30th Annual Helping Hands Award Dinner
In 1985, the Helping Hands Award Dinner made its debut at the University of Notre Dame. Nearly 300 people attended the event, which honored James W. Frick. Fast forward 29 years to the 30th Annual Helping Hands Award Dinner held May 7th at the Hilton Garden Inn. Nearly 500 people were on hand to pay tribute to Elkhart business and civic leader, Bob Deputy. This year’s event raised $225,345 to support the work of Center for Hospice Care. Since its inception in 1985, the Helping Hands Award Dinner has raised more than $3.29 million for Center for Hospice Care and has been attended by 13,497 people.

As the Annual Report and Employee Giving story in this issue describes, we are very fortunate to have the support – the “helping hands” – of our generous community. While many give of their treasures, others give of their time and talent. In fact, during 2013 the total number of volunteers for Center for Hospice Care and the Hospice Foundation hit 500 for the first time in our History.

Volunteers are essential to many of our events, including two of our largest – Walk for Hospice and Bike Michiana for Hospice. Walk for Hospice was held August 10th on the grounds of our new Mishawaka Campus. A few new twists on this perennial favorite were enjoyed by participants. Be sure to see the fall issue for photos.

The 6th Annual Bike Michiana for Hospice will take place on September 14th at St. Patrick’s County Park. We’re pleased to welcome BarBici to our Support and Guidance (SAG) restaurant lineup. This bicycle-themed restaurant will be joining Moser’s Austrian Café at the Spicer Lake SAG. As always, the event promises great food, great routes and great times, all for a great cause.

There are never enough opportunities to say “thank you” to those whose helping hands make such a difference in the lives of our patients and their loved ones. On their behalf – thank you for your support!

Michael J. Wargo
Chief Operating Officer
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From the UK to the US – the Hospice Movement Comes Ashore

The 1960s saw the fruition of hospice care in the UK, thanks to the work of Dame Cicely Saunders. It was also the decade in which the concept was introduced in the US, thanks to Florence Wald, Dean of the Yale University School of Nursing. Wald first invited Dame Saunders to present a lecture to medical students, nurses, social workers and chaplains in 1963. Two years later, she invited Dame Saunders to serve as a faculty member. Connecticut became the starting point for the burgeoning hospice movement; in 1974 the first US hospice organization, The Connecticut Hospice, was founded by Wald and others. During this time, author Elisabeth Kübler-Ross started dialogue throughout the world with the publication of her book, On Death and Dying. She later testified at the first hearings held by the US Senate Special Committee on Aging about the need to provide spiritual, emotional and financial support for dying patients and their families. By 1978, just four years after the founding of The Connecticut Hospice, a federal task force indicated that the concept of hospice care provides terminally ill patients a humane means of care and a means of support for their families. They stated, “… it is the proper subject of federal support.”

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Next Issue: The Hospice Movement in Indiana

"Terminal patients were full of all the things that were going on with their lives: how hard it was to see life coming to a close, how hard it was on their family, ups and downs. Will the money last?"

-Florence Wald

The founding chair of NHPCO and another early champion of the hospice movement in the US was Zachary P. Morfogen. Morfogen, who passed away in hospice care earlier this year, was an artist, author, playwright and publisher. Through his efforts, one of the first national articles about hospice care was published by TIME magazine. Morfogen is quoted as saying, “Let’s get death out of the closet.”

Morfogen was also the founding chairman of the National Hospice Foundation (NHF), which began in 1992. NHF established the Zachary P. Morfogen “Art of Caring” Award in 2012 to honor individuals or organizations that have used the arts as a means to inspire and increase awareness of end-of-life care and whose central focus of their art is related to end-of-life issues.

The inaugural award was presented to Center for Hospice Care for its award-winning documentary Okuyamba and was presented to Mike Wargo, Hospice Foundation COO, and Rose Kiwanuka, Country Director of the Palliative Care Association of Uganda, during NHPCO’s Management and Leadership Conference.
2013 Annual Report

Thanks to the ongoing support from donors and our collaboration with health-care entities throughout our eight-county service area, 2013 was another successful year for Center for Hospice Care (CHC). CHC served more patients last year than in any year in our history. 1,993 patients and their families chose CHC for their care during 2013. By annualized numbers of patients served, CHC continues to rank in the top 5% of hospice programs operating in the United States.

In July of 2013, CHC received confirmation from the Mayo Graduate Education Committee that they had approved an application by Center for Hospice Care for palliative medicine, they are sent to CHC.

Our dedicated, trained community volunteers contribute to CHC in many ways. Last year they worked 17,310 hours. Traveling throughout our eight-county service area to patient homes, nursing homes and other extended care facilities, as well as our own Hospice Houses, CHC volunteers drove 42,599 miles. Many volunteers worked exclusively out of one of our CHC offices assisting with an assortment of office and other duties. Volunteers saved the agency $402,413 in expenses during 2013, up 14% from 2012. A very big thank you to our hospice volunteers!

If you would like to view the entire 2013 Annual Report, it is available online at www.centerforhospice.org under the News and Events Tab.

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Employee Giving

Uganda Impact in support of our Ugandan partners, the Palliative Care Association of Uganda.
The employees of Center for Hospice Care (CHC) and Hospice Foundation (HF) pride themselves on being good community partners. That made it an easy decision when the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce approached them with the idea of hosting a Business After Hours event at their new Mishawaka Campus.

Business After Hours is an evening mixer event, ideal for making contacts and building business relationships. The event is complimentary for chamber members, and is held throughout the year at different locations.

DJ Construction, who is the general contractor for construction of the Mishawaka Campus, co-hosted the event with CHC/HF. Together with the Chamber, the organizations welcomed over 100 community members to the event. Many people commented on how beautiful the new building was. Tours were available for people who had not previously had an opportunity to see the new campus. Appetizers and a cash bar were available to attendees to enjoy as they mingled.

CHC’s new Mishawaka Campus was an appropriate choice for the event, as the Chamber recently recognized CHC with the 2014 Economic Impact Award. The award recognizes a company’s strategic vision and its sustainable capital investment in the St. Joseph County economy. With Phase 1 of the project complete, Phase 2, which will include a medical staff building and a new hospice house, is in the planning stages.
Pretty Little Liars star and current ambassador for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, Torrey DeVitto recently hosted a Road to Hope charity event in West Hollywood. Proceeds from the event are benefiting orphaned child caregivers whose parents have died from HIV/AIDS or cancer.

The Road to Hope program is co-sponsored by Center for Hospice Care/Hospice Foundation (CHC/HF) and Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU). Other members of the event host committee included some of Hollywood’s brightest young stars such as: Brant Daugherty (The Starving Games, Pretty Little Liars), Chris Evans (Captain America, The Avengers), Ian Harding (Pretty Little Liars, Adventureland), Danielle Fishel (That ’70s Show), Bethany Joy Lenz (One Tree Hill, The Guiding Light), Arielle Kebbel (The Uninvited, 90210), Lindsey McKeon (The Guiding Light, Saved By the Bell: The New Class), Brittany Snow (Pitch Perfect, Hairspray), and Daphne Zuniga (Melrose Place, The Sure Thing).

DeVitto was first exposed to the Road to Hope program when she went to Africa to help film the upcoming documentary of the same name. “When I was in Africa as part of the film crew, I got to meet some of the children in the program. The initial inspiration was a five-year-old boy named George, who had been the sole caregiver for his dying father. When his father died, he no longer had anyone to care for – and no one to care for him. Because of the Road to Hope program he’s now attending a good school and doesn’t have to worry about where his next meal will come from. And the cost to sponsor a child like George is less than a dollar a day.”

To learn more about the Road to Hope program or to make a secure, online donation, visit www.roadtohopefund.org.

Hollywood Event Benefits Road to Hope Program
Dedication of Memorial Items at Elkhart Garden of Remembrance and Renewal Takes on a New Light

Each year on the first Tuesday in June, Center for Hospice Care (CHC) and Hospice Foundation dedicate the memorial items that have been donated during the past year by family and loved ones, in memory of patients at the Elkhart Hospice House. The items donated include personalized bricks, flowering or evergreen trees, and benches. This year’s ceremony included a very unique item, a 6-foot tall heart entitled Healing Light. Originally part of the Elkhart General Hospital Foundation’s Have a Heart fundraiser, Healing Light was designed by Ryan Singleton and purchased by Holly and Scott Troeger who donated it to CHC. The heart sits at the top of a hillside that marks the southern edge of the CHC Elkhart Campus’ Garden of Remembrance and Renewal.

In all there were 28 bricks, two flowering trees and one outdoor bench dedicated, along with the Healing Light heart. Over 50 family members and friends of CHC patients attended the event. For more information on purchasing a memorial item, contact Cyndy Searfoss at 574.277.4203 or searfoss@centerforhospice.org or visit www.foundationforhospice.org/progress/elkhart.

Circle of Caring Lunch Debuts on the Mishawaka Campus

More than 40 supporters of Center for Hospice Care (CHC) and Hospice Foundation (HF) gathered at the Conference Center on the Mishawaka Campus in March for the 2014 Circle of Caring luncheon. Mark Murray, President/CEO, and Mike Wargo, HF COO, updated attendees about CHC/HF work and initiatives.

In thanking supporters for their generosity, Murray noted no patient is ever turned away due to the inability to pay. During 2013 alone, the value of charity care, write-offs, and other adjustments totaled $1,265,264. Based on annualized numbers of patients served, CHC ranks in the top 5% of all hospice programs in America and cares for more patients than any other hospice program in Indiana.

He also noted that CHC is the only hospice program in its eight-county service area to operate Medicare-certified Hospice Inpatient Units, comprised of two seven-bed units in South Bend and Elkhart. The South Bend Hospice House recently celebrated its seventeenth anniversary while the Elkhart Hospice House saw its fifth full year of operation in 2013.
For teens, the camp offers team- and confidence-building activities that help facilitate the healing process. The ropes course, stretched out in the woods high above the ground, seems like a daunting task… much like the grief they’re facing. With encouragement and coaching, campers make it through the course with a new realization of how strong and resourceful they are.

On the bus to camp one teen camper who had experienced the sudden death of a parent said he would rather be at home playing his new video game than going to camp with kids he didn’t know. He also said he wouldn’t be attempting the high ropes course because he was afraid of heights. That changed after spending time at Camp Evergreen… he not only challenged himself by completing the high ropes course, but also exclaimed that he had a great time at camp. When asked what was the best part about being at camp he replied, “Being around other kids who get what I’m going through.”

Camp Evergreen is provided free to all campers as a community service to any child experiencing the loss of a loved one. Transportation to and from camp is included. Campers and volunteers must complete an application packet to participate in camp. For more information or to request a packet, contact Holly Farmer, 574.255.1064 or evergreen@centerforhospice.org.

Sweet Remembrance – Cool Treats for the 29th Annual Walk for Hospice

This year’s Walk for Hospice once again took advantage of the beauty and features of the Mishawaka Riverwalk. Check in for the August 10th walk began at noon at the new Center for Hospice Care Mishawaka Campus located on the northern bank of the St. Joseph River. The walk began at 1 pm and featured routes of various distances along the Riverwalk.

The Battell Park band shell was the gathering point for this year’s celebration of Remembrance, which ran from 1:15 to 2:15 pm. Registered participants received an ice cream treat at this stop. Local favorites 3rd Street provided live music at the band shell, JT & the Bare Essentials played at check-in.

Participants were once again able to remember loved ones with rose petals at the Beutter pedestrian bridge as well as the Memory Wall, which was set up near the check-in area. The always-popular children’s activities were part of this year’s event as well. Nick Korody returned to chair the 29th Annual Walk for Hospice event. The walk is a particularly meaningful event for him. “My mom was cared for by Center for Hospice Care three years ago. She believed in CHC’s mission and was also a volunteer for several years. She provided respite at The Sanctuary at St. Paul’s. The walk is a way for me to remember my loved ones, advance awareness of CHC services and raise money. Raising funds is critical because Center for Hospice Care’s mission is that ‘no one is ever turned away from services due to an inability to pay.’ I’m back as chair because I want others to receive the same compassion and care that our family did.” As is the case with Nick, some volunteer or walked in memory of a loved one who has passed away… some walked to honor a family member or friend… some walked in support of Center for Hospice Care’s mission. Whatever their motivation, for 29 years thousands of supporters have been part of Walk for Hospice.

Anyone who raised $35 or more received a 2014 Walk for Hospice t-shirt. We will be featuring photos from this year’s event in the next issue of Crossroads as well as on our Facebook page and web site.
After the 5th Annual Bike Michiana for Hospice in September 2013, the organizing committee set a new challenge for themselves – take a great event and make it better. The results from rider surveys gave them some target areas; revising routes and a kid-friendly addition to the post-ride event were two of the highest priorities.

They’ve met the challenge! Every scenic route, except the family ride, has been changed. Participants will be riding them in reverse, with a few other changes in some of the routes. Support and Guidance (SAG) locations will be the same, with the same great restaurants – local favorites Indulgence Pastry Shop, Yesterday’s, Moser’s Austrian Café, Fiddler’s Hearth and LaSalle Kitchen and Tavern – providing tasty fuel for the ride. BarBici, a bicycle-themed Italian restaurant, will be joining Moser’s Austrian Café at the Spicer Lake SAG stop.

The post-ride festivities begin at 11am in the amphitheater area. The party is hosted again this year by Evil Czech Brewery. The post-ride event ends at 7pm.

Some things haven’t changed, though. You can still look forward to:

• Outstanding Volunteers: Their passion for the event and the sport of cycling is evident in their efforts to give every rider a first-class experience.
• Ideal Ride: No matter whether your style is a leisurely ride along one of our shorter routes or putting in a full 100 miles to Weko Beach and back, we have a suitable route. Perhaps most importantly, proceeds from the ride still benefit two local organizations devoted to improving the quality of living: Center for Hospice Care and the Bike Michiana Coalition. Cyclists can also raise money for the Hospice Foundation by asking family and friends to pledge their support. Donors can donate a flat amount or pledge an amount per mile, either individually or as a team. And all donations are tax deductible. To learn more, visit www.bikemichianaforhospice.org/fundraising/.

Registration for the 2014 event is now open. As always, children under 12 ride free. To register online, visit www.bikemichianaforhospice.org.
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.

August 2014
• August 21 Senior Citizens Day
• August 21 Great Forum
  Transforming Loss 6-8pm
  CHC Mishawaka Campus

September 2014
• September National Healthy Aging Month
• September 19 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
• September 14 Bike Michiana for Hospice
  www.bikemichianaforhospice.org

October 2014
• October Breast Cancer Awareness Month
• October 11 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day
• October 23 Okuyamba Fest

November 2014
• November National Hospice and Palliative Care Month
• November 11 Veteran’s Day
• November 27 Thanksgiving

December 2014
• December 1 World AIDS Day
  www.worldaidsday.org
• December 7 Center for Hospice Care Memorial Service

A Walk on the Road to Hope – 3rd Annual Okuyamba Fest

In honor of World Hospice Day – and to support the efforts of the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU) as it feeds, clothes and educates orphaned child caregivers – this year’s Okuyamba Fest will focus on the Road to Hope fund and film. In Uganda, as in many other countries throughout the world, children often are the primary caregivers to a parent or parents facing serious, end-of-life issues. After the death of their parents, with no breadwinner to support them, they often are forced to drop out of school and look for casual jobs such as selling ground nuts on the streets in urban areas or begging for money in order to survive. The Road to Hope fund was created as a viable resource for some child caregivers who could very easily find themselves on a much different road were it not for the assistance it provides. It is administered through the cooperative efforts of PCAU and the Hospice Foundation.

To inform and educate the public about these child caregivers, the Hospice Foundation is producing a documentary appropriately called “Road to Hope.” It tells the stories of child caregivers in Africa and their shepherds who came to support them from throughout the world.

Proceeds from this year’s Okuyamba Fest will benefit the Road to Hope Fund. The event will be held at Center for Hospice Care’s Mishawaka Campus on October 23rd, beginning at 5 pm. The evening will feature a delicious sampling of foods, beers and wines from around the world. Also on tap for the evening is a silent auction featuring craft and art items from Ugandan artisans as well as some sneak peeks of the upcoming Road to Hope documentary.

Reservations for the evening are $25 per person or $45 per couple. The price includes food and beverages. To register for the event, visit www.foundationforhospice.org/okuyamba14. For more information, contact Lisa Douglass at 574.243.3119 or DouglassL@centerforhospice.org.
Building strong partnerships and providing education about end-of-life issues are two of the Hospice Foundation’s primary objectives. Internships serve both of these – by working with local universities Center for Hospice Care/Hospice Foundation (CHC/HF) offer a number of opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience in the organization’s core services.

Audrey Shaul is one such student. She is in the IU South Bend Counseling and Human Services Masters program and contacted Bereavement Coordinator Holly Farmer about doing her practicum with the Life Transition Center (LTC). Her initial practicum began in January and went through April. She then asked to do her Advanced Practicum with LTC, which runs from May through August. She has been involved in grief support groups, individual counseling, doing bereavement assessments and was a counselor for the Teen Camp Evergreen. She was very interested in learning about grief counseling and through the assessments and group experience, she has learned to assess risk, identify needs, identify counseling goals and utilize counseling interventions to meet the goals. In addition, she has gained experience and understanding of issues of diversity and multiculturalism.

According to Farmer, “Education on grief counseling, death and dying is an important area for counselors to learn about and Audrey has encouraged her classmates to consider doing their practicum in the bereavement department. She has also encouraged her instructor to include information on grief and loss in their program. She has been a true asset to the bereavement department.”

One of the Hospice Foundation’s most recent educational collaborations involves Holy Cross College. Four students and two faculty members traveled to Uganda for an experiential learning experience with CHC/HF partner, the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU).

Br. Jesus Alonso, CSC, Center for Educational Outreach at Holy Cross College said about their trip, “The cultural immersion experience for our Holy Cross College students was significantly enriched through our collaborations with Center for Hospice Care and PCAU. PCAU’s hospice partners allowed our students to see firsthand the important services provided through palliative care. These experiences exposed our students to important cultural realities and societal contexts. It encouraged each of them to further explore how a society struggles to create access to health services with relatively few resources available. PCAU’s work allows those with terminal illnesses to experience a level of dignity and peace as they approach end stages of their lives.”

Three Notre Dame students are working with PCAU this summer as well. Graham Englert completed field research for a study involving healthcare workers affected by the Ebola outbreaks in Uganda.

Emily Mediate returned to Uganda for the second year in a row. Her research project for her senior thesis and capstone project involved the role of private foreign aid in the public healthcare system, particularly as it relates to HIV/AIDS and PEPFAR (The United States President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) in Uganda.

Cliff Arnold, a medical student at the Indiana University School of Medicine - South Bend, who is simultaneously pursuing a master’s degree in History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Notre Dame, spent nine weeks working at PCAU partner sites as part of the of Notre Dame’s Common Good Initiative.
The Helping Hands Award Dinner celebrated its 30th anniversary on May 7th with a gala event honoring Elkhart civic leader Bob Deputy. The event was chaired by Becky and Corey Cressy; the evening’s Honorary Chair was Art Decio – who also supported the event as Dinner Champion.

Bob’s community spirit is legendary. He has been part of numerous initiatives to make Northern Indiana – particularly Elkhart County – a better place to live and work. During his 40-year tenure at Godfrey Marine, a business owned by his family, Bob served as CEO and brought hundreds of jobs to Elkhart County. He continued to apply his expertise in business and fundraising to benefit good causes throughout the community after his retirement.

“I am truly humbled by this award and thank Center for Hospice Care for all they are doing to make dignified, world-class end-of-life services available to everyone in our communities.”

Bob Deputy

Top Left: A nautical theme was used to decorate throughout the ballroom.

Top Right: Nearly 500 people gathered to honor Bob Deputy at the 30th Annual Helping Hands Award Dinner. Bottom Left: Wilma Veldman and Sarah Craig enjoy some conversation and wine at the reception. Bottom Middle: The Helping Hands Award overlooks the ballroom prior to guests pouring in for the dinner. Bottom Right: Knapp, Probst & Wolfe provided the music for the celebration.
In recognition of his civic leadership, Corey Cressy, who also chairs Center for Hospice Care’s board of directors and Terry Rodino, chair of the Hospice Foundation board of directors, presented the carved crystal award. On hand were nearly 500 attendees. This year’s event raised $225,345 to support the work of Center for Hospice Care. Since its inception in 1988, the Helping Hands Award Dinner has raised more than $3.29 million.

CHC and HF would like to thank the many underwriters and patrons (listed on the next page) whose generous support makes the Helping Hands Award Dinner possible each year. Heartfelt thanks go to the dinner committee as well for their help in making the 30th anniversary event a resounding success.
“Everyone has something to give,” Francie Beville said with a smile. Philanthropy in all its forms is something she and her husband of nearly 39 years, Denny, know well. The list of organizations they support is extensive. Both volunteer for Center for Hospice Care/Hospice Foundation and Denny served on the Center for Hospice Care board of directors from 2007-2013.

“My tenure on the CHC board of directors was the most rewarding service I ever did,” Denny noted. “The organization was very aware of people’s time and respectful of it. My mother had been a patient so I was familiar with the care it provided and was pleased to be part of the board as well as a volunteer.”

Francie and Denny are familiar faces at Hospice Foundation events such as Walk for Hospice, Bike Michiana for Hospice and Helping Hands Award Dinners. “Of the three aspects of philanthropy – time, treasure and talent – giving of your time is the most important,” Francie noted. “She went on to say that volunteering adds a personal touch and relieves the people who work for the organization to do things that only they can do.”

Both agree that giving has as many benefits for those who give as it does for those on the receiving end. “There’s definitely a sense of joy in knowing you’ve made a difference,” Francie said. The need to give back to the community was a value instilled in both Francie and Denny by their families.

Now retired – Francie from teaching at Urey Middle School in the John Glenn district and Denny from a career as a commercial banker – the Bevilles continue to devote their resources to community. “We do what we can, as much as we can. We always wish we could do more,” Francie said.

The number of organizations with which they have been involved is extensive. In addition to Center for Hospice Care, Denny also served on the board of directors for Ancilla College as well as the Marshall-Starke Development Center. A Kiwanis member since 1970, he will serve as Lieutenant Governor of the Potawatomi Division in the coming year. Francie is a member of P.E.O., a philanthropic, educational organization that promotes education for women through scholarships, loans, and grants. She is also active in the St. Joseph/Plymouth Women’s Auxiliary.

Donor Profile: Francie and Dennis Beville
Leave a Legacy of Caring with Planned Giving

Each day Center for Hospice Care benefits from memorial gifts received by the Hospice Foundation. These funds commemorate and honor the losses of those touched by the treatment provided to them, and to their loved ones, by CHC.

Planned giving extends these living memorials far into the future and provides a way to leave a legacy of caring that transcends a donor’s lifespan. Planned giving is the transfer of assets like cash, stock, real estate or life insurance to Hospice Foundation during a lifetime or upon someone’s passing. The usual way this happens is by stipulations in a will or by other written means.

This type of giving is “planned” because in most situations these assets are not liquid, have tax consequences or can be used to simultaneously generate income for donors during their lifetime. People hunting a variety of income levels and in various life stages can benefit by making a planned gift. Some of these situations include the liquidation of a business; the need to generate a revenue stream for elderly parents; the sale of a business; the need to generate income for donors during their lifetime.

Here are some planned giving options to consider:

• Bequests – one of the easiest ways to give involves naming Hospice Foundation as a beneficiary in a will or living trust.

• Life Insurance Policy and Retirement Assets – naming Hospice Foundation as a partial beneficiary of these assets is a way of providing support.

• Life Income Gifts – these allow donors to leave a gift in the care of Hospice Foundation while earning income for them during their lifetime. The two most popular are charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities.

• Complex Gifts – are for those who own businesses, real property or that have other types of complex assets. Giving options exist that help both the Hospice Foundation and benefit the family of the donor.

To determine your needs and how best to make a planned gift, we welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your attorney or financial planner to discuss options available to you.

Hospice Foundation (a dba for The Foundation for the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.) is a 501(c)(3) organization headquartered at 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637. To learn more about planned gifts contact Chris Taelman at taelman@centerforhospice.org or 574-245-3713.

Community Corner

The Hospice Foundation is grateful for the generosity of the many groups that support its mission through their independent fundraising efforts, grantmanship and donations. Although we cannot recognize every effort, we are pleased to take this opportunity to recognize the following and thank all of those in the community who support our agency.

Culver Community Council of Churches gave $100 to our Camp Evergreen program.

Inwood United Methodist Church of Bourbon’s Outreach Giving raised $200. The money was donated to Center for Hospice Care.

Beacon Health System 2014 “Live Bright!” Award winner Doug Gibson made Center for Hospice Care his charity of choice, resulting in a $250 gift to CHC.

World Library Publications and Steven Warner donated $85.83 to CHC from royalties associated with their recording “The Seven Signs”.

Culver’s Tri Kappa, Epsilon Nu Chapter donated $200 to CHC to further our mission.

Center for Hospice Care was chosen as a runner up in the Gurlie-Loope Driven to Give Event - $250 was given to our organization.

To determine Reverse Service tax regulations, we note only cause written acknowledgment for donations made payable to or proceeds derived by Center for Hospice Care or The Hospice Foundation (Charities may under proceed lapse that past may be not eligible for charitable tax-deductible. If you have any questions regarding charitable contributions, contact Mike Wargo, Chief Operating Officer at 574.245.2285 or misaw@centerforhospice.org. For property tax advice, you should visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov or contact your tax advisor.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Elkhart shared half of a Sunday Morning Service collection with CHC. A total of $33 was given to help support our programs.

Beta Alpha Chi Sorority donated $200 to Center for Hospice Care.

Alldridge Insurance held a drawing for clients who have referred someone to their agency. The winners were Rosalie and Dennis Kaiser who chose Center for Hospice Care to receive a $50.00 donation.

It Was a Crazy Idea

Friendships can lead to all kinds of crazy things. Kevin Casey, a fourth grade teacher at Sacred Heart School in Pinellas Park, Florida, heard about the Road to Hope program from his friend Colin Erker who was part of the film crew for the Road to Hope documentary. Kevin thought his class, many of whom come from working class or low-income families, would welcome the chance to support another child’s education and set a goal of raising $100 to help.

After consulting with the Palliative Care Association of Uganda, Jackie Morine, a child supported by the Road to Hope fund and the same age as Kevin’s students was selected as the class’s supported child. The idea was to foster a long-distance friendship between Jackie and the class throughout the school year.

While Kevin’s class had raised money throughout Lent for Jackie, they had not met their goal. Kevin said, “I thought it would be more meaningful if the students did something more than just bring money in. Consequently, our class hosted an all-school fundraiser – Crazy Socks Day! If students brought in a $.50 donation for Jackie, they were allowed to wear crazy socks.”

The 4th graders hung signs throughout the school and went room-to-room each morning, collecting money throughout the week. They even showed a photo of Jackie to other students if they knew who they were helping. The end result is that they doubled their goal, raising a total of $200.

Kevin Casey’s fourth grade class at Sacred Heart School in Pinellas Park, Florida show some of the signs they hung around school for Crazy Socks Day to raise money for the Road to Hope Fund.
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