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## Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio Receives \$14,000 Gift from Senior Class of Denison University and Alumnus

**Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio is honored and privileged to be selected as one of seven local nonprofit organizations that each received a \$14,000 gift from Denison University's senior class of 2021.** Jonathan Silverstein, a 1989 graduate of Denison University, and his wife, Natalie, gave \$100,000 to the senior class and asked the students to donate the gift to local nonprofit agencies.

"We are thrilled to be among the distinguished group of local, nonprofit organizations in our community that have received this kind and thoughtful gift," said Stacy Geller, vice president of philanthropic development at Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio. "We are grateful for such generous support."

Donations to Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio support Pathways of Hope<sup>SM</sup>, a service that provides grief support to family members and the community; palliative care, a service that focuses on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of serious illness; complementary therapies including art support, massage therapy, Music & Memory®, scented comforts, and Urban Zen Integrative Therapy; uninsured care; and quality-of-life needs.

Liz Adamshick, manager of volunteer services at Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio, has worked closely with Denison University to cultivate volunteers and interns for the not-for-profit organization. "When we learned we had been selected as one of seven Licking County organizations to receive this generous donation, we were both humbled and delighted," Adamshick said. "This gift will allow us to continue providing the

compassionate and patient-centered services that mean the most to our patients and families, touching their lives with the comfort and peace they seek."

Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio is grateful to Denison University for its support throughout the years and, most recently, for the generous donation from the class of 2021 and the Silverstein family.

"We're thankful to the Denison University senior class and the Silversteins for their support of our mission," Adamshick said. "Because of support from the community and community members like Denison University, Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio continues to provide superior care and superior services to our patients and families."

Christin Gallant, administrative assistant with Volunteer Services at Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio, accepted the check from Denison University.



# Together, We Go Far



Stacy Geller  
Vice President of  
Philanthropic Development  
Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio

**Recently I read a proverb: “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”** This phrase feels especially timely as we share the news of the next chapter of care and philanthropy in our beautiful community. I am honored to announce the launch of the Ohio's Hospice Foundation.

Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio was formed almost 40 years ago to establish our mission of providing superior care and superior services to the patients and families we are privileged to serve. Now, as Ohioans age, an increasing number of people are facing the end of life, while managing more than one complex illness. Our leadership considered what the future might hold, and it became increasingly clear that in order to provide superior care to more of our friends, family and neighbors, we needed to go together.

Hospice of Central Ohio affiliated with Ohio's Hospice in 2015 extending services across the state. Since then, new affiliates have joined the shared mission. Today, the Ohio's Hospice network of local affiliates provides superior care and superior services in 44 counties and cares for more than 11,000 patients each year. We are pleased to present the Ohio's Hospice Foundation as a part of Ohio's Hospice to continue to support our mission across the state.

Through the Ohio's Hospice Foundation, we will be able to expand our outreach and ensure superior care and superior services to anyone in our community. In addition, the Ohio's Hospice Foundation will allow us to lower our operating costs and increase efficiencies, so more of the dollars you donate stay local and support the patients and families we are privileged to serve.

When you make a gift to Ohio's Hospice Foundation, your contribution can be designated to stay within and support our local community. Your gift will continue to benefit your friends and neighbors in our community who are in need of world-class care and services.

Your gifts make it possible to support and deliver ever-increasing levels of bereavement and grief support services and complementary therapies such as art, massage and music therapy. Donor dollars also make it possible for us to provide care and emergency assistance with items such as food, clothing and shelter for patients and their families in their time of need. Also, your gifts help to support volunteer efforts.

Your generosity makes it possible for our dedicated care teams to provide more comprehensive, individualized care. Your support also provides families access to the support they need for the road ahead.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission. With your help, together, we go far. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [Stacy@HospiceofCentralOhio.org](mailto:Stacy@HospiceofCentralOhio.org) or 740.788.1488.

## Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio Board of Directors

**We are thankful for the service of each of these board members and their commitment to furthering and upholding the mission of Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio.**

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# Nurse Crochets Caring Critters for Children



**When Keri Shuman, BSN, RN, CHPN, saw the work of a fellow needleworker on social media making adorable, crocheted critters, she knew she wanted to create something similar for the families of hospice patients.**

At the time, Shuman was a home care nurse at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare, an affiliate of Ohio's Hospice. She began crocheting the critters, which she later named caring critters, for Camp Waves of Emotion, a bereavement camp for children at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare.

"My teammates helped by adopting each critter, naming it, and writing a little personality profile," Shuman said. "It was a true outpouring of love and support for the project."

In November 2020, after three years with Ohio's Hospice LifeCare, Shuman and her family moved to the Columbus area, where Shuman joined Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio as a nurse at its inpatient care center at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

"When I came to the inpatient care center, I noticed a lot of the patient visitors were younger," she said. "I worked with my team and started making caring critters to have them available for children who come in to visit their loved ones."

The caring critters are a welcome surprise to many young children who are facing difficult situations while their loved ones are being cared for in the inpatient care center. The critters offer something to briefly take their mind off the situation. They provide the children with something to hold and play with while they visit with their families. Children can select a caring critter from the available profiles and formally adopt a critter to keep forever.

Thanks to a \$600 grant from Park National Bank, Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio was able to create a catalogue of the critters available for adoption. The caring critters have brought a lot of joy to children. Shuman recalled one child holding the critter at arm's length at first. The child looked at it, and then hugged the critter so tight with a look of pure joy.

"What started as a small project at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare has blossomed into a wonderful ongoing program with the support of Park National Bank and Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio," Shuman said. "I appreciate all of the volunteers and staff who have supported this idea since the start."

For more information about how you can support our mission, please call Stacy Geller at 740.788.1488.

[www.HospiceofCentralOhio.org/Donate/Donate-Now](http://www.HospiceofCentralOhio.org/Donate/Donate-Now)

# Celebrating 40 Years in 2022

**Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio is pleased to share that we will be celebrating 40 years of providing superior care and superior services to patients and families across the central Ohio region in 2022.**

The not-for-profit organization was founded in 1982 by nine volunteers providing in-home hospice care.

Since its founding, Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio has provided a holistic, community-based approach to hospice care. With locations in Newark, Columbus, Lancaster and Zanesville, the not-for-profit organization serves nine counties in central Ohio and is dedicated to supporting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and families facing life-limiting illnesses. In addition, two inpatient care centers at Licking Memorial Hospital and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center are available for symptom management.

The mission of Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio is to celebrate the lives of those we have the privilege of serving by providing superior care and superior services to each patient and family.

Through generous community support for nearly 40 years, Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio has been able to fulfill our mission and provide care to anyone in the community, regardless of their ability to pay.

We're planning to kick off our 40th anniversary with our Keys of Life event on Feb. 25, 2022. Depending on the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope to hold an in-person event. Stay tuned for more information.

To learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Renee Sparks at 740.788.1400.

## Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio Holds Annual Golf Outing

**Thank you to all who attended the 24th Annual Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio Golf Outing on June 18 at The Links at Echo Springs in Johnstown, Ohio.** Proceeds from the event support our mission of providing superior care and superior services for those we have the privilege to serve. The outing raised \$30,000 for patient care and services.

More than 80 golfers participated in the outing. Throughout the day, golfers participated in several opportunities to support the organization through contests and raffles. Golfers played Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, and Longest Putt. After play, golfers enjoyed a delicious lunch and awards. We thank everyone who participated in this year's golf outing. We also are thankful to our generous donors and sponsors for their support of Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio.

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**Save the Date!** Next year's golf outing will be on June 17, 2022.

Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio has served the community since 1982. Send suggestions and comments to Stacy Geller at [Stacy@HospiceofCentralOhio.org](mailto:Stacy@HospiceofCentralOhio.org). If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please call us at 740.788.1503.

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