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What if I told you there is a stimulus package that includes a new health care benefit for Medicare and Medicaid patients who are diagnosed with a debilitating illness? To qualify for this program, the patient must show a decline in health and require assistance with activities of daily living. Perhaps, in your heart, you worry that a loved one may not live much longer. Perhaps he/she has lost significant weight recently, or has been hospitalized frequently.

This new health benefit has no co-pays; the benefit pays for all the medicine, equipment and supplies needed for the care of the illness. Not only that, but also a doctor is available to make house calls, nurses can be called for help in the middle of the night, nurses and aides help with nursing care, and social workers and clergy help with emotional and spiritual issues.

The benefit also includes trained volunteers who sit with the patient, giving the caregiver a break for a few hours. The patient can also keep his or her own doctor. If needed, an ambulance will be sent to transport the patient to the hospital. If things get really bad at home, and the patient is in medical crisis, around-the-clock nurses are sent to provide care until the crisis passes. And the benefit has co-pays that we don’t charge them. What would you say?

In fact, Medicare and Medicaid already have such a benefit. It is called the Medicare Hospice Benefit. So, why don’t more people take advantage of this benefit sooner? I think it is such a scary thing to acknowledge that a loved one’s condition is so serious that he or she may not live much longer. However, it doesn’t change the fact that the person has a terminal illness. But having a terminal illness does not mean there is an absence of hope.

Contrary to what many believe, hospice can help improve the quality of life for many months before your loved one dies. It is not just for the final days or hours. However, you might have to ask for hospice on your own, because a doctor may not bring it up.

Some patients with hospice care live longer than those patients with a similar condition without hospice. (Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, March 2007.) Perhaps more surprising is that some hospice patients stabilize enough to be discharged from our program altogether.

In this period of economic turmoil, hospice is more relevant than ever before. For patients with Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance, hospice care is paid at 100%. For those few patients who do not have a hospice benefit, Hospice of Huntington provides care regardless of the person’s ability to pay. While we do fundraising to help pay for the cost of services not covered by Medicare, Medicaid and insurances, this added cost is not passed on to the patient and family.

We encourage each of you to take charge of your end-of-life care. Call us to ask any questions you may have. Our nurse will come to you and make an assessment of your condition and will contact your doctor with a full report of your situation. It may be the most important call you make today.
BEREAVEMENT

**Cabell County**
(All meetings held at Hospice of Huntington Business Office, 1101 Sixth Avenue, unless otherwise indicated)

**The Grief Journey**
Explore ways of coping with changes in life after a loved one dies.
Tuesdays / Apr 28 – June 2 / 6 pm

**Loss of a Child Grief Support Group**
Families and caregivers address grief issues following the death of a child.
Mondays / Apr 6, May 4, June 1 / 6:30 pm

**Children and Grief**
Explore how children and adolescents deal with grief and discuss how to guide and support them.
Tuesday / Apr 21 / 6:30 pm

**Camp Good Grief**
Annual summer camp for children ages 8-16 dealing with the loss of a loved one.
June 29 - July 1

**Transitions**
Open to those who completed “The Grief Journey” or met with a Bereavement Counselor; offers continued support.
Mondays / Apr 13, May 11, June 8 / 6 pm

**Lawrence County, Ohio**
(Briggs Lawrence County Public Library, 11054 County Road 1, Chesapeake, Ohio)

**Remembering While Moving Forward**
Explore how to deal with remembering loved ones and coping with special days while going on with life.
Tuesday / Apr 21 / 2 pm

**Lincoln County**
(Lincoln Primary Care Center, 7400 Lynn Avenue, Hamlin)

**How to Deal with Special Days and Holidays**
Explore grief issues associated with special days, including holidays.
Tuesday / Apr 14 / 1:30 pm

**Remembering While Moving Forward**
Explore how to deal with remembering loved ones while going on with life.
Tuesday / May 12 / 2 pm

**Wayne County**
(Wayne Public Library, 325 Keyser Street, Wayne)

**Living Within Your Means**
Discuss the basics of managing changes in financial circumstances.
Thursday / Apr 16 / 2:30 pm

**Remembering While Moving Forward**
Explore remembering loved ones and coping with special days while going on with life.
Thursday / May 14 / 2:30 pm

VOLUNTEERS

**Doctor’s Day Fudge Celebration • March 30th**
Volunteers needed to make fudge for Annual Doctor’s Day. Contact Mitzi Cyrus, Special Projects Manager at mcyrus@hospiceofhuntington.org or call 304.529.4217.

**Hospice of Huntington Annual Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner • May 5**

**Patient Care Volunteer Training • June 15, 16, 17**
(Hospice of Huntington Business Office, 1101 Sixth Avenue)
Call Lisa Floyd, Director of Volunteer Services to register at 304.529.4217 or email her at lfloyd@hospiceofhuntington.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**April 16th is National Healthcare Decisions Day**
Join us throughout the week for special programs to promote the importance of completing an advance directive.

**Cabell County**
**Thursday / April 16 / 8 am - 5 pm**
Cabell Huntington Hospital, Main Lobby Entrance

**Lincoln County • Tuesday / April 14 / 11 am - 2 pm**
Lincoln County Library, 7999 Lynn Avenue

**Wayne County • Monday / April 13 / 11 am - 2 pm**
Wayne County Library, 325 Keyser Street
Lawrence County, OH • Tuesday / April 14 / 11 am - 2 pm
Briggs Lawrence County Public Library, 11054 County Road 1, Chesapeake, OH

“Harmony for Hospice” Sing
May 3 / 4 pm
(Wayne Community Center, 1224 Route 52, Wayne) Features The Wilson group and nearly ten area church/school singing groups who will come together for a “pass-the-hat” fundraiser to benefit Hospice of Huntington services in Wayne County. Admission is FREE. Donations are welcome during event.

Lincoln County Veterans Appreciation Dinner
May 23 / 4 pm
(Lincoln County Primary Care Center Grounds) This event pays tribute to Lincoln County Veterans of War and features Medal of Honor Recipient Herschel “Woody” Williams as the guest speaker.

Shower Hospice with Flowers • April - June
Spring has sprung and the lovely gardens of the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House will soon be in full bloom. Honor someone special, living or deceased, with your tax-deductible donation (see page 24 for details).

Memorial Brick Campaign • thru July
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No Place Like Home

By: Shelly Betz, Editor

Photography by: Toril Lavender
It’s been said that, “Home is where the heart is.” Bob and Elsie Pruett know that their hearts belong to West Virginia and they are glad to be back among the friends, family and others who mean so much to them. Both have roots at Marshall University and ties that run deep throughout the Huntington community. On an unseasonably warm afternoon, they talked with me about the ups and downs of the past year, and how the loss of loved ones has made them appreciate life even more.

For as long as he can remember, Bob Pruett has loved the game of football. You might say it’s as much a part of who he is as it is what he does. Growing up in east Beckley, WV, he recalls early days of the game when the neighborhood kids would play on a sand lot, devoid of cushy grass. “We called it salt ‘n’ pepper because it was a team of white kids against the black kids then. Of course, this was long before integration. For us, it wasn’t about the color of our skin. We just wanted a competitive game,” he said.

Throughout his career, there have been successes, bumps in the road, and plenty of surprises. The call from long-time friend and head football coach at the University of Virginia, Al Groh, for him to join the coaching staff last year helped Pruett fulfill a lifelong dream that perhaps rounded out his “bucket list” of coaching must-dos. And though it’s hard to imagine the charismatic coach distancing himself too much from the sport that perhaps defines him best, he is also keenly aware that more important things need his attention off the field. “I flunked at retiring the first time, but I’ve got a second chance to get it right this time around,” he said with his trademark smile.

This past year, in particular, presented plenty of challenges for the Pruets. “It was a combination of the best of times and the worst of times. We had a lot going on this past year and we’re just glad to be home,” he said. Over the Christmas holidays, Elsie Pruett had an emergency appendectomy and was later successfully treated for a form of skin cancer. Most recently, her husband had surgery on his shoulder—which he tried to keep a secret from his wife so that she wouldn’t worry about him.

For the past five years, Elsie Pruett visited weekly with a dear friend of her now-deceased mother. “Cecilia died one day before her 101st birthday. She was a special lady. She and my mother were roommates at the nursing home and I got to know her pretty well over the years,” she recalls. As her voice tapers off and she choke back tears, it is clear that the loss has impacted her tremendously. She recounts how Cecilia insisted on having a tablecloth covering during their special lunches. “It was like losing my own mother all over again. I used to think that maybe I got more out of the visits than Cecilia, but other people later told me that she enjoyed our time together just as much,” said Elsie.

“It was like losing my own mother all over again.”

- Elsie Pruett

“Visiting with Cecilia was a passion with Elsie. This was something we built into our daily lives. On Sunday, she took the train from Charlottesville to Huntington and returned on Wednesdays each week. If we were at our home in Florida, it was a plane ride on a regular basis,” Bob Pruett said matter-of-factly. To this day, the wrapped birthday present Elsie planned to give Cecilia remains in their home.

Bob Pruett is also coping with the loss of several people who meant a lot to him. He admits the death of former Marshall University team physician, Dr. Jose Ricard, affected him deeply. “He was more than a team doctor. He was also our personal physician and, even more than that, he was my good friend. I miss him.”

There were also the tragic deaths of two former Marshall football players, Donte’ Newsome and Johnathan Goddard. Pruett spoke at all three funerals. “You know, that’s
one of the toughest things I’ve had to do. But it was an honor for me to talk about them,” he said.

The youngest of five brothers, Bob Pruett lost a second brother last year. Unlike the first death, his brother’s death last year was rather unexpected. Still, he is able to draw upon the strength of his family in coping with the losses. “I know how much hospice can help, because I saw what they did with my own brother. It meant the world to me to know how much support they gave to my family, and I’ll always do what I can to help this organization,” he said. And he has.

When Pruett learned that we needed to replace one of the vehicles for our nurses in Lincoln County, he suggested that we apply for a grant from Chad Pennington’s 1st and 10 Foundation. Not only did he call the beloved quarterback on our behalf, but also wrote a letter of recommendation. Months later, Chad and Robin Pennington presented the keys to a brand-new vehicle to our nursing team.

For Pruett, helping those in need is something he feels compelled to do. As a football coach, he has worn many hats with his players—including counselor, disciplinarian, and sometimes surrogate parent. He is actively involved with the Boys and Girls Club and has supported the Huntington City Mission, to name a few.

These days he makes a conscious effort to lend support to a select few charities in order to make a relevant impact. “If you ever have a personal experience with hospice, you will forever be thankful for the job they do. As I get older and realize that each day brings me closer to the other side (of death), I can’t help but think about how much hospice helps people who need them most.”

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Hospice Awareness Campaign Exceeds Expectations

By: Lisa A. Floyd, Director of Volunteer Services

During the months of November and December of 2008, our staff was challenged to use their voices and personal contacts to spread the word about hospice care. Our entire staff of 150 was divided into 10 teams and competed to see who could spread the word the fastest to the most people.

Our staff had a great time cajoling each other along the way. In the end, we reached a potential 800,000 people with messages about quality hospice care. Over 7,024 individuals were contacted through church groups, civic organizations, and businesses. Some staff members delivered flyers to neighbors in an effort to educate them about hospice programs and services. We also leveraged email and direct mail campaigns, along with one-on-one conversations. Several teams appeared on local TV and radio stations, with one very innovative team member taking the message to the listening audience on the library access TV channel for Dr. Rashid’s program that airs statewide.

We all had a great time working for something we believe in, and the staff were truly inspired to hear about what their colleagues were doing. Time and time again, it was reported that people STILL think hospice is only called in when someone has only a few days or weeks to live.

For those of you who have used our services and wish that you had called sooner, we encourage you to tell anyone caring for a seriously ill loved one that they can call us directly at (304) 529.4217 and ask for a free in-home assessment. It’s that easy. We never take away a person’s hope. We offer hope, support, and comfort. We Light the Way.
Hospice Care Lifts Spirits

By: Shelly Betz, Editor

Mary Caserta has plenty to be thankful for—family, the care she receives from Hospice of Huntington, and life itself. Not too long ago, she was frequently hospitalized for symptoms related to her illness, making it nearly impossible to breathe and threatening her heart. In fact, at one point, Mary’s ailing health seemed irreversible and her family feared the worst. When her son, Scott, recommended contacting hospice for help, Mary had reservations. “I thought hospice was just for the dying. That’s what I connected it with…death. But it’s not. It’s for the living. They have given me my life back and I’m so grateful,” she said.

On a regular basis, the hospice team visits with Mary in her home, where her vital signs are monitored and she is comfortable. “When Mary was first admitted to hospice she was confined to her bedroom. Due to medication adjustments made to improve her breathing she has been able to leave her room at times to join her family. Recently she even rode on her red scooter her husband bought for her. Her outlook since entering hospice has improved which gives her hope for the future,” said Vicki Crook, a registered nurse with hospice.

Mary is thankful that she no longer has to worry about her medications and other much-needed supplies related to her diagnosis. In these tough economic times, having that assurance is more important than ever for many patients.

“They [hospice] have given me my life back and I’m so grateful.”

-Mary Caserta

That’s what I think is one of the best-kept secrets about hospice. People are surprised to learn the (Medicare) hospice benefit covers all medications related to the disease, as well as durable medical equipment and other personal care supplies the patient may need,” adds Dr. Ann Conjura, Chief Medical Director for Hospice of Huntington.

Aside from the specialized medical care that Mary receives for her physical symptoms, a social worker also tends to her emotional well being. “I have a case worker that is willing to talk about anything I want to talk about,” said Mary. Having this added support has given her confidence in knowing that if she has a need, her hospice team will be there. “In the beginning, Mary used her reserve energy in conversations with me. As time has gone by, I notice that she seems more relaxed and energized by our support, and she no longer needs to go to her reserve ‘bank’ for more energy. She has truly found meaning in her illness—family, faith and a sense of peace,” adds social worker Margie Copley.

One of the major benefits to having hospice care sooner is the added support and peace of mind it provides family members, especially the primary caregiver. “I felt like everything was on me. I had to make special arrangements to go to the store or the car wash. I really didn’t know what...
I would do when she couldn’t get out of bed or bathe herself. They’ve been a real blessing,” said Mary’s husband Bob.

Although the Caserta’s four sons check on their Mom regularly, the daily routine of caring for Mary can take its toll on the family. For many families, the support that hospice provides goes far beyond simple acts of kindness. “You cannot call on family to do what hospice does. It’s just that simple. We know that, as much as we all love Mary, people have lives of their own, and to ask them to do certain things can be tough,” adds Bob.

For Mary, the peace of mind that comes along with having experts a phone call away is immeasurable. During the recent harsh weather, the power went out in their home and she worried about getting her much-needed oxygen. Although her son was able to ensure that she had what she needed, Mary had an added level of confidence in her care team. “I called hospice and notified them. They offered to take me to the hospice house and keep me there until our power came back on. Now, I cannot think of anyone else who would have offered to do that. I just love them,” she said.

With the continued care that hospice provides, Mary Caserta is content to be at home surrounded by her loving family for as long as possible. To her, each day is a gift and she finds comfort in knowing that she is getting the best care possible. “In fact, I call them my A-Team, because they had a Mission Impossible when they got ahold of me. I just can’t say enough about them.”

Pictured top to bottom: Mary and her husband Bob; Mary’s four sons (left to right) Scott, Greg, Mark and Victor visit her regularly; Mary enjoys some laughter with two of her grandchildren Brad and John.
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Like most parents, it is easy for Deborah Davis to love her daughter, Rylee. Unlike many other parents, though, it was tough to provide care for the four-year-old throughout the first few weeks of her life.

Rylee was born with a rare and life-threatening disorder that affects her neurologic and metabolic systems. So before leaving the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Rylee’s parents called Hospice of Huntington at the advice of a doctor.

As promised, two hospice nurses were there to provide care for Rylee and to support her parents in their home. They were there to show Deborah how to care for Rylee’s nasogastric (NG) tube.

If needed during a crisis, the nurses were there to lend support and help to instill confidence within the Davises in caring for their infant daughter. On one occasion, while Deborah was grocery shopping, Rylee pulled out her NG tube. The hospice nurse arrived to help Deborah’s husband.

Brenda Bassett, a registered nurse for Hospice of Huntington, also helped with Rylee and remembers providing a lot of support to the family. “We made them more comfortable in keeping her at home,” Bassett said. “They had somebody that would come on call if someone was needed. We visited at least weekly, based on her progress and condition.”

To Deborah, Hospice of Huntington was the safety net that allowed her to bring Rylee home. “I could call someone if I had a question,” she recalled. “They provided an additional continuity of care.”

Hospice of Huntington provides families like the Davises with a social worker for added support. Christal Gore is the social worker who helped Rylee’s family. She also spent time playing with Rylee’s older sister, Ryann. She was there if the family needed her. “I provided support after being with them in PICU for days without knowing what was wrong,” Gore remembered. “I provided support for Deborah by giving her an adult to talk with.”
Nearly six weeks after bringing Rylee home, Deborah began to feel more comfortable in caring for her daughter, and decided she no longer needed hospice on a regular basis, although she knew they were just a phone call away.

Now, nearly five years later, Rylee continues to show signs of improvement. “If she continues to grow this way, she’ll be on Jenny Craig by next Christmas,” Deborah joked. “Just the fact that she is stable on a medical basis is great,” Deborah continued. “She wiggles a little bit sometimes. We focus on what she can do—recognize our voices, turn her head to locate a familiar noise, make certain sounds to let us know what she needs. Rylee brings out the best in those that love her.”

“Our goal as a family is to make her (Rylee) as comfortable as possible, for as long as we have her,” Deborah said. “We focus on being thankful for the additional time we’ve had with her to make wonderful memories. Having an involved, caring medical team in place makes that possible.”

Rylee’s older sister, Ryann, was born in August of 2002. “We are the family we are today because of each of our girls,” Deborah said. “We have learned to love on a completely different level. We have learned more about God’s unconditional love.”

Understanding how difficult it can be to effectively navigate various systems and resources that benefit children with special needs, Deborah decided last year to launch a program with two other parents—Jessie Slash and Shellie Mellert—called Rylee’s Rally. The program is a special-needs resource fair that covers everything from juvenile diabetes to behavioral disorders and childhood cancers.

This year’s event will take place on April 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Veteran’s Memorial Field House in Huntington. And just as they did when the Davis family needed them most, Hospice of Huntington will lend a helping hand by having a booth at the fair to educate people about their programs and services and the care provided to pediatric patients.
Like many of you, I spend time each day catching up on the news. We are inundated with bad news about the economy and the general state of the world. Fear arises from a sense of helplessness to make change for the better. We see the situation unfolding and can’t change it. This same feeling of helplessness is often evident with patients and families who get the news that the medical system can do no more to cure the illness. Again we are helpless to change anything, or are we?

Death is confronted and managed when we know what it is and what we can do to make it less mysterious and more natural. I say this because our lives are precious even in death. Diamonds are precious because they are rare (limited). People are precious, because we are here for such a short time. Recognizing this makes the time we spend together as friends and family so much more worthwhile. So how do we do this?

First, let us look at death. None of us live forever. Recognizing this is a big first step. Healthy spirituality thrives in honesty. Hiding the truth does little to ease the pain and usually adds to the distress. Instead, be considerate of those dying and help them to discover their own strength and wisdom during this process.

I once knew a patient whose greatest story was born of his days as a short-order cook. The Marshall University football team had come into the restaurant to eat. They ordered sixty hamburgers with different toppings, cooked to different degrees. He successfully did this to the amazement of his boss, who gave him a raise on the spot.

Ultimately, he gave his best in life and will be recognized and remembered. He also discovered his strength in dying. He had no fear of death, because his life meant something—spending his life in service to others. This is why we help people discover their strength and wisdom.

So, what happens after death? For example, the Hebrew Bible describes those who died as “sleeping with the fathers.” The Christian Bible speaks of a throne room full of saints or being in the “bosom of Abraham,” and even being surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses.” It also speaks of a “resurrection.”

It’s important to acknowledge we don’t really know what happens then. What we do understand is trust. We trust the sun will come up in the morning and set at night. We don’t have to think about it; it just is. That trust comes with practice. We can choose to trust or fear; it is in our power to do that. But please remember that fear is mankind’s irrational expectation of the unknown.
Lenten Season
in the Kitchen

From the kitchen of:
Joe Smith, Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House Chef

Spring has Sprung! And this is always a great time to spruce up the table with some favorite dishes. The various Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox Churches, observe Lent. All Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. Lent is also the time the Americas celebrate Mardi Gras, literally “Fat Tuesday,” “Shrove Tuesday” or “Pancake Day.” Listed are some of my favorite recipes, which combine some Lenten recipes with Mardi Gras flair.

BANANA PANCAKES

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 large bananas
- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- dash of grated nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon sugar (or Splenda®)
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
optional
- 2 additional bananas, sliced
- maple syrup

PREPARATION:
Mash two bananas and set aside. Blend dry ingredients in a medium sized mixing bowl. Add banana and wet ingredients to dry ingredients and blend until moist. Batter will appear lumpy. Use oil or pan spray to lightly coat a frying pan or griddle. Heat the griddle until a drop of water spattered on it sizzles. Drop spoonfuls of banana pancake batter on the griddle and cook on each side until the pancakes are golden brown, and cooked through.

COD FISH CAKES

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 large potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 pound boneless cod fish fillets
- 1 cup plain bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley chopped
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup milk
- oil for frying

PREPARATION:
Place potatoes in a pot of water, bring to a boil. Let potatoes cook until almost tender. Add fish to pot with potatoes and cook until both are soft. Drain well and transfer to large mixing bowl. Add parsley, onion, egg, milk and bread crumbs; mash the mixture together with electric mixer, shape into patties. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Fry patties on both sides until golden brown, drain on paper towels before serving.
FAMILY SIZE SHRIMP OR OYSTER PO BOYS

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 large loaf crusty Italian bread, unsliced
- 1 large box frozen popcorn shrimp or breaded oysters
- mayonnaise
- shredded iceberg lettuce
- sliced tomatoes
- salt and pepper
- Louisiana hot sauce

PREPARATION:
Deep fry shrimp or oysters until golden brown, drain on paper towels. Cut Italian bread lengthwise, remove some of the inside bread from the top piece. Spread mayonnaise on both halves, cover bottom half with shredded lettuce, tomatoes and salt and pepper. Fill top half with shrimp or oysters, sprinkle with Louisiana Hot sauce to taste. Carefully put the two halves together and cut into serving size pieces.

CAJUN SHRIMP & CRAB GUMBO RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 (16 oz.) can diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoon tomato sauce or ketchup
- 1 small onion, chopped fine
- 1 chopped bell pepper
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed or chopped very fine
- 1-1/2 cups hot water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 pound shrimp cleaned and shelled (frozen or fresh)
- 1/2 pound crabmeat, shells removed
- rice (cooked)
- Louisiana hot sauce

PREPARATION:
In a frying pan with fairly deep sides, heat the olive oil until hot. Sauté the onion, celery and pepper until slightly soft. Then stir in the flour. Use a fork to mix it in well. This will be your base or roux and flavor and thicken the gumbo. Stir and cook until the roux is a pretty light brown color. Add all the other ingredients to the roux except the shrimp and crab. (The shrimp will get tough if it cooks a long time and the crab will turn to mush.) Bring your gumbo sauce to a boil. Then turn the heat down to medium low and simmer for 30 minutes. Stir occasionally. Add the shrimp. Simmer around 10 minutes with frozen shrimp and closer to 5 minutes for fresh shrimp. Add the crab just before serving; just gently fold it into the gumbo. Serve your gumbo over rice.

Typically white rice is used, but brown rice or whole grain rice is also very good. Have hot sauce available. Everyone can doctor up the gumbo to suit his or her own heat meters.
SHRIMP CREOLE

INGREDIENTS:
- 1-1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 large bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, fine chopped
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1 (15 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 bay leaves, crushed
- 16 oz. cleaned, raw shrimp
- 3 cups hot, cooked rice

PREPARATION:
Cook and stir onion, celery, pepper and garlic in butter until onion is tender. Remove from heat; stir in tomato sauce, water, and spices. Simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes. Add water, if needed. Stir in shrimp. Heat to boiling. Cover and cook over medium heat 20 minutes until shrimp are pink and tender. Serve over rice.

NEW ORLEANS SWEET POTATO BREAD PUDDING WITH RUM SAUCE

INGREDIENTS:
- 1-1/4 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 cups raisins
- 1/4 cup dark rum
- 5 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 quart whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 loaf sweet Italian bread, torn into 1-inch pieces
- rum sauce (recipe follows)
- whipped cream

PREPARATION:
Arrange sweet potatoes in a steamer basket over boiling water. Cover and steam 10 minutes or until tender. Set aside. Combine raisins and rum. Set aside. Combine eggs and next five ingredients in a bowl; add bread pieces, sweet potato, and raisin mixture. Spoon mixture evenly into a lightly greased 13 x 9-inch baking dish, then bake at 350°F for one hour or until set, covering with foil to prevent over browning, if necessary. Serve warm with rum sauce and whipped cream.

RUM SAUCE FOR BREAD PUDDING

INGREDIENTS:
- 1-1/2 cups butter
- 1/4 cup dark rum
- 3 cups sifted confectioners sugar
- 1 egg yolk

PREPARATION:
Melt butter in a heavy saucepan over low heat; stir in rum. Add confectioners sugar; stir with a whisk until smooth. Stir in egg yolk; cook, stirring constantly until egg is cooked.
Described above are all words shared by campers who attended last summer’s Camp Good Grief expressing the impact of Hospice of Huntington’s annual grief camp. Children and teens between the ages of 8 and 16 dealing with the loss of a loved one are encouraged to experience this special kind of camp each year. Attending Camp Good Grief allows each camper to gain a new understanding of their grief process and learn healthy ways of coping with loss. Throughout this multi-day camp experience the unique grief journey of each camper is recognized and supported by using the Healing Hearts game, developed by Sharon Rugg, LCSW, CT, RPT, as a framework for grief support sessions.

Camp Good Grief is also filled with fun camp activities—swimming, fishing, hiking, and arts & crafts. Combining recreational activities with grief sessions supports the needs of bereaved children who may “open up” within the informal camp atmosphere.

While professional bereavement staff provide guidance and support, a trained adult volunteer accompanies each camper as he/she participates in Camp Good Grief activities. In filling roles such as Big Buddies or Cabin Counselors, volunteers often hear a camper’s story of loss, perhaps while fishing or winding down from a busy day. The key to a successful Camp Good Grief experience is the generosity of volunteers who share in the healing journey of campers. Although many adult volunteers return to Camp Good Grief each year, the need for volunteers grows with the number of campers. Camp Good Grief 2009, a three-day and two-night camp session scheduled for June 29 – July 1, will be held at Asbury Woods Camp & Retreat Center located in Salt Rock, West Virginia. Through generous community support, we are able to offer this camp at no charge to campers.

To learn more about attending Camp Good Grief as a camper or volunteer, please contact the Hospice of Huntington Bereavement Department at 304.529.4217 or 1.800.788.5480, or by emailing bereavement@hospiceofhuntington.org. To download Camp Good Grief applications, visit the Bereavement section under Grief Support Services at www.hospiceofhuntington.org.
Heart of Hospice Care: Patient Volunteers

By: Lisa A. Floyd, Director of Volunteer Services

For anyone who has ever cared for someone who is seriously ill, you know just how hard it is to take care of someone ‘round the clock. Caregivers report a heightened level of stress and are often limited in the help they receive from family. As families get smaller and children may leave the area for better career opportunities, it is becoming a norm for one or two people to assume the difficult task of caring for a loved one. Sometimes the caregivers are also elderly and in poor health. Yet, they are just doing the best they can to ensure their loved one is taken care of.

This is where the much-needed services of hospice patient volunteers come into play. Patient volunteers provide relief to the caregivers, so they can run errands or have time to themselves for essential things like a doctor’s appointment, grocery shopping, or simply to de-stress.

As Director of Volunteer Services for Hospice of Huntington for the past ten years, I can affirm the most common barrier to people working with families is fear they won’t know what to say or do while in a home alone with the patient. They fear that the patient may require medical attention or that some other type of crisis may arise, and they won’t do the right thing.

Here are some of the most common things Hospice of Huntington’s patient care volunteers do in the home: watch television with the patients and discuss the programs; read the newspaper or The Bible to patients; prepare a light lunch to enjoy with the patient; or perhaps discuss gardening. The patient volunteers may also sit quietly nearby, while a patient naps.

“\textit{My retirement life is full and joyous thanks to all those friends I have met and come to love through Hospice of Huntington.}”

- Julia Hagan
Patient Care Volunteer

Patient volunteers are carefully matched with a family in their area. Our staff visits a patient’s home with the volunteer to make introductions and make sure they are comfortable with one another. It is not scary. Most often, volunteers express how enjoyable the visit was, and how good they feel about the experience. The world looks a little brighter and kinder.

The hospice volunteer is never really alone with the patient, without support from our professional staff. We are always a phone call away, so that if a situation arises where the volunteer is unsure of what to do, they receive assistance and guidance.

The patient volunteer is only one member of an entire team of hospice professionals caring for the patient and family. We have nurses, medical directors, social workers, certified nursing assistants, and clergy to provide the professional help that is needed. The work is very enriching.

Right now Hospice of Huntington has many opportunities for people to serve as professional patient care volunteers. It doesn’t matter if you can only give a little time —every hour helps. The most time a patient volunteer can work with their family (only one family is assigned at a time) is four hours each week. You also set your own schedule and are reimbursed for mileage to and from the patient’s home.

If you have ever thought about volunteering, we invite you to discover what it’s like to feel truly appreciated and needed. Call Lisa Floyd, Director of Volunteer Services at 304.529.4217 or e-mail questions to lfloyd@hospiceofhuntington.org.
Rewarding Volunteer Opportunities

HOSPICE of HUNTINGTON

Looking for the perfect opportunity to make a real difference? Consider joining Hospice of Huntington as a valued member of our team of volunteers. We are seeking volunteers in a number of areas that may be of interest to you or someone you know. Please indicate your interest and we will notify you of upcoming orientation and training dates. For more information about these positions or other special projects contact Lisa Floyd, Director of Volunteer Services at 304.529.4217 or by e-mail at lfloyd@hospiceofhuntington.org.

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E-Mail Address: __________________________________________________________________

Check all that interest you:

- **EMOGENE DOLIN JONES HOSPICE HOUSE: RECEPTIONIST**
  This position is ideal for students and retirees alike. Duties include answering the phones and directing visitors to patient rooms. Wireless internet connection is also available for those who wish to bring in a laptop. Various shifts are available, including evenings and weekends.

- **GARDENING SUPPORT (SPRING, SUMMER, AND FALL)**
  Volunteers help maintain the beautiful gardens at the Hospice House by pruning and weeding the various portions of the grounds.

- **PATIENT CARE**
  These volunteers are assigned a hospice family in our service area to provide a break to caregivers, as well as companionship to patients. Successful completion of a training course is required. Dates to be announced.

- **HOSPICE GIFT SHOP**
  Volunteers are needed to work in our retail gift shop located at 1101 Sixth Avenue. Ideal for those who always wanted to work in a fun environment filled with beautiful things, while providing excellent customer service. A brief orientation is provided.

- **CLERGY**
  Provide spiritual support to patients and families.

- **CHORDS OF COMFORT**
  A specialized group of volunteers specially trained to use music and song to provide comfort to patients and families.

Please return this page using the enclosed return envelope to:
Lisa Floyd, Director of Volunteer Services, P.O. Box 464, Huntington, WV 25709
Trained professionals and staff from Hospice of Huntington are available to speak to your group, organization, or employees about the following topics, including:

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Our Mission
Hospice of Huntington provides compassionate physical, emotional and spiritual care for those at the end of life and continuing support for their families.

To request a speaker, please contact Denise Springer at (304) 529.4217 or 1 (800) 788.5480
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www.hospiceofhuntington.org

Planned Giving
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You may have heard the term “planned giving” but aren’t sure what it really means. Simply, planned giving is planning to make a difference, both for yourself and a cause you believe in, through a charitable gift. Planned giving is often described as “leaving a legacy” because many gifts are created to make an impact for future generations. Find out how you can leave a legacy for future generations.

For more information please contact:
Karen Dickson, Director of Planned Giving & Major Gifts
P.O. Box 464 • Huntington, WV 25709
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☐ Yes, I would like to reserve my engraved brick(s) on the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House Memorial Path.

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(maximum of three lines with 20 characters per line, including spaces)

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LINE 2

LINE 3

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All text will be centered on brick. Bricks will be ordered once a total of 100 requests are received, and will be installed in the early fall of 2009. You will be notified when your brick is ready and installed at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House.

NOTE: If purchasing more than one brick, please photocopy this Order Form or visit us at www.hospiceofhuntington.org to download it.

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ATTENTION: Brick Campaign
PO Box 464 • Huntington, WV 25709
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Purchase a personalized brick as a lasting tribute TODAY.

HOSPICE of HUNTINGTON
We Light the Way
Make your donation online at www.hospiceofhuntington.org or complete the form below.

Spring has sprung, yielding way to blossoming trees and blooming flowers—fully ripe with color and hope. As we approach the third anniversary for the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House, we invite you to honor a loved one with your donation towards maintaining the beautiful gardens of our wonderful inpatient home.

With each donation to our Shower Hospice with Flowers campaign, a Mother’s Day or Father’s Day card will be sent in honor of the person you choose. If the person you choose to remember is deceased, you will receive an acknowledgement of your gift in support of the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House gardens.

☐ Please accept my donation in the amount of $__________________ to the Shower Hospice with Flowers campaign on behalf of:

(please make checks payable to Hospice of Huntington, Inc.)

(check one) ☐ LIVING TRIBUTE      ☐ IN MEMORIAL      ☐ GENERAL DONATION

Person’s Name: _____________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address (if living tribute):

City: ___________________________________________ State: ___________ Zip: _______________________

Telephone: (   ) _________________________________

☐ PLEASE CHECK BOX IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS

If the person is living, a Mother’s Day or Father’s Day card will be sent stating that a gift for the hospice gardens was given in his/her tribute.

Acknowledgement for (check one):  ☐ MOTHER’S DAY  ☐ FATHER’S DAY  ☐ MEMORIAL

In addition to you, a card or notification of this gift should be sent to:

Name: _____________________________________________________________________________

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☐ Credit Card—To place payment for your gift on credit card (Visa® or MasterCard®), call the Development Department at (304) 529-4217.

NOTE: If you wish to contribute to more than one holiday, photocopy this Order Form or visit us at www.hospiceofhuntington.org to download it.

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A Lasting Tribute:
Legacy Gift Opportunities

Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House

When the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House opened its doors in May of 2006, we knew it would be a special place for patients and their families to come to receive the best end-of-life care possible. Indeed, it has exceeded our expectations, with more than 1,500 patients having been cared for there. This beautiful $6.5 million property that sits along the banks of the Ohio River offers a peaceful and tranquil environment.

We are so thankful for the continued support of the community toward this worthy project, many of whom have been so generous in making donations to support our mission to provide care to terminally ill patients and ongoing support for their families.

Our primary goal in 2009 is to retire the remaining debt on the property. In addition to donations we receive daily in support of our Hospice House, there are several opportunities that remain for honoring a loved one by having their name associated with a room within the house.

With a legacy gift for the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House, you can pay tribute by having the name of your business, family or loved one prominently displayed on a plaque denoting your support and play an integral role in helping us to achieve our goal of paying off the mortgage.

For more information on naming opportunities or to discuss options for donation levels, please contact Karen Dickson, Director of Planned Giving and Major Gifts at 304.633.2169 or by email at kdickson@hospiceofhuntington.org.

Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House
Available Gift Opportunities:

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Pictured above is the living/family room, one of the patient rooms and the front porch of the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House.
Community Shows Widespread Support for Memorial Tree Campaign

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the 2008 “Light-A-Life” Memorial Tree Campaign. Whether you made a donation or helped to staff one of the tree sites, your continued support of this annual tradition makes a huge difference. We heard so many wonderful stories from families whose loved ones received care from Hospice of Huntington and they warmed the hearts of our many volunteers who collected donations.

This year, we expanded our tree locations. In addition to our largest tree at the Huntington Mall, our community partner, BB&T Bank, also distributed donation cards throughout their Huntington-area branches and displayed a special tree in their main branch lobby. We also enjoyed being at Empire Books & News at Pullman Square, where so many people stopped by to lend their support.

Thanks so much to the communities of Wayne and Lincoln Counties, as well. We were thrilled to have trees in those counties for the first time and the residents showed their support in great numbers.

This year, we raised more than $21,000 to help care for terminally ill patients and provide support to their families. We look forward to an even more successful campaign later this year. Thanks to everyone for your help with this special project.
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On December 4, 2007 my Grandmother, Virginia Messinger, died at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. Considering the circumstances, I would not have had it any other way. Through years of failing health and two months of being in and out of the hospital, Hospice of Huntington was a welcome relief.

It wasn’t easy being there with my Grandmother through her final months, but my family and I were helped through the process by the staff at Hospice of Huntington. Beginning in a hospital setting and understanding that process, I was scared when hospice approached my family about helping to take care of her. Growing up, I had heard of hospice many times, but never fully understood the magnitude of the support they provide to the patient and the family.

After my Grandmother was admitted to the hospital in October with a heart attack, I thought she would pull through, because she was the most stubborn woman I have ever met. However, as the nights passed, her condition worsened. After more than a week of sleepless nights, she began to pull through and true to her stubborn nature, demanded she go home. At the doctors’ recommendation, we spoke with a hospice counselor. The options available were astounding and were a much-needed relief to my family.

Knowing that my Grandmother would do better at home, hospice did everything they could for us—and with a smile on their faces, too. After two months of frequent trips to the hospital, there came a point where nothing more could be done to help my Grandmother. After calling hospice at 2 a.m. one morning, the nurse suggested my Grandmother go to the hospice house to see if she could get any better there.

I can’t explain the fears I had about the hospice house, but I knew it was easier for me to spend the nights with my Grandmother there. When I walked through the doors the first time, it was clear that families are welcomed with open arms. The nurses are equipped with a special kind of heart that I wish more people possessed.

Our lives are better off today, because of the experience we faced in caring for my Grandmother. I learned more about her and my family in those few months, than I had in my previous 24 years of life. I simply want to say to the nurses, doctor, social worker, nurse assistant and anyone else at Hospice of Huntington, Thank You and God Bless.
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