allow donors to see how each item adds to the beauty of the Garden of Remembrance and Renewal. The ceremony will begin at 5:30 pm and will include brief remarks as well as the dedication of memorial items. Light refreshments will also be served. Invitations will be sent in May to those who have purchased memorial items this year or in the past; the event is also open to the public.

If you are interested in purchasing a memorial item for placement in 2016, you can do so online at www.centerforhospice.org/elkhartgiving or by contacting Cyndy Searfoss at 574.277.4203 or searfoss@centerforhospice.org.

Find us on:

Hospice Foundation Calendar of Events

We look forward to your participation in and support of these important events. Please check our web site, www.foundationforhospice.org, for more information and event dates throughout the year.

May 2015
• May 6 Helping Hands Award Dinner www.foundationforhospice.org
• May 24 South Bend Sod Busters Mud Bog

June 2015
• June 2 Elkhart Memorial Dedication Ceremony

August 2015
• August 5 NAIFA Joseph E. Smith Memorial Golf Outing

September 2015
• September 13 Bike Michiana for Hospice www.bikemichianaforhospice.org

October 2015
• October Breast Cancer Awareness Month
• October 10 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

November 2015
• November National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

Last year’s Memorial Dedication Ceremony gathered over 50 family members and friends as 31 memorial items were dedicated at the Elkhart Garden of Remembrance and Renewal.
Members of the team that designed both of Center for Hospice Care’s campuses recently gave a presentation at the AIA (American Institute of Architects) Indiana-Kentucky Convention. Titled “Magical Thinking: Designing End-of-Life Care,” the presentation explored end-of-life issues that impact built and non-built environments. The presentation team included Center for Hospice Care/Hospice Foundation President and CEO Mark Murray, Hospice Foundation COO Mike Wargo, architect Jeff Helman, President of Helman Sechrist Architects in Elkhart, Indiana, as well as Catherine L. Smith of SITUS, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Helman and his partner Brad Sechrist designed Center for Hospice Care’s Mishawaka and Elkhart campuses, working closely with the CHC administrative team. This relationship is continuing, as plans are in the works for Phase II of the Mishawaka Campus development.

One of the topics covered in the hour-and-fifteen-minute presentation was the development and design of hospice facilities. Helman and Wargo addressed the issues and challenges associated with the design, development and master planning of a modern hospice campus. They discussed assemblage, development incentives; a public-private partnership and a capital campaign. The programmatic requirements of the special-use, evolving building types of hospice care facilities and bereavement centers was also covered.

Left: In 2013, Phase 1 of the Mishawaka Campus, the administrative offices opened. This building brought together employees from three different rented facilities.
Right: Initial rendering of the new to twelve-bed Hospice House that will be constructed along the shores of the St. Joseph River once funds have been raised.

Partners in Design Present at Architecture Conference

University of Notre Dame senior Emily Mediate is a double major in Africana studies and pre-health through the College of Arts and Letters. This unique combination has led her on a number of fruitful journeys, both academic and literal.

The recipient of a Kellogg/Kroc Undergraduate Research Grant, last summer Mediate interviewed a number of physicians, patients, health care workers and organizations to determine how the role of foreign aid for healthcare has impacted, in many cases negatively, HIV/AIDS interventions in Uganda.

She has since presented her research at Harvard University’s National Collegiate Research Conference, where it won a prize.

Next up is a presentation, as the only undergraduate, at the University of Texas at Austin’s Africa Conference.

This work followed her previous summer’s internship in Uganda working with the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU), delving into the delivery of palliative care throughout the country. “My work with PCAU has directly influenced my post-graduate trajectory,” she said. “My time spent in Uganda, combined with what I learned about the healthcare system in general and more specifically, palliative care, is the reason I want to go back to Uganda.”

After she graduates in May, Mediate will first be working with the US State Department in the Bureau for East African Affairs. When that job wraps up at the end of the summer, she will head to Uganda for a year-long International Development Fellowship through ND’s Kellogg Institute. She’ll be working with an Italian non-governmental organization (NGO), AVSI. Her work will include conducting a research project to evaluate a component of SCORE (Sustainable Comprehensive Responses for Vulnerable Children and their Families) programming.

“Working in palliative care provided me with an appreciation for the holistic nature of humanity and the multi-dimensional needs of patients. Doubtless, this understanding will inform my work with AVSI next year,” Mediate said.

An Appreciation for the Holistic Nature of Humanity
31st Annual Helping Hands Award Dinner to Honor Lou Behre

Center for Hospice Care is pleased to announce that the 2015 Helping Hands Award recipient is Lou Behre. After 50 years of serving Clark Equipment Company, Lou turned his formidable talents to helping individuals and institutions in Michiana. For more than 30 years he has organized principal fundraising events for dozens of not-for-profits and raised tens of millions of dollars to benefit our community. He has touched everything from The Center for History, Logan Center, the Snite Museum, the South Bend Symphony, WNIT as well as Center for Hospice Care. He gets it done – and he does it right and well! Lou sweats the details and demands the best whether it be food, floral arrangements, décor, audio visual or entertainment. He excels at putting the whole package together to make a statement, his personal mark of quality. He is Michiana’s trusted guru of taste and a man who wears many hats (and faces)!

The 31st Annual Helping Hands Award Dinner is being chaired by Pat and Don Cressy and Carmi and Chris Murphy. Serving as honorary chairs – and Dinner Champions – are Art Decio and Ernestine Raclin. Thanks to their unflagging efforts, this year’s dinner will be the highest-grossing event in CHC’s history.

Please join Center for Hospice Care in thanking a wonderful and trusted individual for his wit, his talent and his caring commitment to organizations that make a difference in people’s lives. This year’s Helping Hands Award Dinner honoring Lou will be held on Wednesday, May 6th at the Hilton Garden Inn. The festivities begin at 6 pm with a cocktail reception. Dinner will begin at 7 pm in the Fleur de Lis Ballroom.

If you would like to help CHC in recognizing the years of service Lou has given to the community, donations can be made online at www.foundationforhospice.org/HHAD15; donations may also be sent to the Hospice Foundation at 501 Comfort Pl • Mishawaka, IN 46545.
There’s something very fitting about a group of insurance and financial professionals putting aside their work for a day to raise money on the golf course in memory of a close friend and colleague. In 1999 Cliff Perras, the newly elected board president of the local chapter of NAIFA, and some other members of the organization decided, “we should do something for Joe,” as Perras remembered. He was speaking of Joseph E. Smith, past president of NCIAIFA, who had also served as a national committeeman, president of the state chapter and a licensed underwriter training class moderator. Smith had been a patient of Center for Hospice Care and passed away in 1998. The Annual Joseph E. Smith Golf Outing began that year, raising $2,000 to benefit CHC. It remains one of CHC’s largest annual third-party fundraising events.

“It was because of Joe’s end-of-life relationship with Center for Hospice Care that we decided to raise money for hospice,” Perras said. “The event has kept growing as we add to it. And the relationship between NCIAIFA and CHC has grown closer over the years.” He laughed as he said that he will likely be the event’s chair in perpetuity, but that it’s been a very rewarding experience, not only because of the close relationship between NCIAIFA and CHC but also because Smith’s family has stayed close to the outing. In fact, Sharon Smith, Joe’s widow, is part of the check presentation ceremony every year.

The amount of financial support that NCIAIFA has provided in the past 16 years has grown as well, now totaling a whopping $85,100. Occasionally the suggestion has been made that the outing should help support other local charities as well, but Perras and other organization leaders choose to continue supporting CHC. “We feel that because of our connection with the health insurance market, each member has clients who have been assisted by CHC… and until you see it up close you don’t really understand what angels of mercy hospice care workers are.”

Postscript: We are saddened to note that Cliff Perras Jr. passed away on December 27, 2014, shortly after the interview for this article.
Understanding Planned Giving

Recently, those of us at Center for Hospice Care (CHC) and Hospice Foundation (HF) responsible for tracking donations were gratified to learn of an influx of bequests arriving from different donors from a cross section of the eight counties in northern Indiana that we serve. Their gifts varied in size but totaled about $415,000 over a two-month period, that impressive number translates into a very positive step forward in sustaining our ability to care for anyone eligible for hospice services, regardless of their ability to pay.

It underscored the fact that CHC’s success is supported by the generosity of many donors on any given day, and that planned gifts are becoming an ever-increasingly valued part of the mix of contributions and donations directed to the HF.

What is a planned gift? Essentially, it is the way this happens is by stipulations made or upon someone’s passing. The usual life insurance to the HF during a lifetime transfer of assets like stock, real estate or in most situations these assets are not liquid, have tax consequences or can be in some situations these assets are not used to simultaneously generate income for donors or a designee during their lifetime.

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Donors who’ve seen fit to designate CHC and the HF in their estate plans are strongly encouraged to document this plan by contacting the HF’s office for a variety of reasons. Among them:

• Donors will be recognized during their lifetime for their planned gift and will learn more about how that gift will benefit CHC or stewardship events.

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Accounting for planned gifts with documentation allows CHC to better forecast and plan for future resource allocations.

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Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc – Tri Kappa (Plymouth Chapter) donated $250 to further our mission.

Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc – Beta Gamma (Mishawaka Chapter) donated $225 to be used to sponsor campers at Camp Evergreen.

Employee at Radiology, Inc. held Blue Jean Fridays, raising a total of $255 to be given to Center for Hospice Care.

Trinity Health Staff of South Bend paid to wear jeans to work for a “Jean Dollar” event that raised $674.

Vickie’s Bar participated in the Guinness World Record Pub Crawling event held in downtown South Bend, raising $150 that was donated to Center for Hospice Care.

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Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc – Tri Kappa (Plymouth Chapter) donated $250 to further our mission.

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Trinity Health Staff of South Bend paid to wear jeans to work for a “Jean Dollar” event that raised $674.

Vickie’s Bar participated in the Guinness World Record Pub Crawling event held in downtown South Bend, raising $150 that was donated to Center for Hospice Care.

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