Fall/ Winter 2019 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11
Open House: 8 am to 7 pm
No R.S.V.P.

October 24
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

November 8
Surviving the Holidays Workshop
2 pm to 4 pm

2020 Pet Peace of Mind Calendar
Available for Purchase

We’ve Moved!
Our blessings continue as we are now in our new Administrative and Warehouse building! It is on the grounds of our 12 bed Hospice House, at 811 Burnett Drive (1 block behind our old location). It was a team effort of staff, volunteers and family who came together on moving day to make this possible. This new beginning will allow us to serve the community from one location, by holding our grief support groups, storing, cleaning and distribution of our medical equipment along with community events and meetings in one of our several meeting rooms. Each room has been generously sponsored by individuals who have left a legacy that is reflected by a plaque outside each room in their honor. Butterflies will also adorn our staircase with name tributes by individuals with designated donations-this honor will be an ongoing dedication program open to the public.

Please join us on Friday, October 11th from 8 am to 7 pm for our Open House with tours and refreshments as we share the joy of our new space for Hospice of the Ozarks.

Our Annual Fundraiser
Our Annual fundraiser, “A Night to Remember, Celebrating 40 Years” on June 8th was a huge success due to the generous sponsors, donors and those who attended. This amazing night was especially meaningful because past staff members joined us to honor our humble beginnings and share in the joy of all of the patients and families we have been able to serve and because of the hard work of so many giving people who believed in our mission. Special thanks to Heidi Volltrauer and Elaine Morris for their time, talent and dedication to our event team. Please mark your calendars for June 6th, 2020, at the Sheid for our next annual fundraising event! More information to follow in 2020.

Celebration of Life Luncheon and Butterfly Release
Our first Butterfly release was held on September 11 at our annual Celebration of Life luncheon at the First United Methodist Church in Mountain Home. This annual event was a beautiful and meaningful gesture for those who have lost loved ones this past year. It is open to the community for anyone who is suffering a loss of any kind. We will continue this beautiful tradition with love, to honor those who are no longer with us but still in our hearts.

We honor Veterans Program
Honoring our nation’s Veterans includes supporting them throughout their lives, and Hospice of the Ozarks has the particular privilege of providing care for those veterans in Baxter and Marion counties. With a focus on improving end-of-life care for Veterans, one of the programs launched is the National Hospice-Veteran Partnership (HVP) Program. The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization is part of the “We Honor Veterans program.” Hospice of the Ozarks is privileged to be a part of this extensive program as well. One of the many facets of this program are flag pinning ceremonies for our patients and families, as a way to thank them for their military service. This program provides us with he tools to understand how one’s military service has and continues to affect their lives and their end of life journey. We are proud to be a part of this national program from the Department of Veteran Affairs.

It is our mission to educate the community about the facts/myths of hospice care. If you are interested in a speaking engagement, Contact: Elaine Essary at 870-508-1771

WORDS FROM THE COMMUNITY
“Your grief support program saved my life.” - John
“We had no idea of the gentle care, peace & dignity that hospice care was until you cared for our Mom.” - Kathy

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS
“Growing Through Grief” Mondays 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Hospice of the Ozarks Administrative Building
Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Hospice of the Ozarks Administrative Building
Third Thursday of the month
2:00-4:00 p.m. at Kirby & Family Funeral Home in Bull Shoals

“Caregiver Support Group” First and Third Monday of the month
1:00-2:00 p.m. at Hospice of the Ozarks Administrative Building
For more information, please contact
Charlotte Repp, LSW, Bereavement Coordinator at 870-508-1771 or crepp@baxterregional.org.

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870-508-7770
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Celebrating 40 Years June 2019 Fund Raising Event.

Our amazing Pet Peace of Mind Volunteers showing off the program logo.

Surviving the Holidays

At Hospice of the Ozarks, we understand that grief is not just limited to hospice care. That is why our grief support program is open to anyone in the community who have experienced loss. When losing a loved one, the holidays can be difficult for many, especially when you have a year full of “firsts.” This program was created to give coping ideas, tips and support. Guest speakers will specifically address the Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year’s holidays. It is open to children through adults. Grief knows no boundaries or time and we want you to know you are not alone. Please consider joining us on Friday, November 8th from 2 pm to 4 pm in the new administrative building at 811 Burnett Drive. Refreshments will be served. RSVP by November 1st to Charlotte Repp, Bereavement Coordinator at 870-508-1771.

2020 Pet Peace of Mind Calendar

This is our 3rd year creating our annual Pet Peace of Mind Calendar to benefit our hospice patients pets who are in need of care. The Pet Peace of Mind’s mission is to enrich the quality of life and well-being of hospice patients’ and to help care for the pets they love. This program allows the patients to keep their pet at home throughout their end of life journey. The Pet Peace of Mind program is separately funded and donations/sponsors must be specially designated to the program. The calendar contest yielded 63 adorable entries, with 13 winners who will adorn our 2020 Pet Calendar. Calendars will go on sale in November for $8. All proceeds go directly back into the program. You can pick up a calendar at our Administrative Building at 811 Burnett Drive or contact Elaine Essay: 870-508-1771 for more information. Visit our Facebook, Instagram & Twitter page at Hospice of the Ozarks or our website: www.hospiceoftheozarks.org

Quick Facts

◊ Hospice is not about giving up, but rather focuses on the “Quality of Life,” refocused hope, comfort care, peace and dignity.
◊ Anyone can make a referral; however a physician must attest the diagnosis is a terminal illness with our staff and with a life expectancy of 6 months or less.
◊ In most cases, hospice care is provided in the patients’ home or wherever they call home. We also are the only hospice in Baxter and Marion counties to have a Hospice House.
◊ We will never turn away a patient regardless of their ability to pay.
◊ A patient’s personal physician can remain involved in their care.

The one statement we hear the most is, “ I wish I would have known about hospice sooner.” We understand that making end of life decisions are very difficult and we want you to have all the facts of what comfort care entails. We welcome your call-we are here to help. Hospice of the Ozarks 870-508-1771.

Congratulations to our newest CHPN’s (Certified Hospice & Palliative Nurse)
Sherry Marcum Jackie Reuscher Terri Sigafus

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