

# Celebrating Life's Stories<sup>®</sup>

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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## Personal Fundraising Can Have Major Impact

Social media and online fundraising have allowed individuals to take supporting a good cause into their own hands. Recently two Hospice of Central Ohio supporters did just that.

Adam and Mariah Gibbs decided to turn their grief into a holiday gift for others experiencing loss. Adam's brother Michael was a hospice patient who died in 2018 from ALS. "Hospice was a wonderful resource for us," Mariah wrote on her Facebook page. "The center had toys for our children to play with so that we didn't have to leave Michael's side. It also provided us with a caring and loving environment for Michael and our family. The nurses, staff and volunteers are HEROES."

As the holidays approached, the Gibbs family collected school supplies and musical instruments for the bereavement programs available through Hospice of Central Ohio, particularly the week-long kids' grief camp, Camp HOCO. They invited others to donate so that each child attending camp in June would receive a pencil case filled with supplies they would need for the school year. Donations poured in and were presented to Hospice of Central Ohio this past December.

When Camp HOCO begins this summer, the children will benefit from grief counseling, peer support and music therapy. Campers also will receive the heartfelt gifts from those who donated throughout the holiday season. The children will be able to express their emotions in a safe environment and create art and beautiful music under the warm summer sun.

Bryn Bird also raised funds to support Hospice of Central Ohio

after she was personally touched by the services available. On Bryn's 34th birthday in 2018 she moved her mother, Ann Bird, into the Selma Markowitz Inpatient Care Center. In spite of the circumstances, Ann insisted they celebrate Bryn's day. The rest of the family quickly pulled together a birthday celebration at the inpatient care unit. Ann helped Bryn blow out her birthday candles one last time. She passed away about 36 hours later.

A year later, to commemorate Ann's passing, Bryn created a birthday fundraiser on Facebook with support going to Hospice of Central Ohio. In less than 24 hours, with the help of her Facebook friends, Bryn had raised more than \$1,000. The funds will go towards a memorial leaf engraved with Ann's name on it. The leaf will hang on the Tree of Life memorial located in the inpatient unit where Bryn, Ann and the rest of their family celebrated not so long ago.

We are so grateful for the creative and thoughtful support we receive through personal fundraisers. Share your experience with us and help support our mission!

Gibbs family donation to Camp HOCO



Bird family

# Working with OSU to Provide Superior Care and Services



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

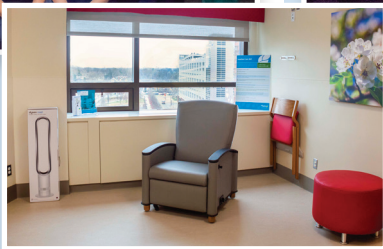
Hospice of Central Ohio is proud to be working with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center to provide end-of-life care to patients at University Hospital and The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center — Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute. Our inpatient unit includes 12 patient rooms offering the comforts of home for patients from across the state who are seeking care at the outstanding medical centers of OSU.

Our commitment to superior care and superior services and our legacy as a not-for-profit community-based hospice provider enabled us to enter this new partnership to assure seamless continuity of care for patients and families. The communities we serve will benefit from this new option for care. And because Hospice of Central Ohio is an affiliate of Ohio's Hospice, patients and families from across Ohio will be able to transition smoothly from inpatient to Ohio's Hospice home care in almost 40 counties across the state.

As always, our belief that everyone should have access to end-of-life care regardless of the complexity of their needs or their ability to pay is the foundation of this new endeavor. Working with OSU and Ohio's Hospice, we ensure that the patients and families served by Hospice of Central Ohio have a meaningful end-of-life experience and the opportunity to write the last chapter of their life.



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER**



## 2019 Volunteer Training

Volunteers are vital to our mission. There are several sessions that run throughout the year at a variety of locations. Please consider becoming a member of our Volunteer team in 2019.

Learn more about volunteering at [www.HospiceofCentralOhio.org/Volunteers](http://www.HospiceofCentralOhio.org/Volunteers).

Please contact Volunteer Services to begin the application process at 740.788.1404.

[VolunteerServices@HospiceofCentralOhio.org](mailto:VolunteerServices@HospiceofCentralOhio.org)



# Leaving a Legacy



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

For more information on charitable contributions, first consult your financial planner, then contact the Foundation for Hospice of Central Ohio at 740.788.1488.

Time moves so quickly and I can hardly believe that a fourth of the year is already gone. It seems like just yesterday I was making my New Year's resolutions. One of mine was to not procrastinate!

Benjamin Franklin's famous quote, "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today," reminds us that we shouldn't procrastinate on working on our plans. While it is common to believe that even the simplest task can be done tomorrow, at Hospice of Central Ohio, we know that tomorrow is never certain. This is why it is so important to plan for tomorrow today. As you consider your own focus for the rest of the year, I encourage you to review your charitable plans.

Recently, a gentleman whose family member was in our care made a contribution directly from his Individual Retirement Account. Many financial planners will tell you that making a charitable contribution from your IRA could provide significant tax benefits. By naming the Foundation for Hospice of Central Ohio as the beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan, or by leaving a gift to the Foundation in your will, you are leaving a legacy of support. You are helping to provide superior end-of-life care and superior service to thousands of individuals in the central Ohio community.



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## Save the Dates for Our Upcoming Events!



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OUR 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GOLF  
OUTING THAT SUPPORTS  
OUR MISSION OF  
CELEBRATING LIFE.

**The Links at Echo Springs**

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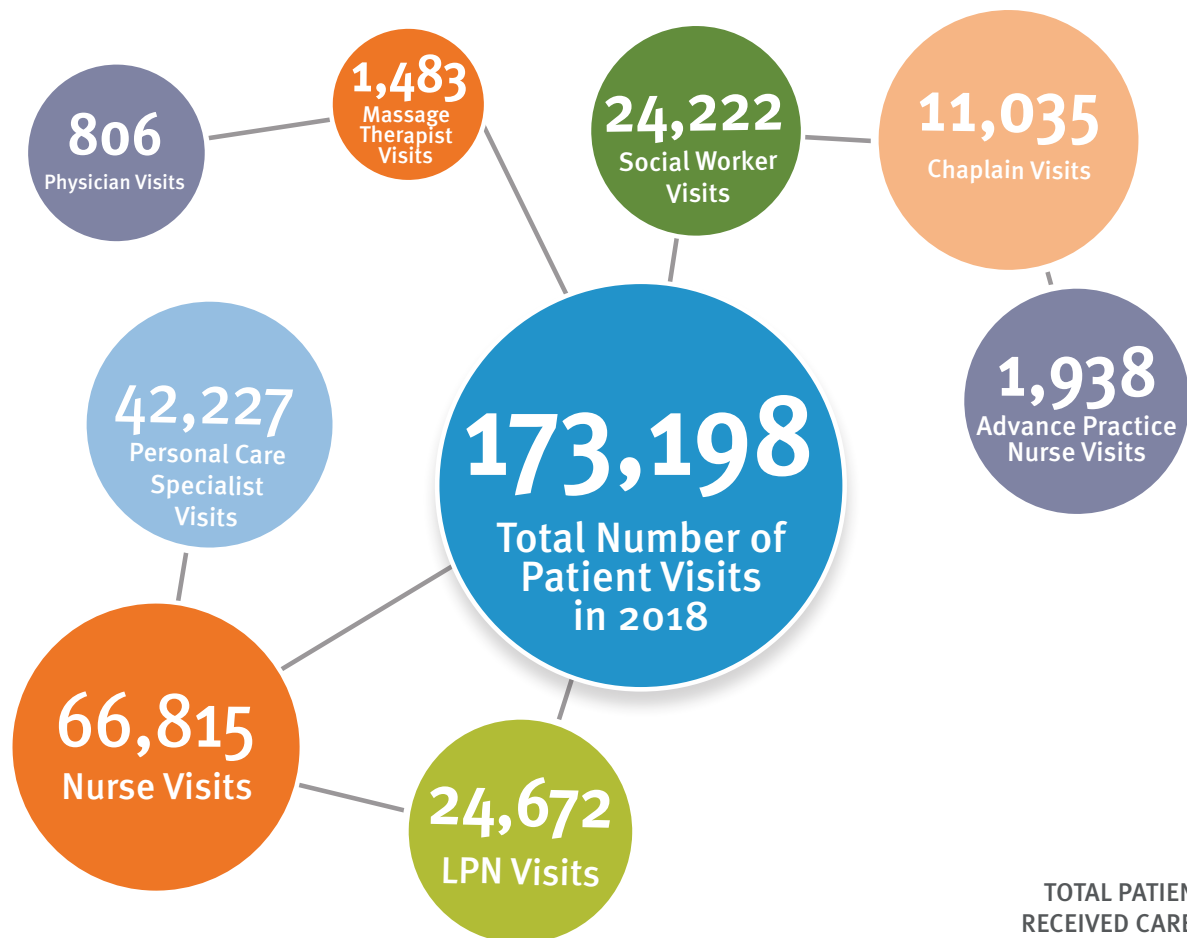
**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019**



# 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 patients' families provide. Here are some numbers that demonstrate how patients and families were served by our staff in 2018. We are grateful for the opportunities we have to celebrate life with those we have the privilege to serve.

## 2018 PATIENT VISITS



TOTAL PATIENTS WHO RECEIVED CARE IN 2018



1,484

MONEY RAISED TO SUPPORT VITAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO ENHANCE PATIENT AND FAMILY CARE



554,473

