



Jo Elyn Nyman

Programs for Children



R.W. Considine Foundation



Anchors Pilots Technology to Support Young Patients

Jo Elyn Nyman Anchors Programs for Children is piloting a new technology to better serve young patients and their families by providing the latest telemedicine equipment in the industry.

In partnership with the Robert W. Considine Foundation, Anchors will introduce in-home JEMS TeleHealth equipment—the first of its kind telemedicine system that offers a secure, mobile, reliable, and affordable solution for Anchors doctors to stay connected with their patients.

JEMS will bring a child's doctor virtually into their home—allowing the child to receive important medical contact without having to leave the comfort and familiarity of their home environment. The benefits of this “in-home” interaction reduces the child's fear and anxiety, diminishes family expenses of travel or taking

time off work, and increases medical access to the doctor.

“This technology provides the ability to converse face-to-face in real time with the patient's doctor, and eventually with members of their entire care team. This will allow families to respond to acute illness, avoid unnecessary trips to the emergency room, and have immediate access to their doctor,” said Dr. Michael Paletta, Vice President, Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer for Hospice of Michigan.

For example, children with neuro-degenerative diseases and movement disorders require additional medical needs such as specialized transportation for a family to get them to and from their appointments. These children also need to bring along with them their ventilators, personal medical devices and specialized equipment

THE ANCHORS PROGRAMS PILOTING THE JEMS TECHNOLOGY INCLUDE:

- The James B. Fahner, MD Pediatric Hospice program, established in 1995 and named after its founder, provides patients with a dedicated, experienced team of pediatric-trained hospice care staff.
- Compass Support Services provides families with children who have a chronic and potentially life-limiting illness a wide range of support services while coping with life's day-to-day challenges.

Whether a child is served by the James B. Fahner Pediatric Hospice program or Compass Support Services, we help connect families with the resources they need to help them navigate through the unique challenges they face.

Please visit www.hom.org/anchors or call (888) 247-5704 for more information.

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Establishing A Community of Care



Bob Cahill, President and CEO

In 2016, Hospice of Michigan and Arbor Hospice forged a partnership built on reinforcing our strengths, diversifying our capabilities and sharing best practices. As legacy nonprofit hospice organizations, we share the belief that everyone in our reach deserves the best end-of-life experience possible.

Through this partnership, we now have a network of integrated programs and services which range from our core hospice programs to pediatric services, palliative care and education/training. The name of this network is the *NorthStar Care Community*.

What's in a Name?

As we researched network name options, one theme repeatedly rose to the top. This theme spoke to the essence of our mission-based work, and resonated deeply with our front-line clinical staff: We are experts in guiding patients and families to the right care at the right time for their needs and wishes.

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like a wheelchair—making transportation costs more than economically challenging for a family who is struggling financially and emotionally under these circumstances.

JEMS TeleHealth can provide much needed relief and comfort to families

Sharing this concept with our clinical staff was truly an “aha” moment; teams across the state readily identified their role as navigators of end-of-life care, committed to guiding patients and families confidently through one of the most difficult and unknown situations in life.



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This insight and validation led to the creation of the name *NorthStar Care Community*.

North Star: a symbol of reliable navigation;

Care: encompasses our growing continuum of medical services; and

Community: represents our integral relationships with our colleagues, referral sources, business partners, patients and families, as well as the community of programs and services we provide.

so they can focus on what really matters—spending quality time with their children.

This pilot is being implemented this fall for Anchors patients and their doctors. Anticipating the program's success, it will quickly be expanded

Strong Hospice Brands at the Core of the Network

While the *NorthStar Care Community* provides an underlying structure for our collective organization, our member brands will always be at the forefront in the communities we serve. Hospice of Michigan and Arbor Hospice, the foundational members of the *NorthStar Care Community*, will continue to be the brands that represent the pinnacle of community-based hospice care.

Anchors Programs for Children, which now serves families across both the Hospice of Michigan and Arbor service areas, will continue to grow, caring for our most vulnerable patients.

As we extend Arbor Palliative Care across the state, we take the opportunity to harness the value of the network brand, renaming the program *NorthStar Palliative Care*. Likewise, we will rebrand the Hospice of Michigan Institute as the *NorthStar Institute* to appropriately reflect its organization-wide impact.

In the ever-changing world of health care, the *NorthStar Care Community* represents a shining star, leading the way in expert, compassionate end-of-life care.

Warm regards,

to the entire care team—providing access 24/7 for these families.

Jo Elyn Nyman Anchors Programs for Children is funded largely through philanthropic dollars. If you would like to contribute, please visit www.hom.org/anchors or call (888) 247-5704.

Completing the Mission

During regular visits to Randy Gabrielse in his West Michigan home, Cheryl Lamport, Hospice of Michigan's spiritual care advisor, learned of his impressive list of educational achievements and community involvement.

Randy had earned a PhD in history, and had been working on earning a certificate in urban ministry. While already actively involved in the ministry throughout the city, he wanted to be more effective. Unfortunately, his disease progression had diminished his verbal abilities and he was unable to continue.

As his wife explained, Randy had completed all but one course—a course on The Reformation. This struck Lamport as ironic. She thought to herself, "If he had a PhD in history, he likely had already covered that in his studies." A few days later, she shared her thoughts with

his wife and asked permission to contact the seminary to inquire if Randy's PhD studies would cover the one course in history.

Knowing how happy it would make her husband, she said "yes." Lamport immediately emailed the academic dean at Western Theological Seminary in Holland. The dean forwarded the request to the registrar and appropriate faculty who all agreed that Randy had completed the necessary requirements for the certificate.

The seminary contacted the Gabrielse family with this wonderful news, and arranged to come to Randy's home to confer his certificate personally. On this special day, two faculty members and the dean arrived at his home and conducted a mini commencement ceremony, presenting Randy with a purple stole and his certificate. It was

a special moment that Randy was able to share with his family that they will cherish.



Presenting to Randy Gabrielse from Western Theological Seminary (L to R: Dr. Sue A. Rozeboom, Dr. Glenn Swier, and Dr. Alvin Padilla)

Uplifting Memorial Services

What does flying a kite, sailing on a tall ship, or spending a day at camp have in common? They are all unique memorial services that Hospice of Michigan offers to help the community bereaved remember their loved ones.

Let's Go Fly A Kite

Every fall, Hospice of Michigan hosts *Fly & Remember* memorial events throughout the state. Attendees are provided kites and decorating materials so they may personalize and fly their kite in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Families often bring a picnic basket and spend an afternoon sharing memories with each other.



Memories on the Manitou

Those who live in the Traverse City area have a special fondness for the Grand Traverse Bay as its waters change with each season. For the past seven years, the ship has carried Hospice of Michigan bereaved across the waters for a very special memorial service. This ritual sail is meant to offer solace, healing and companionship.

Camp Good Grief

Children ages 8-17 grieving the loss of a loved one take comfort at this special day camp that combines fun and adventure with grief education and remembrance activities. Surrounded by others who are coping with a similar loss, they learn that they aren't alone and how to remember in a healthy way.



Annually, Hospice of Michigan touches 1,400 individuals through grief support activities. All of these services are funded through philanthropy dollars. If you would like to contribute, please call (800) 669-9335.

Introducing New Caring Circle Levels

Annual giving is the foundation of Hospice of Michigan's ability to fulfill its nonprofit mission of serving all who need our care regardless of their diagnosis, age, or ability to pay. It is through the annual support of donors—whom year-after-year donate to our organization—that we are able to offer the quality, compassionate care that everyone deserves at the end of life.

Because of the generosity of annual donors, we are expanding our Caring Circle recognition levels. By reaching the next giving level, donors receive greater satisfaction from knowing they have helped more people on their end-of-life journey.

Contributions allow us to continue offering hospice and palliative care, bereavement services to adults and children, community education and outreach throughout Michigan.

The More You Give, the More Lives We Can Impact

Please give the gift of hospice care and join the Caring Circle by making cumulative annual gifts of \$1,000 or more within a calendar year (January through December). Donors will

be recognized annually—by Caring Circle level—in Hospice of Michigan's spring edition of *Connections*.

We are introducing our new Caring Circle recognition levels in time for donors to plan their year-end charitable giving and to consider making an increased gift to Hospice of Michigan this year and be recognized in the next edition of *Connections*.



Giving Level: How your generosity can enrich end-of-life care:

COMPANION | \$1,000

Can provide three months of pet therapy visits with patients, OR grief support to four individuals coping with the death of a loved one.

PARTNER | \$2,500

Can provide Camp Good Grief bereavement day camp for 30 children,

OR one week of continuous care for a pediatric patient and their family.

CHAMPION | \$5,000

Can provide one month of hospice care including medication and clinical bedside visits to one patient, OR social work care to two perinatal pediatric families whose unborn child is diagnosed with a life-limiting illness.

BENEFACTOR | \$10,000

Can provide 40 We Honor Veteran's pinning ceremonies to recognize patients who served in the armed forces, OR two months of music therapy for patients through the Lillian E. Delmar Music Program.

AMBASSADOR | \$25,000+

Can provide the creation of three caregiver videos to be added to the resource library for loved ones' access as an additional source of support and education, OR allow five patients to be weaned off from ventilation and transported from the hospital to their home.

As the Baby Boomer generation ages, hospice care is expected to increase significantly in the coming years. Please help us be prepared to reach these expanded levels of patients and families by joining the Caring Circle.

Make your gift to Hospice of Michigan at www.hom.org, or call 800.669.9335.



“Hospice is not about death. It is about making end-of-life's moments meaningful. By including Hospice of Michigan in my estate plan, it ensures that important research, education and community outreach initiatives aimed at improving end-of-life care continues, not just in Michigan, but everywhere.”

MAGGIE ALLESEE
Hospice of Michigan Foundation
Board Member & Founder, Maggie Allesee Center for Innovation



“We believe in targeting our donations in a way that will most effectively impact direct patient care. The end-of-life palliative care provided by Hospice of Michigan is that kind of compassionate and professional care. With its unique Open Access policy, they have role-modeled the way in this country. This is only one of the many important reasons we have included Hospice of Michigan in our estate plans.”

JUNE B. HAMERSMA
Founder, Hospice of Michigan Foundation

June B. Hamersma Planned Giving Society

The June B. Hamersma Planned Giving Society recognizes individuals who have named Hospice of Michigan as a beneficiary in their estate plans, trusts or wills. These individuals share in June's vision and passion of leaving a legacy for the future of Hospice of Michigan.

For more information about remembering Hospice of Michigan in your estate planning or how to become a member of this Society, please call Stephanie Le (248) 346-4253.



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The Generosity of Mecosta-Osceola United Way

At Hospice of Michigan, Grief Support Services is a comprehensive program tailored to meet the unique needs of bereaved individuals within the communities we serve. Although required by federal and state regulations, reimbursements—of any kind—do not exist for grief support. Our nonprofit mission assures that these important services are always made available—free of charge—to anyone in the community regardless of whether they or a loved one received our care.

For more than 20 years, Hospice of Michigan has received over \$300,000 of financial support from the Mecosta Osceola United Way. This generosity has allowed Hospice of Michigan to continue to serve and meet the needs of everyone in Mecosta and Osceola counties who is coping with the loss of a loved one.

Hospice of Michigan's commitment to the bereaved provides at least 13 months of services beyond the death of a loved one. This time frame ensures that those needing our help are offered it, no matter where they are on their journey. In Mecosta and Osceola counties, Katie Gedraitis, Hospice of Michigan's grief support services manager, creates and implements an ongoing schedule of support that includes grief education, individual grief counseling, support groups, memorial services, grief seminars and workshops.

These programs, which focus on topics related to the loss of a loved one and share strategies on how to

cope are provided in a caring and non-judgmental environment in which those grieving can heal.

Hospice of Michigan is proud to have cultivated relationships within the community that extend our accessibility to all bereaved individuals in Mecosta and Osceola. These relationships include churches, schools, organizations, businesses, and United Way.

A special thanks to our United Way of Mecosta and Osceola Counties for their partnership in providing the communities' bereaved with the tools they need when dealing with grief.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.hom.org. *Please see related story: A Journey Through Grief.*



A Journey Through Grief

The little Chihuahua never left Carlene Church's side—laying vigil with his owner till the very end. Her sweet pup now provides the love and support Carlene's husband, Duane, needs as he continues to grieve his loss.

After a courageous battle with cancer took Duane's wife of 42 years, his life began to feel as though it was turned upside down, unraveling and weighted down. Duane began to embark on an overwhelmingly painful and lonely journey through grief. Some days are better than others, but the hurt and grief he feels seems to blanket his every move.

Duane is grateful for the time he is able to spend with Grief Support Services Manager Katie Gedraitis. Katie helps Duane deal with his grief as he navigates a life without his loving partner.

Duane meets with Gedraitis regularly. Always looking forward to her visits, he allows his grief to unfold. She is a beacon of hope, a listening ear, and a supportive companion, encouraging Duane to express his feelings



Duane Church finds comfort with the family pet Chihuahua.

and experiences. Allowing him to feel however he wants to feel, Gedraitis encourages Duane to take grieving "one-day-at-a-time," and to grieve at his own pace.

"There isn't a timeline of grief in which one can refer, nor is there a right way of grieving. By providing a caring and non-judgmental environment, I encourage an opportunity for a healthy healing process to begin and continue," said Gedraitis.

A loss is not something one "gets over," rather it is something that over time is integrated into one's life. The death of a loved one will forever have an impact. However, it is good to know that the grieving of that loss eases. Unable to undo the great loss he has experienced, Duane is beginning to focus on healing and life without his beloved wife. Today, Duane finds hope in his future ... and knows things will get better.

All of Hospice of Michigan's grief support services are supported solely by generous donors, as well as community grants, such as the United Way of Mecosta and Osceola.

If you would like to make a donation, please visit our website at www.hom.org or call (800) 669-9335.

WALK AND REMEMBER

Alpena, June 17, 2017

A few raindrops didn't dampen the spirits of more than 100 Hospice of Michigan supporters earlier this summer from celebrating the loved ones they've lost at the 4th annual Walk and Remember. While very much a memorial event, Walk and Remember's greater purpose is to help spread the word about the importance of providing compassionate end-of-life care to all, no matter what. This year's walk raised over \$28,000 to ensure residents of northeast Michigan can always access our services.



Gracelyn & Riley Gohlke hosted a lemonade stand in honor of their Nana, Debbie Anschuetz. They raised \$1,490 in one day, helping their team, Cliff Anschuetz Chevrolet, earn the title of "Top Fundraising Team" with over \$2,800 raised.

BARLEY, BBQ & BEATS

Nearly 1,700 West Michigan residents "pigged out" on barbecue, sampled craft whiskey cocktails and rocked out to live music while raising over \$259,000 during Hospice of Michigan's 2nd annual Barley, BBQ & Beats held May 20 at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. New to the event this year was an Iron Bartender Competition where local bartenders competed to craft the best cocktail. Proceeds from the event support Hospice of Michigan's Open Access program.



Joe Infante, Chair of Barley BBQ & Beats, addresses contestants in the Iron Bartender competition.

HOCKEY - THE MUSICAL!

Thanks to all who attended the Grand Rapids Premiere event of Mitch Albom's *Hockey - The Musical!* The opening night special event featured appearances by not only Mitch Albom, but also former NHL players Mike Knuble and Don McSween! Nearly 400 guests attended to enjoy cocktails, appetizers and 90 laugh-filled minutes of pure entertainment. Following the performance, Mitch and the cast stayed for a special "talk back," (theatre lingo for a question-and-answer session) that gave the audience a little behind-the-scenes glimpse into the production. The premiere was followed by four additional performances throughout the weekend. All proceeds from this limited engagement benefited Hospice of Michigan's Open Access Program.



LeeAnn Clay, Marcie Hillary and Toni Clay



Community Rewards

Earning money for Hospice of Michigan can be as simple as doing your weekly grocery shopping.

Every time you use your Kroger Plus card at the checkout, a portion of your total purchase will be used to benefit Hospice of Michigan—and it won't cost you a cent!

Once you obtain your Kroger Plus card at any local store, you can connect it to the rewards program by following these steps:

1. Sign in to: krogercommunityrewards.com
2. Enter the email address and password used when you enrolled
3. In the Organization field, enter Hospice of Michigan
4. Check Enroll, and you're done

Earlier this year, Kroger enhanced their rewards program, making it easier for customers to use, suspending the need to re-enroll annually. So, once you've registered and identified Hospice of Michigan as your charity, you won't need to do it again.

In addition, because Kroger values customers' expectation of privacy, they have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information.

Get your Kroger Plus card today and register Hospice of Michigan to benefit from this program.

Kroger has more than 100 stores throughout Michigan. Please encourage your friends and family members who shop Kroger to sign up for their Community Rewards and support Hospice of Michigan.

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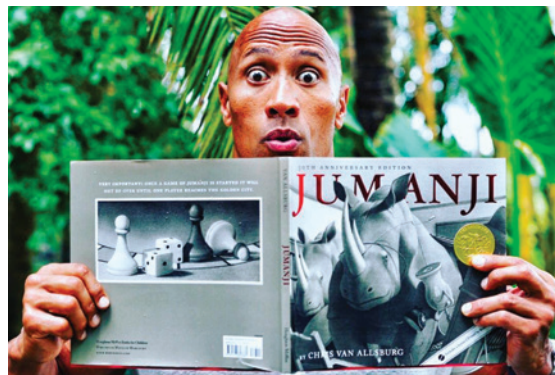
Announcing the *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* Premiere Fundraising Event

Thanks to a long-time relationship with celebrated children’s author, Chris Van Allsburg, Hospice of Michigan and Arbor Hospice are excited to announce an exclusive fundraising event—the world premiere of this year’s big family holiday movie *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*, starring Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Kevin Hart and Jack Black!

This event, to be held Tuesday, December 19th, will benefit Jo Elyn Nyman Anchors Programs for Children. What’s most exciting is that we will be simultaneously premiering the film in both Ann Arbor at the classic Michigan Theatre and in Grand Rapids at the Celebration Cinema!

We are most grateful that Van Allsburg, the author of the original *Jumanji* book, and his wife Lisa, long-time Hospice of Michigan supporters, will serve as honorary chairs of the event.

The evening will kick-off in Ann Arbor with a red-carpet VIP Premiere Cocktail Reception in the grand lobby of the Michigan Theatre prior to



the film. Joining the Van Allsburgs at this special reception will be our event sponsors, as well as supporters of Anchors Programs for Children.

Once the lights go down and the movie begins, the Van Allsburgs will be whisked to Grand Rapids to welcome and thank our West Michigan supporters at a special Afterglow Party following the premiere screening at Celebration Cinema.

Call Barbara Anderson at (616) 356-5266 or visit our website www.hom.org for more details.

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

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