



## Making dreams come true



Hospice of Michigan staff know how important quality of life is for their patients and how individualized it is. This story of patient Etta Lynn Beck is just one example of providing quality of life at end of life.

John Lane met Etta Lynn more than 23 years ago. In the early 90s, Etta Lynn was John's manager at an Admiral gas station. The two lost touch for a while, but would occasionally run into each other around town. "I'd see her, we'd say hi to each other and then we'd be on our way," said John.

One Friday evening, after a chance meeting, John persuaded Etta Lynn to go to dinner and a movie. According to John, their relationship was fated. "It just seemed to happen, he recalled. "It all fell together that night."

During their time apart, Etta Lynn had been diagnosed with breast cancer and was hesitant to start a new relationship, but John was steadfast. "She didn't think it would be too good of an idea to start with," said John. "She told me to run. I just kind of stayed."

The two were together from that day forward. While they both wanted to get married, it didn't seem feasible. "We've talked about it many times, about getting married

and being together," said John. "But we didn't see how it could happen. They would have cut her benefits and finances would have been real hard."

Recently, Etta Lynn was diagnosed with stage-four lung cancer. She decided to stop chemotherapy and was referred to Hospice of Michigan with a prognosis of two to six months to live.

When she became severely ill two months after she started hospice care, her care team and loved ones were not sure she would live to see her last wish—to marry John—come true. The wedding was just two weeks away, and her health continued to decline for days.

When Etta Lynn's dress arrived just days before the ceremony, her nurse helped her try it on. It was a bittersweet moment for John when Etta Lynn could barely lift her head to arrange the veil. The couple had to hold their wedding rehearsal in the bedroom of their room at the Paris Motel so Etta Lynn could remain in her bed. Hospice of Michigan Chaplain Walter Ross shortened the vows so Etta Lynn could respond with a simple "I do."

Despite the uncertainty, Melody Walker—Etta Lynn's Hospice of Michigan nurse — continued to work to make the wedding happen.

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# A Message from Bob: Hospice of Michigan selected to participate in the Medicare Care Choices Model



Bob Cahill, President and CEO

Hospice of Michigan’s legacy of innovation was recently validated by our selection to participate in the Medicare Care Choices Model (MCCM). The announcement, made by Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell, came after an exhaustive grant application process that garnered interest from hospice organizations across the country.

Hospice of Michigan was one of more than 140 hospice organizations across

the country—and one of five in Michigan—selected to participate in this two-phased demonstration model that launches on January 1, 2016. The announcement is part of a larger effort to transform America’s health care system to deliver better care, spending dollars in a smarter way and putting patients in the center of their care.

For years, seriously ill Americans have had to choose between

supportive services of hospice care or curative treatments, as the Medicare hospice benefit would require patients to stop curative treatments. This model provides hospice-eligible Medicare beneficiaries the option to elect to concurrently receive 24/7 access to comfort care and symptom management alongside curative treatments.

Hospice of Michigan’s participation in the MCCM will expand on the framework currently used in its *At Home Choices* program which utilizes a nurse case

management collaborative approach between the patient and their current medical team to optimize treatment and pain and other symptom control.

With a focus on shared decision making, coordination of care, and case management, the MCCM will help patients and families manage transitions in care and ensure the effective use of resources to help manage pain and symptoms, as well as psychosocial support as needed.

Patients and families will also have access to HOM’s 24/7 Telesupport Center for round the clock support.

We’re honored to have been selected to contribute to this nationwide model that provides another opportunity to build on Hospice of Michigan’s legacy to be at the forefront of innovation for end-of-life care. We look forward to sharing our knowledge and expertise with other hospice providers and with CMS through this model.

Thank you,

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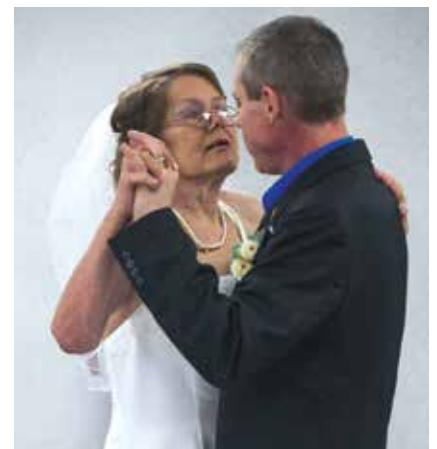
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## Wedding (cont. from page 1)

Her hard work paid off. On the wedding day, Etta Lynn came full circle. She was awake, walking and talking in a recovery that amazed her nurse and the other staff at Hospice of Michigan. With the strength she regained, she and John married in a ceremony held at the Hospice of Michigan office in Big Rapids.

Their special day was made even more special thanks to the generosity of friends and Hospice of Michigan staff and volunteers who donated gifts, invitations, decorations, DJ services, a shawl and jewelry for the bride, and a suit for John. Several local businesses generously donated goods and services to complete

the celebration. They include Connie’s Bridal, Patterson’s Flowers, Aspire Photography, JC Penney, Rogers Jewelers and Goodwill Industries.



John and Etta Lynn share a dance that few had thought would be possible days before the wedding.

# Take me out to the ballgame

**D**etroit Tiger fan, 91-year-old Maxine Shaw never had the opportunity to attend a Major League baseball game. As a devoted fan, listening to games on the radio or watching them on TV, she always wanted to be in the stands cheering on her Tigers...and maybe even catch a foul ball!

Working with Maxine's care team, her granddaughter, Rio, was determined to fulfill her Grandma's wish. Thanks to the generous ticket donation from Hospice of Michigan Ambassador Dorothy Burrell, Maxine and Rio were able to attend a game when the Houston Astros were in town.

While the Tigers lost, and a little rain shortened their experience, Maxine's first game was fantastic! She loved being around all the people in the stands and enjoyed the attention she received. Of course, she had to try a Ball Park Frank®, which she deemed "delicious!"

We're so pleased to have helped Maxine fulfill this truly American dream and create a lasting memory for her family.



Maxine Shaw and her granddaughter, Rio, at Comerica Park. Maxine's sign says, "First Tigers Game at 91 Years Old!"

Make your gift to Hospice of Michigan at [www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org), or call 800.669.9335

## The Jewish Fund provides grant for caregiver workshops

Hospice of Michigan has received a three-year \$126,000 grant from The Jewish Fund to develop a series of education and support workshops for family caregivers of hospice patients and chronically ill adults and children.

The workshop series is expected to begin in the spring of 2016 and will be offered to families of patients in south-eastern Michigan who are currently receiving hospice and palliative care. Course content will be developed and presented by Hospice of Michigan along with medical and other specialists from the Detroit Medical Center.



Michael Paletta, MD

"As our population ages, the demand for caregivers is increasing—as is the demand placed on caregivers," said Dr. Michael Paletta, executive director of the Hospice of Michigan Institute, which secured the grant. "Through the generous grant made by The Jewish Fund, we can offer caregivers the enhanced training they need to

provide effective care and utilize available health care resources."

## Grief support services available in your community

If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, Hospice of Michigan is there to help. Our grief support groups provide a safe and supportive environment for participants to express their feelings and better understand the grief process. These services are offered at no charge to any member of our community mourning the loss of a loved one.

Programs offered throughout Michigan's Lower Peninsula include:

- **Living On:** An ongoing group where grief and loss topics are addressed as they arise, depending upon the interests of those attending the group.
- **Journey Through Grief:** A series of three weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief.
- **Hope for the Holidays:** A free community-outreach program that offers suggestions on how to cope with the loss of a loved one during the holiday season.

For more information regarding Hospice of Michigan's grief support programs or to register, please visit our website, [www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org), and follow the grief support link.

# Volunteers with pet companions

The health benefits of pet ownership are well established, including boosting one's immune system, decreasing feelings of anxiety and increasing verbal and non-verbal communication. Hospice of Michigan is looking to expand its volunteer pet companion program in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties to help provide comfort to patients.

"Many patients used to have pets, but now that they can no longer care for one, interacting with a dog, cat or even a bunny fills a void for them," said Alana Knoppow, Hospice of Michigan volunteer program coordinator. "Animals help patients engage with others and offer an opportunity for volunteers to build a relationship with the patient."

According to Knoppow, companion pets don't need to be certified as therapy animals. But they must be at least one year old and current on vaccinations. The pets are first "interviewed" by someone from Hospice of Michigan to ensure the animal has a suitable temperament for interacting with strangers. All pets must be accompanied by a volunteer who has completed Hospice of Michigan's orientation program.



*Betsy Appleton enjoys some floor time with Liza.*

Volunteer Betsy Appleton and her cock-a-poo, Liza, have been visiting with patients for four years. "Our trips to an assisted living facility or nursing home often turn into community visits when other residents come

around to visit with Liza," Appleton said. "The group interaction not only gives the patient and residents an opportunity to visit with Liza, but inspires people to talk and interact. This interaction continues even after I leave."

To learn more about the pet companion program in southeastern Michigan, contact Alana Knoppow at 248.303.6818 or [aknoppow@hom.org](mailto:aknoppow@hom.org).

# Hospice Ambassadors provide much-needed supplies



*Members of LINKS and Delta Sigma Theta. Dr. Reid is at the far right of the picture. Mrs. Burrell is in the center, (white blouse).*

While job-shadowing a hospice aide, Hospice of Michigan's Director of Planned Giving, Stephanie Le, learned of the widespread need for basic toiletry items for patients to maintain proper hygiene. Recalling the assortment of travel-size toiletries that she had in her home, Stephanie instantly knew there was a much better purpose for them.

Connecting with Hospice of Michigan Ambassadors Michele Reid, MD, and Dorothy Burrell, they teamed up to spearhead an initiative to collect travel-size toiletries. Reaching out to organizations they are affiliated with — **LINKS, Inc. Great Lakes Chapter** (Dr. Reid) and **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Detroit Alumnae Chapter** (Mrs. Burrell) — they presented several large boxes of

personal products for Hospice of Michigan patients to Detroit Team Medical Director Terri Mack, MD.

"Many of our field staff are known to spend their own money to purchase these items for their patients' care. We are deeply grateful for Hospice of Michigan ambassadors like Dr. Reid and Dorothy Burrell," said Dr. Mack.

Understanding the ongoing need for these products, Le also shared her experience with **Cooper Standard**, who has supported Hospice of Michigan generously in the past. Through Cooper Standard's Community Partners program, employees rallied to the cause.

"Cooper Standard is dedicated to being a good community partner. Our employees are the backbone of this commitment to giving back and supporting our local communities," said Corporate Communications/Community Relations Vice President Sharon Wenzl. "We were pleased to be able to help Hospice of Michigan in such a personal way."

If you would like to donate travel-size toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, wipes, lotion, talc, toothpaste, etc.), send them to Stephanie Le, Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201.



*Cooper Standard's Sharon Wenzl, left, with Stephanie Le.*

# The ultimate tribute: leaving a legacy

This summer, Hospice of Michigan was honored to be the beneficiary of a \$100,000 estate gift from William and Marjorie Connor. With no children of their own, this extraordinary gift was left in tribute to Sue Bowler, the wife of their nephew, with whom they had developed a close and loving relationship.

Sue was a strong advocate of hospice care, actively participating in the Women's Committee for Hospice Care, an organization that supported several hospices (including Hospice of Michigan) throughout Southeastern Michigan in the 1990s and early 2000s.

When William's health declined in 2006, Sue recommended Hospice of Michigan. Due to the high quality, compassionate care the Connors received and Sue's passion for hospice care, Marjorie was inspired to include Hospice of Michigan in their estate plans. Upon Sue's untimely death, Marjorie made one final adjustment to their estate—amending the gift to pay tribute to Sue's legacy of support for hospice care.

Estate gifts, like the Connor's, are a powerful way to fulfill our mission of serving all who need our care regardless of their age, diagnosis or ability to pay. A gift of this size can make a significant impact on the communities we serve, providing 740 days of comfort care, medication and bedside visits to patients without insurance.

To learn more about how you can make an estate gift, contact Stephanie Le at (248) 346-4253 or at sle@hom.org.



Sue Bowler  
1/7/1943 – 8/20/2014



Marjorie Connor  
4/7/18 – 11/21/2014

*While Sue never learned of the legacy gift Marjorie left in her honor, Sue's husband Lauren knows that she would have been very pleased that her passionate work in hospice care is benefiting so many people.*

## June B. Hamersma Planned Giving Society

*The June B. Hamersma Society recognizes individuals who have named Hospice of Michigan as a beneficiary in their estate plans, trusts or will. These individuals share in June's vision and passion of leaving a legacy for the future of Hospice of Michigan. For information about the Society, call Stephanie Le, director of planned giving, at (248) 346-4253.*

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Two important sources of donations to Hospice of Michigan are contributions to the United Way (UW) by individuals at their place of employment, and through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) which collects donations from employees of federal agencies like the US Postal Service, the Social Security Administration and the military.

Each year, Hospice of Michigan receives approximately \$60,000 in gifts through UW and the CFC. Employees participating in these programs designate the non-profit organizations they wish to support.

If you, a friend or family member work for an organization that gives through UW or are federal employees contribut-

ing through the CFC, please consider designating Hospice of Michigan as your charity of choice when you make your annual gift, and ask for the designation forms. You can help even more by spreading this message to your family members and friends.

Hospice of Michigan is included not only in the local section of the Southeastern Michigan Area Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Charity List but also in the online "Universal Giving" list available to Federal employees throughout the United States and overseas. The CFC code that donors need to designate their contributions to Hospice of Michigan is 69913.

UW and CFC donors generally make their gifts through payroll deduction. These donations add up to significant contributions that we use to help pay for care to uninsured and underinsured patients throughout the state.

Thank you for being an ambassador for Hospice of Michigan!

## An artist reemerges, thanks to Quality of Life Fund

Hospice of Michigan Social Worker Linda Van Portfliet is used to helping people cope with sadness. Often there aren't easy answers.

Hospice patient Amy Mahoney was struggling to overcome her sadness when Linda made a home visit. As they talked, Linda remarked about the beautiful art around the room and learned that it was Amy's work. Deaf since birth, Amy found art to be a great creative outlet as well as an alternate way to express herself. Linda encouraged Amy to use her talents as a means to break through the sadness she was feeling.

Then Linda remembered Hospice of Michigan's Quality of Life Fund.

The Quality of Life Fund was established to address some of the unmet needs of patients and families. Sometimes it is used to pay utility bills so service can be restored. Often the fund is used to buy food or clothing for patients and their caregivers. Such basic necessities can have an immeasurable impact on a patient's quality of life, but they aren't covered by insurance or other resources.

Linda applied for funds to purchase art supplies for Amy and her request was approved. Coupons and shopping list in hand, Linda visited her local craft store.

Amy was delighted when Linda came back loaded with brushes, canvases and paints.

It is solely through the gifts of kindhearted donors that Hospice of Michigan is able to meet the needs of patients like Amy through the life-enhancing Quality of Life fund.



◀ Amy Mahoney shows some of her paintings and a few of the floral barrettes she is fond of making.

# Spring memorial events bring in more than \$210,000!

Hospice of Michigan's signature spring events — **Walk & Remember** in Grand Rapids and Alpena, and **Race & Remember** in Detroit— attracted hundreds of men, women, children (and dogs!) to get up early and lace up their sneakers in support of our mission to provide quality of life for those facing end of life.

*Wet weather didn't stop Detroit's Race & Remember participants from having fun and celebrating as they crossed the finish line.*



*A good time was had by all at the Grand Rapids Walk & Remember.*



*Families came together for Alpena's second annual Walk & Remember to remember their loved ones.*



## Sharing the mission on Lake Charlevoix

Hospice of Michigan was honored to be part of an extraordinary reception on August 27th hosted by Sandy Dauch and Georgeann Lindberg. Sandy's beautiful garden, overlooking Lake Charlevoix, provided the perfect setting for more than 90 of Sandy and Georgeann's friends and family to gather and learn more about Hospice of Michigan.

Picture-perfect weather and delicious food greeted the guests as President and CEO Bob Cahill and Chief Medical Officer Michael Paletta, MD, described the services Hospice of Michigan offers throughout the state.

A special thanks to Sandy and Georgeann for providing this opportunity to share our mission with their friends and families.

◀ *Sandy Dauch, left and Georgeann Lindberg.*



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## National Hospice and Palliative Care Month



Hospice care combines the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that families need most when facing the end of life. During the month of November, Hospice of Michigan will be working to raise awareness about hospice and palliative care in the communities we serve and beyond.

If you wish to remove your name from future fundraising solicitations, please contact the Donation Processing Center, 800-669-9335 or email: [info@hom.org](mailto:info@hom.org).

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