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From the Director's Chair Record 1.56 Million Patients Served by Hospice

Submitted by Rebecca Shank, RN

Non-cancer diagnoses accounted for 60% of all admissions

Nearly 42% of all those who died in this country in 2009 were being cared for by a hospice service at the time of death, according to an annual report released by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). Further, performance measures show that family ratings of satisfaction with the quality of care they and their loved ones received remain very high.

"This rising statistic shows that more Americans facing a life-limiting illness are opting for care that addresses medical,

emotional, and spiritual needs at the end of life," commented J. Donald Schumacher, PsyD, NHPCO president and CEO. "That is the compassionate care that hospice and palliative care bring to patients and families in need."

Although cancer remains the single most common primary diagnosis upon admission, it now accounts for just 40% of total hospice admissions. At Community Hospice Care, cancer is 45% of all admissions, while non-cancer diagnoses have risen to 55%. The report notes that 2003 was the first year in which the proportion of patients admitted to hospice with a cancer diagnosis accounted for less than half of all admissions; in that year, 950,000 Americans were served by hospice.

Primary Non-Cancer Diagnoses Include: *Nationwide*

- Heart Disease (11.5%)
- Dementia (11.2%)
- Lung Disease (8.2%)
- Stroke or Coma (4.0%)
- Kidney Disease (3.8%)
- Debility Unspecified (13.1%)

"NHPCO Fact and Figures: Hospice Care in America"

Community Hospice Care Statistics

- Heart Disease (12.09%)
- Dementia (4.4%)
- Lung Disease (4.4%)
- Stroke or Coma (less than 1%)
- Kidney Disease (2.2%)
- Debility Unspecified (2.2%)

The median length of stay in hospice decreased, but only slightly, from the previous year, while the proportion of patients who died or were discharged within two weeks of admission increased, but again, only slightly and not significantly enough to indicate a trend. In contrast, the trend toward smaller proportions of patients remaining for long stays under hospice care continued.

KEY FINDINGS INCLUDE:

- » Median length of hospice service in 2009 was 21.1 days (2008, 21.3 days). Community Hospice Care in 2011 is 43 days.
- » 48.5% of patients died or were discharged within 14 days (2008, 48.4%). Community Hospice Care's rate is 53.6% of patient's discharged within 14 days.
- » 34.4% of patients died or were discharged within 7 days (2008, 35.4%). 36.08% of Community Hospice Care patients die within 7 days, year to date in 2011.
- » 11.8% of patients remained under hospice care for longer than 180 days (2008, 12.1%). 4.12% of Community Hospice Care patients in 2011 are in our program for longer than 180 days.

The number of hospices nationwide continues to grow. The first program opened in 1974. Community Hospice Care opened in 1983, the 8th hospice in the state of Ohio to be founded. By 1994, hospice programs numbered 3,650. In 2008, 5,000 hospices served patients in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Family ratings of satisfaction with the care they and their loved one receive from hospice have remained consistently high. In 2009, 96.6% of families reported that the hospice team clearly explained the plan of care; 75.6% rated the patient's care as "excellent"; {Community Hospice Care surveys rated service at 100%} and 76.9% said the bereavement services met their needs "very well."

Health care professionals must work to help patients and families understand where the course of their illness may take them. And, when cure is not possible, it is our duty to offer the robust benefits that the hospice team can provide," asserts Schumacher.

The full report, entitled "NHPCO Facts and Figures: Hospice Care in America," is available at www.nhpc.org.



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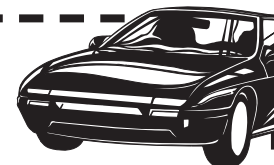
Bereavement Corner

Community Hospice Care as a community resource seeks to support anyone caring for a family member or friend, or anyone that is experiencing the death of a loved one. The bereavement program at CHC offers education, support and companionship during transition after a loss. Services include: individual support, group support, mailings and our library.

In April we hosted HFA's 18th annual "Living with Grief: Spirituality, End-of-Life Care" conference and we would like to thank all those who were able to attend. Some of the past programs and books include: Living with Grief: Children and Adolescents; Living with Loss: Ethical Dilemma's; Alzheimer's Disease; Coping with Public Tragedy. These and over a thousand other resources are available from the CHC Library to anyone in our community.

If you are interested or would like any additional information about the above services please contact Pam Tiell at 419-447-4040.

Baumann Auto Group To Raffle A New Car For Charity

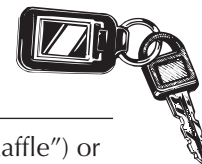


For the ninth year, Baumann Auto Group is generously sponsoring the "Baumann Auto Group Big Charity Raffle." The winner will receive their choice of a Chevrolet Cruz, Hyundai Elantra or a Chrysler 200. The Baumann Auto Group is paying the cost of the vehicle in full. The drawing will be held on September 17, 2011 for 50 finalists with the actual winner being drawn on September 24, 2011. Community Hospice Care is one of the local benefactors of this charity event. Tickets are on sale now for \$5.

Community Hospice Care has tickets available for sale and 100% of the proceeds benefit our agency. CHC will also receive an equal distribution of the entire Baumann Auto Group ticket sales that are produced by Baumann Auto Group employees.

To purchase tickets stop by or call our office, or for your convenience, clip out the following form and return to Community Hospice Care.

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Performance Improvement Coordinator

By Sandra Terry, RN, BA

When a loved one is in need of hospice services, we encourage people to investigate their options and to know that there is still one, small, community-based hospice that strives to provide quality care to those that are entering this final stage of development in a dignified manner. While there are over 5,000 hospice programs in the United States, according to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's latest statistics, Community Hospice Care was the first hospice in Seneca County. Throughout the last 27 years, and still today, Community Hospice Care has continued to provide much valued, compassionate care as evidenced by the comments that we have received from the families we have served. Our thanks go out to all who have entered the Community Hospice Care Family and have shared their lives and stories with us. Following are comments we received January through March of 2011:

- "Thank you for everyone's kindness and help from Community Hospice."
- "Hospice is an excellent organization. Not only did they treat my husband with dignity and respect, they treated our family with concern also. They gave me support when I needed someone at a difficult time."
- "Just want to thank you for the time you were there."
- "All the hospice team are angels. I could never thank them enough. God bless you all."
- "Hospice is a wonderful organization. It gave my husband opportunity to die with dignity. I can't say enough good about them. I and my family took care of him with the guidance of hospice. It was the last thing I could do for him."
- "I am so amazed at how great hospice was. Thank you so very much."
- "The care the hospice nurses and aides showed was amazing. They are truly special people."
- "I would like to say thank you to all involved in Mom's care."
- "I would recommend Community Hospice to anyone. Thanks again for everything."
- "The people were great at a time of much stress. Very helpful in the time leading up to passing. Much thanks!"
- "They were very good."
- "I was very impressed with your staff. The nurse came twice the day my daughter passed away on Labor Day. Thanks so much."

More Benefits of Hospice Care

Several major studies reporting in the past few years have found that:

Hospice care may improve survival among some terminally ill patients. Researchers found a mean survival benefit of 29 days among hospice vs nonhospice patients across four disease categories, with congestive heart failure patients living a mean 81 days longer than their nonhospice counterparts. (Connor SR, et al: "Comparing Hospice and Nonhospice Patient Survival among Patients Who Die within a Three-Year Window," Journal of Pain and Symptom Management; March 2007, 22(2):238-246).

Early adoption of palliative care may prolong survival in cancer patients. Lung cancer patients receiving early palliative care lived nearly 3 months longer than those whose palliative treatment was delayed, as is currently standard. (Temel JS, et al: "Early Palliative Care for Patients with Metastatic Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer," New England Journal of Medicine, August 2010; 363(8):733-742).

Hospice services save Medicare and average of \$2,309 per patient. Researchers additionally found that if hospice were used for a longer period of time, Medicare costs would be reduced for 7 out of 10 hospice recipients. (Taylor DG, et al: "What Length of Hospice Use Maximizes Reduction in Medical Expenditures Near Death in the U.S. Medicare Program?" Social Science & Medicine; October 2007; 65(7); 1466-1478).

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CHC Recruit Partner in Ohio HVP

By: Alice Frazier-Snook, LSW

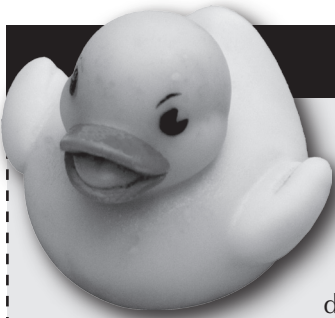
Community Hospice Care is happy to be an active participant in the Ohio Hospice Veteran Partnership. Established in 2005, the Hospice-Veteran Partnership (HVP) of Ohio is a partnership of end of life care advocates, hospice organizations, and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Nationally, 670,000 veterans are expected to die this year. In Ohio, over 28,000 veterans will die each year with only four percent (4%) dying in VA facilities. These statistics highlight the importance of partnerships among the VA and community health providers, as well as organizations that serve veterans. There is a great need for education about hospice care and how it can be accessed. Call Community Hospice Care for all your Hospice-Veteran questions at 419-447-4040.



Every Day Hero Award

Community Hospice Care volunteer medical director, Dr. Garlapati was awarded the American Red Cross Every Day Hero Award at a luncheon banquet on March 25, 2011 for his volunteer service for Community Hospice Care. Congratulations and THANKYOU for all that you do for us.

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Get Ready to Waddle!

The Sandusky River between Perry and Washington Streets will once again be invaded with 1,500 rubber ducks as Community Hospice Care holds its 10th Annual Hospice Waddle. This event will take place during the Heritage Festival on September 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

The grand prize of \$3,000 will be awarded to the owner of the first duck across the finish line. Second and third place prizes of \$300 and \$30 will also be awarded. Ducks are on sale now for \$10. For your chance to win, you can stop by or call our office, or, for your convenience, you can clip out the form and return in to Community Hospice Care.

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From the Board of Directors

“Endings and Beginnings”

Sr. Edna Michel

As lovely May brings all kinds of lush new growth to our part of the country, another class of graduates is completing an academic journey. After a winter that's had losses of many kinds for us we look forward to healing, repair and new hope. Memorial Day stirs within us both sadness and appreciation. Endings and beginnings...as inevitable as diminishment/death is, so equally inevitable is the bubbling forth of new life.

The cycle of dying and rising is the repeated experience of nature; it marks every one of our lives. Slowly we learn that dying and rising go together like two sides of a coin. We can't have one without the other. Never was there an Easter that was not preceded by a Good Friday, but just as true, never was there death without a rising to new life, the grace of a fresh beginning, the promise of the One who says, "See, I make all things new."

To use another image, we would not stand in silent awe by the edge of the Grand Canyon if it were a typical river bank. The depth of the carving out by the Colorado River has made this natural wonder breathtakingly beautiful. Over the course of our lives we, too, are carved out by suffering and sorrow which have the potential to make us incredibly beautiful and great-souled people, exceeding the magnificence of the Grand Canyon.

Our loved ones who have died have undergone their final carving out. They have let go of all that was familiar and lovable in order to risk becoming a new creation. In our grief we, too, recognize the carving that has taken place in us because of their death; we feel the deep hole where once their particular spark of presence and energy was.

Yet even in our most acute grief I suspect that we have also experienced the magnificent and powerful grace that comes to us when close loved ones die. It wells up inside us as gratitude for their precious life and how they've influenced us, as inner strength and peace to enable us to go on, as a deepening of our faith in a merciful, compassionate God.

As we look back to the time of their death we can probably all name something that surprised us, comforted us, affirmed us or supported us. God, like a tender-hearted mother or a gentle protective father, cannot take away the requirement of death because we need it for our complete transformation, but does help us through it. When the transformation is complete there will be no more death, nor more pain.



Several years ago, on a late October afternoon I was hiking in Howard Collier Park, thinking about some letting go that I was being called to, and feeling the ache of loss over the death of loved ones. The trees were losing their leaves and I was trying to learn from them. When the trail came to an end I found myself at a glass-covered bulletin board near the park entrance. There among the notices I found a poem someone had clipped from a newspaper, entitled, "Forever and Ever, Amen" by George Miksch Sutton. I copied it down line by line and still today I marvel at the profound wisdom it contains. Here is the last stanza; may it speak to you of the holy oneness that is the cycle of beginnings and endings.

*A thousand, thousand times I shall suffer pain,
And that will be a mere beginning.
A thousand, thousand times I shall die,
Yet never finally, never irrevocably,
Always with enough left of life to start again:
to be born,
To grow, give battle, win, lose, laugh, cry,
sing, and mourn,
To love, hate, admire, and despise,
Never quite losing the feeling of surprise
That it is good to live and die;
Learning to forget the word, "finally,"
Learning to unlearn the word, "ultimately,"
Learning, the long stretch of eternity
having just begun,
That joy, gladness, grief, and suffering are one.*

– George Miksch Sutton,
"Forever and Ever, Amen"

Face to Face Encounters

By: Rebecca Shank, RN

Effective January 1, 2011, the Affordable Care Act requires that the **hospice** physician (medical director) must have a face-to-face encounter with every hospice patient to determine the continued eligibility of that patient prior to their 180 day re-certification and prior to each subsequent re-certification. The medical director then composes a narrative and signs the certification for the patient to remain in the hospice program.

Should the patient or family refuse to allow the hospice physician to make this required visit, Community Hospice Care will consider discharge for cause as the refusal impedes our ability to provide care to the patient.

This new regulation is not billable and therefore, will increase the costs of our services. Community Hospice Care is a non-profit agency and we never bill a patient for any care provided. Therefore, your continued support in memorials, donations, and our fundraisers is vital. We are so very appreciative of all the support you continue to provide. Your generosity will ensure the quality care we deliver will always be there should you or your family have a need.



Community Hospice Care...

Community Hospice Care is always quite grateful to all of you who support us in a variety of ways – making donations, attending and volunteering with hospice fundraisers and events, buying raffle tickets, etc. Now, we would like to present another way in which you can support Community Hospice Care.

It takes many supplies to keep our office open and running smoothly. By donating any items from the following list, you will enable us to keep our operating costs at a minimum. No specific brands are needed. When you grocery shop, why not pick up one extra item and donate it to hospice? You can drop it off at our office anytime Monday – Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm or call our office at 419-447-4040 or 1-800-834-8100 and we will make arrangements to pick it up from you. Some one time only items that we need are an easel, electric skillet or griddle, baby monitors and extra long twin sheet sets.

Items and supplies always needed are:

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Your tax deductible gift to Community Hospice Care helps us provide care for our patients and their families. If your gift is in the form of a memorial or in celebration of a special event, an acknowledgement will be sent. You will be sent a receipt for your records.

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To conduct a comprehensive, family oriented, physician directed hospice program for the care of persons suffering from terminal diseases and their families. To promote a partnership between the health care community and the people of Seneca County and its environs aimed at meeting the needs for hospice care, utilizing an interdisciplinary family centered approach which is cost effective. To organize a network of hospice services in Seneca County. To provide education to physicians, nurses, social workers, religious advisors and auxiliary and allied health care personnel regarding the care of the terminally ill and their families. Offer educational opportunities in hospice care, the death and dying process and symptom and pain control.

YES!

I want to know more about becoming a Hospice volunteer.

Please Contact Me

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September 17, 2011..... Baumann Big Charity Raffle
50 Finalists drawn

September 18, 2011..... Hospice Waddle

September 24, 2011..... Baumann Big Charity Raffle
Finalist Drawn

November 18, 2011..... Festival of Trees