Celebrating life's Stories

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio Expands Children's Grief Support Services Through Camp HOCO at Home Boxes

To provide greater access to grief support for children experiencing the loss of a loved one, Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio has expanded

its children's grief support services with Camp HOCO at Home, an innovative kit to participate in camp at home. The Camp HOCO at Home boxes allow Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio to provide grief support services to children throughout the year.

Traditionally, Camp HOCO has been an in-person grief camp held annually each summer for children who have experienced the loss of a loved one. In June, Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio hosted its 25th annual Camp HOCO, where children, ages 6-12, participated in arts and crafts, hiking, and music, in addition to grief support activities, to learn how to manage their grief.

Alongside the in-person camp offering, Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio is now offering Camp HOCO at Home boxes with the support of an anonymous donation of \$15,000. Through this innovative offering, Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio has more than doubled the number of children it has supported in previous years.

"We're so grateful for this donor's generous gift which enabled us to provide grief support to children who had lost a loved one. This initial gift provided materials needed to create 200 boxes," said Stacy

Geller, vice president of philanthropic development at Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio. "We continue to seek funding so that Camp HOCO at Home remains available to anyone seeking support."

The Camp HOCO at Home boxes allow Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio to provide care to children year-round, without the challenges of summer schedules and transportation across the service area.

"For some children, their loss is only a few weeks or months before camp, and it feels too soon to attend," said Maria Johnson, manager of patient and family support services at Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio. "Children may feel increased grief around birthdays, holidays, or anniversaries. The box allows them to work on their grief in a home setting."

Camp HOCO at Home boxes are available, free of charge. For more information, contact Maria Johnson at MJohnson@HospiceofCentralOhio.org or call 740.788.1474.



To learn more about how you can help support Camp HOCO at Home or our grief support services, please contact Stacy Geller at Stacy@HospiceofCentralOhio.org or 740.788.1488.

Time, Talent and Treasure



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

In the world of giving, we often speak of the Three T's: time, talent and treasure. You can support the mission of Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio with your time — attending our annual Keys of Life event, liking our posts on social media, or reading our newsletter.

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Hospice of Central Ohio also may offer their talent by volunteering for a task that best fits their skill set or passion, including helping with office administrative work, stitching comfort quilts, or reading to a patient at their bedside. In addition, you can support the mission with your treasure: making a donation.

A treasure or donation can be made in many different ways. You can make a one-time gift in memory of a loved one or a monthly donation. There are other unique ways to contribute your treasure to our mission. One way is to donate directly to Ohio's

Hospice of Central Ohio from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Once you reach 70 ½ years of age, you may distribute up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA directly to a charity and not be taxed on the distribution. If you do not itemize deductions on your tax return, this strategy is particularly efficient.

If you have questions about making a charitable distribution from your IRA, please consult with your financial advisor. Your advisor may want to meet by phone or in person with a representative from Ohio's Hospice

of Central Ohio, and I welcome that opportunity.
Please feel free to contact me
at 740.788.1488.

Thank you for contributing your time, talent, and treasure to Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio and thank you for exploring the possibilities of how your gifts can impact the lives of many patients and loved ones in the future.



Celebrating Life's Stories for 40 Years

1981

Selma Markowitz and Kathleen Brown, co-founders, begin plans to bring the hospice care concept to Licking County. 1982

The first board meeting is held, and Hospice Service of Licking County is created.

1993

Celebrated by serving our 800th patient.

1995

Name is changed to Hospice of Central Ohio.

1997

The seven-bed inpatient care center, The Selma Markowitz Care Center, opens at Licking Memorial Hospital.

Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio Celebrates Loved Ones at Our Inaugural Butterfly Release Ceremony



Thank you to everyone who came out to support our first Celebrating Life's Stories® Butterfly Release on August 13 at the Davis-Shai House in Heath, Ohio. More than 400 butterflies were released into the air, each in memory of a loved one. Net proceeds from the Butterfly Release benefit Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio patient care and services. We are grateful to our generous sponsors for their support of our mission.

Presenting Sponsors:

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Support Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio Through Monthly Giving

Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio was established 40 years ago because a group of volunteers believed our community deserved superior end-of-life care.

Now, more than ever, we need your support as we continue to nurture and care for individuals facing lifelimiting illnesses.

Monthly donations made by community members provide ongoing support to sustain our mission. Through this giving option, members donate monthly, rather than annually, spreading their generosity over the course of a year and creating a continuous impact on our programming and patient services.

In celebration of our 40 years serving the community, would you consider donating the following?

\$19.82 a month – to celebrate our founding year

\$198.20 annually — with a donation of around \$16.50 per month

\$1,982.00 annually – with a donation of \$165 per month

Your monthly donation will be put to immediate use towards services that Medicare does not cover, such as art, music and occupational therapy and other donorfunded programs.

For more information about joining our community of monthly donors, please visit: www.HospiceofCentralOhio.org/Monthly-Giving/

1997

The first bereavement camp, Camp HOCO, is held for the first time for children, ages 6-12. 2003

The Hospice of Central
Ohio Foundation is created,
raising funds to provide
complementary support
services to patients and their
families at no cost.

2010

Hospice of Central Ohio celebrates serving its 10,000th patient.

2016

Hospice of Central Ohio joins Ohio's Hospice strategic partnership and becomes Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio. 2022

Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Celebrate the Eighties With Our Signature Event Keys of Life



ENJOY AN ADULT EVENING OF MUSIC, BEVERAGES, FOOD, RAFFLES AND SINGALONGS.



REGISTER NOW!

When:

Friday, November 18, 2022 Doors Open: 5:30 pm Entertainment begins: 7:30 pm

Where:

Bryn Du Field House 537 Jones Rd., Granville, OH 43023

Cost:

\$50 per person Drink tickets are \$5 each.

To register, please visit: www.HospiceofCentralOhio.org/Keys2022



Help us celebrate Ohio's Hospice of Central Ohio's founding in 1982 by dusting off your finest acid-wash jeans, bringing out the Miami Vice jackets, leg warmers, and scrunchies! Registration is open now. We hope to see you there!





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