

Celebrating Life's Stories™

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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Hospice of Central Ohio Partners with Wexner Medical Center for End-of-Life Care

To best meet the end-of-life needs of patients, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center is creating a new 12-bed inpatient hospice unit at University Hospital that is scheduled to open fall 2018.

“A pillar of The Ohio State University’s strategic plan is to enhance patient care with an emphasis on an unparalleled patient experience,” said David McQuaid, CEO of The Ohio State University Health System and chief operating officer of Wexner Medical Center. “This new unit will ensure our patients who have a serious or life-limiting illness receive the care, support, dignity and comfort needed to have a meaningful end-of-life experience without having to leave our medical center.”

Hospice of Central Ohio will manage the inpatient hospice unit at Wexner Medical Center. It will feature 12 patient rooms offering the comforts of home. A nature motif incorporating woodgrain and natural finishes will provide a peaceful environment for patients and families. Also included is a flexible space dedicated to facilitating family gatherings. Staff will include experts in end-of-life, palliative, and bereavement care such as physicians, nurses, and social workers. Families will be able to stay with or visit their loved ones 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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Hospice of Central Ohio President and CEO Kerry Hamilton said, “This new partnership enables us to enhance and expand services to our central Ohio community and statewide, creating seamless continuity of care when patients and families most need it.”

“We’re honored to provide our world-class end-of-life care to patients at Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center,” said Kent Anderson, president and CEO of Ohio’s Hospice. “Patients and their families from across the state can expect smooth transitions of care from inpatient to home hospice when needed.”



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Not All Hospice Providers Are The Same



Kerry Hamilton, President/Chief Executive Officer at Hospice of Central Ohio

Hospice of Central Ohio was founded on the basic premise that everyone should have access to end-of-life care regardless of their ability to pay, complexity of care, or severity of need. As your community-based, not-for-profit hospice, our core values rest on a fundamental belief that the end of life is a sacred experience, to be addressed with reverence and respect for human dignity.

I have worked for and understand both of these values. I do not subscribe to the belief that just because a hospice is not-for-profit that it automatically provides extraordinary care and services. It isn't your tax status that makes you better, it is how you provide services, pursue quality care, and give support to your community that makes the difference. On those counts, our mission stands in dramatic contrast with the goals of for-profit hospice providers.

One for-profit provider that receives 90% of its revenue from the Medicare and Medicaid programs summed it up succinctly: "Profitability is therefore largely dependent upon [the company's] ability to manage the costs of providing hospice services to patients." There is evidence to suggest that "managing costs" translates into offering minimal bereavement support, selectively choosing patients who require less staff to provide care, and limiting services to only those required for Medicare approval.

Compare those standards with the services provided by Hospice of Central Ohio, where bereavement care is extended to the entire community at no cost, regardless of whether hospice services have been used. As an open-access hospice, we provide care to all patients without considering complexity of care. We extend our services to include complementary and holistic support with the belief that every form of comfort should be available to our patients and our community.

I want families to understand that not all hospice providers are the same. We are proud to highlight the distinctive differences between Hospice of Central Ohio and our for-profit competitors. We always welcome questions about our care and invite conversations about how Hospice of Central Ohio serves our community.

Thank you for your continued support.



Celebrating Life's Moments



Stacy Geller, Vice President of Philanthropic Development, Foundation for Hospice of Central Ohio

Serving at Hospice of Central Ohio has taught me to celebrate every moment in life, large and small, as we don't know how many moments we have left. Knowing this, I celebrate each milestone with renewed appreciation.

We also take time to honor the anniversaries of somber times. Relishing the happy moments while remembering the sad provides a chance to honor the memory of loved ones who have touched our lives.

The fall season is not only a chance to reflect on important moments in life but also a time to look forward. Whether that means planning for the year ahead, your family's future, or your legacy, consider your charitable plans as well.

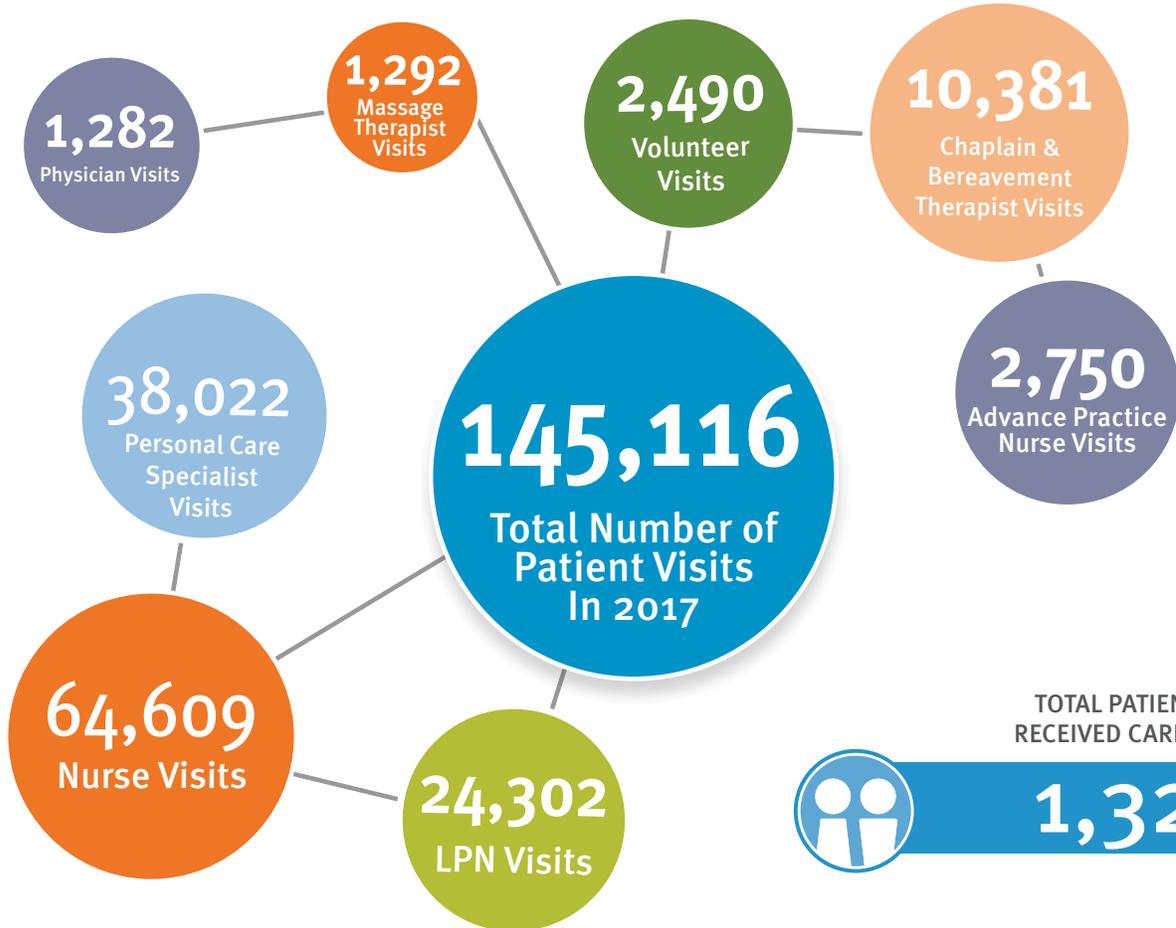
When you make your annual gift, year after year, you are partnering with Hospice of Central Ohio in a very special way. You are carrying out our mission to provide superior care and superior service to all who need it.

Annual gifts can be made in one payment, or we can accept your commitment as a monthly pledge to ease the burden on your checkbook while amplifying the impact of your gift! To make your annual donation or to learn more about the impact your donation can make, contact me at the Foundation office at 740.788.1488.

Hospice of Central Ohio- By the Numbers

Hospice of Central Ohio is touching more lives in the communities we serve than ever before. We are proud that our commitment to superior care and superior services is reflected in the positive feedback that patient families provide. Here are some numbers that demonstrate how patients and families were served by our staff in 2017. We are grateful for the opportunities we have to celebrate life with those we have the privilege to serve.

2017 PATIENT VISITS



TOTAL PATIENTS WHO RECEIVED CARE IN 2017



1,326

HOURS OF PATIENT CARE



148,038

ACTUAL CLINICAL AND SERVICE MILES



746,075



Save the Dates



Ladies' Nite Out

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
Wilson's Garden Center
Newark, OH | 6:00 pm–9:00 pm



Keys of Life

Fun Pianos! by 176 Keys

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018
Bryn du Fieldhouse
Granville, OH | 6:00 pm–10:00 pm



Light Up a Life

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 24, 2018
Wilson's Garden Center
Newark, OH | 5:00 pm

Save the date! Don't miss out on all the ways you can help support our mission.

HospiceofCentralOhio.org/Events

Join us for Keys of Life!

Tickets now on sale for Keys of Life on Friday, November 9 at the Bryn du Field House in Granville. The event will feature Dueling Pianos with Fun Pianos! by 176 Keys. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at www.HospiceofCentralOhio.org/KeysofLife2018.

Thank you to the sponsors of this new, unique dueling pianos event!

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Thank you to all of the sponsors and golfers that made our 2018 Golf Outing a great success!

Please save the date for the 2019 event – **June 14, 2019!**

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Hospice of Central Ohio has served the community since 1982. Send suggestions and comments to Peggy Streyby at PStreyby@HospiceofCentralOhio.org. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please call us at 740.788.1503.

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