



Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester

TODAY

WINTER 2012

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

10th Annual Golf Invitational

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW) hosted its 10th Annual Golf Invitational at Westchester Hills Golf Club. Proceeds from the event benefitted HPCW's programs and services. We are pleased to thank Grand Sponsors Entergy and the



(L to R): Anders Eng; Ken Theobalds; Frank Frailey; Richard Thomas, of Entergy.



(L to R): Steve Wasserman; Event Co-chairs, Jack Geoghegan and Larry Dix, both of Hildegarde D. Becher Foundation, Inc.; and Gary Schnorr.

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OUR MISSION

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester provides extraordinary and dignified comfort, care and compassion to every individual and family facing a serious or life-threatening illness.

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW) celebrated its 20th anniversary with its 11th annual "In Celebration" Gala Cocktail Reception at Westchester Country Club. More than 200 guests attended the event, which raised funds to support the Anna & Louis H. Shereff Caregiver and Complementary Care programs. HPCW recognized all former honorees for their continued dedication and support while also honoring Maple Medical, LLP. The evening paid special tribute to Mrs. Anna L. Shereff.



(L to R): Board Member, John D'Agostino; Former HPCW Board Chair James P. O'Toole; Event Co-chair William F. Flocks, Jr.; Jack Geoghegan of the Hildegarde D. Becher Foundation, Inc.; HPCW Board Chair, Jennifer Watts; Mary K. Spengler, MS, Executive Director, HPCW; Katharine Wilson Conroy, Esq., of Bertine, Hufnagel, Headley, Zeltner, Drummond & Dohn LLP; Larry Dix of the Hildegarde D. Becher Foundation; Louis D. Vizioli, MD, of Maple Medical, LLC, event Honoree; and Jon Schandler, President and CEO, White Plains Hospital.

We are thankful to Grand Sponsor Anna L. Shereff and sponsors Amoruso & Amoruso, LLP; The Hildegarde D. Becher Foundation, Inc.; Michele Geller; Grassy Sprain Pharmacy; KeyBank; Jennifer & Ralph Watts; Westchester Medical Pavilion; White Plains Hospital; and White Plains Radiology Associates, P.C.



(L to R): Holly K. Benedict, Director of Development and Public Affairs, HPCW and Mrs. Anna L. Shereff.



(L to R): HPCW Board Vice Chair and Event Co-chair William F. Flocks, Jr.; Mary K. Spengler, MS, Executive Director, HPCW; Louis D. Vizioli, MD, of Maple Medical, LLC, Event Honoree; and Event Co-chair and HPCW Board Member Michele Geller.



(L to R): Laurence Gottlieb, Director of Economic Development for Westchester County; James Steets, Director of Communications for Entergy Nuclear.

Message from the Executive Director



Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW) celebrated a very exciting 20th anniversary year. As Executive

Director, I am pleased to have participated in this milestone with an organization comprised of such dedicated and compassionate individuals. We continue our commitment to provide a full range of hospice services at the highest level of professionalism, expertise and caring.

As part of our celebratory year, we are pleased to have introduced new initiatives. The Edward M. Simas Educational Series was established through a generous donation and gave us the opportunity to further educate our staff and the community.

Additionally, we would like to thank Mrs. Anna L. Shereff who, this year, expanded her sponsorship of the Anna & Louis H. Shereff

Caregiver Program to include HPCW's Complementary Care Program.

At HPCW, we strive to continue to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. It is my pleasure to announce we are enhancing and formalizing our Pediatric Palliative Care Program. After meeting with many pediatric professionals in the community, including representatives from Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, Memorial Sloan Kettering, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, Blythedale Children's Hospital, along with pediatric oncologists and caregivers, it became clear there was a substantial need for this vital service.

The first of its kind in Westchester County, our Pediatric Palliative Care Program provides comfort services to children and their families in the community.

In culmination of our 20th anniversary year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated Board of Directors and

to our exceptional staff who every day celebrate and exemplify our mission. Thank you to the Westchester community and to our donors and supporters, for their financial support and the important role they play in our success.

I have been affiliated with HPCW since its inception and am proud to be part of an organization that has played a vital and supportive role in the lives of so many families. While much has changed at HPCW since we opened our doors 20 years ago, our mission has remained the same and is the hallmark of our role as the "Hospice of Choice" in Westchester County.

It is my pleasure to extend my best wishes for a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Mary K. Spengler, MS

Butterfly Release

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW) hosted its second annual Memorial Butterfly Release in June. More than 250 guests released Monarch and Painted Lady butterflies in memory of their deceased loved ones. The event was sponsored by the Edward M. Simas Fund.



HPCW staff and volunteers at the second annual Memorial Butterfly Release.



Pictured (L to R): Kim Gordon, Bereavement Intern, HPCW; and Bruce Page, M.A.T., M.Div., Bereavement Coordinator, HPCW.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Noriel Carney, LPN
Helen Flemester Ceneus, RN
Christine Gordon, LPN
Michelle Valerio, RN

Executive Director Mary K. Spengler, MS Recognized as Salve Regina Distinguished Alumna

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW) congratulates Executive Director Mary K. Spengler on being named Salve Regina University's 2012 Distinguished Alumna. Ms. Spengler graduated from Salve Regina with a degree in biology and began her nursing career at Flower Fifth Hospital in Mahattan where she worked for eight years. She joined White Plains Hospital Center as Director of Nursing before becoming Vice President of Nursing and eventually moving on to hospital administration.

In 1991, White Plains Hospital Center appointed Ms. Spengler to work with Visiting Nurse Services of Westchester to establish a joint hospice program which later became Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester. Over the course of HPCW's history, Ms. Spengler remained an integral part of the organization's development, expansion, and strength, serving on the board and various committees.

Today, Ms. Spengler serves as Executive Director of HPCW and continues to exemplify its mission which is to provide extraordinary and dignified comfort, care and compassion to every individual and family facing a serious or life-threatening illness.

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Hildegarde D. Becher Foundation Inc.; Sponsors Beecher Funeral Home, Inc., James P. O'Toole Consulting, Jennifer and Ralph Watts, Zanzarella Marketing, and Hole-In-One Sponsor Arroway Chevrolet-Cadillac of Mt. Kisco.



(L to R): Event Co-chair, William F. Flocks, Jr. of Beecher Funeral Home; Brysen VanEck, News12 Westchester; Event Co-chair, John Zanzarella, Zanzarella Marketing; HPCW Board Chair, Jennifer Watts; Jay Michaels, WFAS; HPCW Executive Director, Mary K. Spengler, MS; and Former HPCW Board Chair James P. O'Toole, James P. O'Toole Consulting.

Veterans Breakfast

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW) collaborated with other hospice organizations throughout Westchester County in honoring veterans at the third annual inter-hospice Veterans Recognition Breakfast: For Those Who Have Served. The event served as a commemoration for Veterans Recognition Month along with National Hospice Month and honored 200 veterans for their service.



(L to R): William F. Dawe, Hospice Community Representative and Community Relations/Professional Liaison, Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester; Susan Hoffner, LCSW, Phelps Hospice; Cornelia Schimert, VP of Development, VNA of the Hudson Valley; and Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino.

APPRECIATION TO FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE OF WESTCHESTER

As we begin the New Year, we are proud to continue to be an integral member of the Westchester Community by providing quality end-of-life care that emphasizes compassion, dignity and respect. This success reflects the loyal support of you and area residents who have supported us throughout our history. Please continue this tradition by making a tax-deductible gift to HPCW. For further information, please contact Holly K. Benedict, Director of Development, at 914-682-1484 ext. 122. Thank you.

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charitable organization.



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Caregiver Support Group
Seasonal Educational Workshops
Celebration of Life Memorial Butterfly Release*

All of our support groups are facilitated by experienced professionals with expertise in grief counseling. Please contact our bereavement department for further information regarding start dates and registration.

Bruce Page, MAT., M.Div.,
Bereavement Coordinator
914-682-1484 ext. 118 or

Janice Sauer, LCSW,
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914-682-1484 ext. 130

Pre-registration is required.



News from the Volunteer Department

Congratulations, Mrs. Kay!

It is our pleasure to announce Dickie Kay, a volunteer for Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW), was inducted into the Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame in December 2012.



(L to R): HPCW Executive Director, Mary K. Spengler, MS; Senior Hall of Fame Inductee, Dickie Kay; Westchester County's Department of Senior Programs & Services Commissioner, Mae Carpenter; and HPCW Director of Volunteer & CCP Services, Mary Jane Schaumann.