



HospiceCare

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*Moving Day
Fast Approaches*



From the Executive Director:

Green is our favorite color!



*By Larry E. Robertson
Executive Director*

ON the cover of this newsletter is a picture of the exterior steel skeleton for our new Administrative Building under construction on Charleston's West Side. The steel being installed here is of the "recycled" variety and is just one of many applications that we will use to give our new home a "green building" designation.

For almost 30 years, HospiceCare has been providing quality end-of-life service to the community, always mindful of the cost of care and being a good steward of the community's resources. We are approaching our building project with the same level of stewardship, choosing to incorporate as many "green building elements" as possible. Our efforts are designed to hold down future operating costs and provide for an environmentally friendly atmosphere for our employees and the general public.

Working with Project Manager Kenny Cooper, of Pray Construction, and Architect John Harris, of Bastian & Harris Architects, we have identified a number of green components to be included in the project. The U.S. Green Building Council has developed measurement criteria for green building design called LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design). Although we will not be seeking formal LEED certification for our project, we will be incorporating a significant number of LEED identified elements in our building design.

Examples include:

- ❖ Using as many materials with "recycled" content as practical, including steel studs for both exterior and interior walls, gypsum wall board, concrete, insulation, acoustical ceiling pads, and carpet.
- ❖ Planting water efficient landscaping to eliminate the need for irrigation -- an efficient storm water collection system will be designed and utilized.
- ❖ The site development plan leaves plenty of open, landscaped areas instead of asphalt and paving.

- ❖ Installing low flow faucets and toilets in kitchens and bathrooms.
- ❖ Site located on a public transportation route (KRT).
- ❖ Minimizing upward lighting in the parking lots will control outdoor light pollution.
- ❖ Existing asphalt paving is being recycled as fill under the new pavement as well as in the patio area.
- ❖ Existing topsoil is being stockpiled on site and re-used in the landscaped areas.
- ❖ All exterior window glazing will be insulated glass with a low E coating. Natural lighting will be introduced into the interior spaces including a skylight located above nursing workstations.
- ❖ Using as many regionalized materials as possible reducing energy required to bring products to the site.
- ❖ Operating as a smoke free building from the start.
- ❖ Low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC's) materials will be used in insulation, carpet, composite wood adhesives and paints throughout the building.
- ❖ The heating and cooling system will be divided into zones controlled by individual thermostats that will be monitored by a computerized system to provide setback control when the building is unoccupied.

And last but not least, the employees of HospiceCare have created a 15-member Green Project Committee to look at recycling and green building design to improve day-to-day operations. For example, the committee will be reviewing processes that might allow us to reduce the amount of paper records that we keep and replace them with electronic records that are more environmentally friendly.

To say the staff and volunteers at HospiceCare are excited about the office relocation is an understatement. We hope the community will also get excited about our move and volunteer to join us in our Building Capital Campaign that kicked off on August 1st. If you are interested in helping us "finance" the new construction please give our Development Director Jim Wilkerson a call at 768-8523 or simply use the contribution envelope enclosed in this newsletter. Thanks in advance for your consideration, generosity and continued support.

Hope you've had a great summer — we will see you in the fall at our new location at 1606 Kanawha Boulevard West!!! ❖

Visit us online at: www.hospicecarewv.org

For nearly 30 years, we've been . . .



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New Administrative Building takes shape on Charleston's West Side; Lewisburg Office gets into the act, as well.



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HospiceCare Case Manager Joan Jeffers, CHNH-RN, lived her life with a love for serving others.

On the cover



Crews with Pray Construction have spent the summer working to make our new Administrative Building a reality at the corner of Kanawha Blvd., West, and 2nd Avenue near Patrick Street on Charleston's West Side. The building should be completed in time for us to move in at the end of October. This photo

shows progress on the steel frame as of mid-July.

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Hospice patient Bob Frincke and his wife, Muriel, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and their care team in the comfort of their own home.

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The 15th annual event draws dozens of runners, walkers and volunteers from around Greenbrier Valley.

15 Smoke on the Water Spices Up a Decade!

The 10th annual Smoke on the Water Chili Cook-off returned to the Boulevard to help kickoff FestivALL.



NEW DEVELOPMENTS . . .

Auto show VIP Gala benefits HospiceCare



Thanks to the efforts of Board Member **Ruth Lemmon** (at left) and her colleagues at the **West Virginia Automobile and Truck Dealers Association**, this year's VIP Gala Jan. 17 helped raise more than \$10,000 to benefit HospiceCare. The VIP Gala kicked off MotorTrend's 2008 W.Va. International Auto Show at the Civic Center in Charleston that weekend. A raffle for weekend trips to The Greenbrier and Stonewall Jackson Lake Resort, as well as an overnight



at the Marriott with dinner at Soho's or The Blossom Dairy, and a Visions Day Spa gift package generated excitement as well as funds. Everyone appeared to have a great time, enjoying

fine food, spirits and a sneak-peak at some of the finest new cars in the world. Above, First Lady **Gayle Manchin** preferred this classic beauty to the new line of cars. ❖



Sold-out Tidewater dinner a spectacularly tasty success

A capacity crowd topping 170 guests helped make the 3rd Annual Tidewater Dinner Gala a huge success, establishing the event as an annual tradition we hope to continue for years to come. Thanks to the planning of General Manager **Dale Gouty** and the fabulous meal masterfully prepared by Chef **Jack Neophytou** and his kitchen staff, everyone, including the restaurant's amazing servers, enjoyed the festive atmosphere accentuated by a live auction following dinner. Not only did the event help raise everyone's spirits, but it raised nearly \$15,000 to benefit HospiceCare programs and services. It was also the first time that the public was able to view architectural drawings of the new HospiceCare Administrative building, which only added to the excitement. Above, the restaurant was filled to capacity. Top right, Dale (yellow shirt) poses with members of his staff. Below right (l.-r.): **Hornor and Freddy Davis** enjoy their lobster cakes!; Tidewater hostess **Rosie Moles** displays a handcrafted auction item; Board President **Carol Hartley** enjoys the company of architect **John Harris**, HospiceCare's building project designer, and his wife, **Cathryn**. Thanks again to Dale and his entire staff for their support of HospiceCare — we're already looking forward to next year's event! ❖



10th Tennis Tourney serves up fun, \$25K

Deb Copeland & Don Lucci keep annual event growing strong

With nearly 200 players hitting the courts, the 10th Annual HospiceCare Tennis Tournament featured some of the area's best doubles tennis, food, and fun Feb. 1-3 at the Charleston Tennis Club, to benefit HospiceCare. This year's event was the most successful yet, raising \$25,000 to



benefit hospice patients and their families served at the Hubbard Hospice House. Over the past 10 years, the tournament and its founders/organizers, **Deb Copeland** and **Don Lucci** — pictured above right with three of their six children, **Molly**, **Tate** and **Erica** — have generously donated their time and energy to help raise \$225,000. In addition to Don



and Deb, HospiceCare also would like to thank the staff and tennis pros at the CTC for helping make the tournament such a success. All would be lost without the hard work and coordinating efforts of (center right, l.-r.) **George Bsharah**, **Sherry Reed**, **MC Liberatore** and **Scott Barr** (not pictured, **Kate Schulz**). We owe them and the rest of the staff at the CTC a debt of gratitude for their tireless work and



devotion to the sport and HospiceCare. We'd also like to thank the 200 tennis players and countless spectators for turning out to make the weekend such a fun time. And last but not least, thanks go out to **Tim Kirby** of **The Chop House**, **Bill Riggall** of **Subway** in Kanawha City, **Dale Gouty** of **Tidewater Grill**, **Trivillian's**, and **Deb Copeland's Morning Prayer Group** for supplying everyone with some of the most delectable edibles around.❖



The wind beneath our wings

The women of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 519 Auxiliary make it their mission to help HospiceCare patients and their families. Over the past 15 years, the group has given \$16,200 to benefit hospice programs and services. The total includes this year's check for \$3,200 that Development Director Jim Wilkerson accepted at the group's May meeting.



Rudd well-equipped to help

In January, Executive Director Larry Robertson and Counselor Marla Mobley accepted a \$5,000 check from Lonna Rutherford, center, on behalf of the employees of the Rudd Equipment Company in Nitro. Lonna had nothing but praise to offer the staff of HospiceCare following the death of her mother, Joyce Fields, a hospice patient, a year earlier.

Moving day is almost here

After years in the planning, construction of our new Administrative Building nears completion in Charleston

AS the new HospiceCare Administrative Building takes shape on the corner of Kanawha Boulevard, West and 2nd Avenue near Patrick Street, staff at the main office in Dunbar are getting excited about moving there at the end of October.

The decision to move from the comfy confines of the old Sloan's Department Store in Dunbar to our new property on Charleston's West Side has been a long time coming. The HospiceCare Board of Directors decided four years ago that we had outgrown our office space in Dunbar and that we needed new facilities to help us manage the increased demand for end-of-life care services. In that short four-year time frame, our average daily census (the number of people and families that we care for on a daily basis) has more than doubled from 150 to 330, and our number of employees has grown from 160 to 265.

This street sign stands at the corner of HospiceCare's new property on Charleston's West Side. Everyone is welcome to stop by and watch as Pray Construction crews work to bring the new Administrative Building to life.

As a symbol of HospiceCare's commitment to the community, the new Administrative Building will be home to our Volunteer Team, which numbers in excess of 300 volunteers, and an expanded Family Bereavement Center to provide counseling services to families that are coping with the loss of a loved one. An existing 18,000-square-foot building on the site will be retained and be remodeled for future use as a senior day care center, respite care facility or an Alzheimer's patient care unit, creating a HospiceCare campus to better serve the community's needs.

Our new home is the former site of Charleston's Parkette Drive-In and Bowling Alley, which Alex and Betty Schoenbaum opened 61 years ago in 1947. The restaurant eventually became the city's first Big Boy's franchise and then America's first Shoney's Restaurant in 1953. Betty Schoenbaum, who graciously attended our press announcement in September 2007, is very supportive of our move: "One of the finest organizations in the country is going to be on this property. This will improve the personality of the West Side." Charleston Mayor





Above, Bastian & Harris Architects' rendering shows the main entrance to HospiceCare's new 18,000-sq.-ft. Administrative Building, at 1606 Kanawha Boulevard, West, facing southwest from 2nd Avenue toward the Patrick Street Bridge. The new facility is being built using the design-build concept where the general contractor, the architect, and the HospiceCare leadership have worked together as a team to develop the overall building plan. The design plan incorporates space needs, workflow, parking, landscaping, general aesthetics, etc., while assuring that we manage the process in a sound fiscal manner and remain good stewards of the community's financial resources. Efforts are also being made to make the site as "green" as possible, as the contractor and architect have committed to using recycled and environmentally friendly products wherever possible.

Danny Jones echoed her remarks: "It will help keep everything around here — people draw people."

We also look forward to our new building serving as a community gathering place for meetings, speakers, and other events in our new multi-purpose room. We welcome ideas on how to better serve not only our patients and their families, but our neighbors and the community at-large. We also encourage other groups to get involved with HospiceCare so that we may share ideas and experiences for the benefit of all.

For the past 30 years we've been building a community of caring, now we'll have a building that will help us better manage that care for the next 30. We look forward to welcoming you to our new home in November. Until then, feel free to stop by and visit us at the Dunbar office as we reflect on the past 20-plus years and reminisce about all the people we have served, the wonderful folks who have been a part of our team, and our phenomenal growth from such humble beginnings. ❖



Below, this overhead view of the property shows the footprint of the new building, new landscaping and parking, and the existing building on the site (in blue in the lower right-hand corner) that will be used for expanded HospiceCare programming in the coming years.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Become part of our building team!

By Jim Wilkerson
Development Director

HospiceCare is blessed to enjoy the generous support of such a wide variety of groups and individuals that represent our diverse and far-reaching service area. From friends and family of our patients, to civic and corporate leaders who understand the importance and value of our programs in their communities, tens of thousands of people over the years have been inspired to give based on the compassionate care we provide. In turn, their heartfelt generosity inspires us to keep growing and improving on our services.

In addition to the work of our volunteers, we depend on the generous support of our friends in the community. Memorial gifts, private donors, businesses, as well as civic and community groups help HospiceCare fill the gaps in spending that allow us to fulfill our philosophy that, "No person meeting the admission criteria for services will be discriminated against because of sex, race, religion, or inability to pay."

Won't you please help us help others by supporting us in our latest venture — building our new home on Charleston's West Side? We look forward to sharing with you all of the possibilities that are available for you to help in the development of our new Administrative Building! We hope to hear from you! ❖

Above, board members and honored guests each turn a shovel of dirt April 17, 2008 at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new HospiceCare Administrative Building in Charleston.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Naming Gift	\$1,500,000
Family Bereavement Center	\$250,000
Conference Rooms	\$125,000
Staff Kitchen	\$100,000
Courtyard Terrace	\$75,000
Main Lobby	\$50,000
Clinical Open Space w/Skylight	\$50,000
Main Waiting Areas	\$35,000

BUILDING TEAM MEMBERS

Blueprinters	\$500-\$999
Foundation Team	\$1,000-\$4,999
Hard Hat Crew	\$5,000-\$9,999
Interior Designer	\$10,000-\$24,999
Ribbon Cutter	\$25,000 and up

To further discuss opportunities for giving, please contact Executive Director Larry Robertson or Development Director Jim Wilkerson at (304) 768-8523.



LEWISBURG BUILDING PROJECT



These drawings, courtesy of Bastin & Harris Architects, show the exterior remodeling plans for the new Lewisburg office, located across the highway from the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. At left, the front of the two-story building and addition will feature a new wheelchair-accessible ramp. At right, first- and second-floor additions will help expand the building's footprint.

Lewisburg offices on the move, too

Renovating, expanding building on new property will improve visibility

By **Larry E. Robertson**
Executive Director

WHILE the talk of the town may be the new Administrative Building under construction in Charleston, a similar project is underway in the Lewisburg community to relocate the HospiceCare office located at 540 N. Jefferson Street to a new address at 223 Maplewood Avenue. In June, after many months of looking at available property in the Lewisburg area, HospiceCare purchased an office building owned and previously occupied by the practice of Dr. Robert G. Shirey.

The relocation of the current office will provide our program with much needed additional space as well as a location that we hope will bring increased visibility to our program. The new office building is located across the highway from the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, which puts us in the heart of the health care center of the community. We think the move to this location will help us increase our referrals and will improve our overall name recognition in the community.

The new property consists of roughly two acres of flat land and a two-story office building that measures 2,400 square feet. Architect **John Harris** has been working with office administrators **Tanya Montie** and **Penny Cole** and has developed a plan to add an additional 1,300 square feet to the structure creating a new 3,700-square-foot facility.

Construction on the new facility was set to begin in late August and be completed before the end of 2008. The new

space will include a large conference room, a new kitchen, a workroom for volunteers, plenty of off-street parking, as well as office accommodations for all current staff.

As part of this project we will also be evaluating the need for inpatient hospice beds in the Greenbrier community. With two acres of land available there is plenty of space to add a 6- to 10-bed inpatient facility similar to the

Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston. During the next few months we will not only evaluate the need for an inpatient program but will also take a look at the community's willingness to support such a project financially.

Pray Construction, utilizing architect **John Harris** of **Bastian & Harris Architects** as the project architect, will manage the construction project. Local subcontractors will be hired to perform most of the work and most if not all of the materials will be purchased from

local suppliers. The Lewisburg branch of **City National Bank** will provide the project financing.

And finally, once the building is completed, the data and phone systems will be upgraded and "rewired" in such a manner that the Lewisburg office will be a part of the Charleston's office network. The telephone, data and video conferencing systems will look as if they are one "seamless" system with for example, the ability to transfer telephone calls from either location without having to redial numbers.

Stay tuned for updates on the building progress. We welcome any constructive input and are always available to speak with the community regarding the services our Lewisburg office provides. ❖

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There's no place like home . . .

Hospice patient, caregivers enjoy comforts of family home in Tornado, WV

A sign at a big bend in the road reads, “Welcome to Tornado — Population 1,005.”

It's just a few miles south of St. Albans, WV, along Coal River Road, through the rolling green hills that were peppered with the brilliant purple blossoms of Red Bud trees in full bloom after the heavy rains this past spring.

A little further down the road is the daffodil-lined gravel drive that leads to the quaint country home of Bob and Muriel Frincke, where the couple has enjoyed living and raising a family for the past 56 years.

On a sunny day here at their home, it's easy to see why the state is nicknamed “Almost Heaven.” There's a deck easily accessed off the back of the house for the

couple to sit and enjoy the scenery and peace and tranquility of country living. Inside is a showcase of a life well spent, complete with all the creature comforts of home, China

cabinets filled with beautiful collectibles, as well as other assorted knick-knacks meant to bring happiness and joy.

Sitting around their gathering table covered in its red-and-white checkered tablecloth under the warm glow of a Tiffany chandelier, Bob and Muriel enjoy one of their regular visits from HospiceCare nurse Carol Means, RN, and social worker Kristen Harrison.

On this day, however, the care team has come bearing the gift of a cake in honor of the couple's 60th wedding anniversary.

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Muriel & Bob Frincke enjoyed a visit this spring from their daughter, Wini, who traveled from her home in Canada to help the couple celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.



Above, left to right: Bob and Wini take a look at the 60th Anniversary cake Carol and Kristen brought to celebrate their big day; Carol checks Bob's blood pressure during her visit; Kristen poses with a vase of flowers delivered in honor of the special occasion; Bob, Kristen and Carol mug for the camera. Opposite page: the Frinckes' home as seen from the end of the driveway. Below, a hearty batch of daffodils sprouts in their yard.

"My friends!" Bob says, with a broad smile and a gleam in his eyes.

"We like hanging out here," Carol adds. "This is my favorite stop – especially for the coffee."

Bob, who recently turned 91, has been a hospice patient for the past two years since being diagnosed with leukemia in the summer of 2006. He, like a majority of HospiceCare patients, receives care and treatment at home where he feels most comfortable and at ease. For the couple, hospice is about enjoying life. "People retreat when you say hospice. You have to say that it's to enjoy what you're doing now," Muriel said. On this day, they had their cake and enjoyed eating it, too, with enough left over to last a few more days . . . *maybe*.

Bob grew up in Charleston, graduating from high school in 1934 and attending Charleston Junior College. He said his chemistry teacher took a liking to him and helped him land a job at Union Carbide in South Charleston, from which he later retired. Muriel was born in Albany, NY, but was raised in Shaker Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. She attended Flora Stone Mather College, the women's college of what is now Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. It was around this time that the pair first met at the summer resort of Rehoboth Beach in Delaware. Bob, had been visiting family at a place along the shore and Muriel was visiting with a friend while attending college in Cleveland.

"It was a summer romance that never lasted," Muriel said, both going their separate ways after the vacation ended. But that didn't deter Bob, who would make the drive from Charleston to Cleveland each weekend to visit Muriel, which at the time meant traversing old winding Route 20 before the Interstate was built. "In those days the drive was horrible. His folks wondered, 'Couldn't you find someone closer to home?'," she said.

But they persevered and Bob and Muriel were married in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 17, 1948. They moved into a small

apartment in South Charleston until their daughter, Wini, was born, and then moved to their home in Tornado in 1952. Wini was in town for a visit from her home in Mt. Albert, Ontario, north of Toronto, to help celebrate her parents' anniversary. She is the mother of Chris, 33, who is getting his Ph.D. from Middle Tennessee State, and Sarah, 26, who is attending the University of Toronto and recently took a trip to Hong Kong as part of a film course. Wini also finds time to play bass in a musical group. Bob, Jr., lives with his wife, Patty, and their two children, Robert, III, 16, and Schuyler, 13, in Orlando, Florida. Bob, Jr. is the Vice President of ONI Corp., an Orlando neighborhood improvement group.

Bob and Muriel keep active and enjoy shopping, going to church and visiting Canaan Valley State Park. They also visited Chris in Tennessee and went to Hilton Head this year. Over the years they have traveled to several places around Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Baltic Sea, including St. Petersburg, Russia. They even spent a few summers in England with Wini when she was younger. Sadly, they had to cancel a planned trip to South America in 2006 after Bob's diagnosis. "Now we regret we didn't go, because we could have done it and the prices for travel back then were much better than they are now," Muriel said.

Asked how they have been able to stay together so long, Muriel at first joked, "Good luck!" She added that they share "the same weird sense of humor."

But upon further reflection, a grateful Muriel said, "It's the blessings of God . . . and we're still in love." ❖



LEWISBURG RUN & WALK



Lewisburg 10K & 5K still going strong

by Penny Cole

Public Relations Coordinator

THE 15th Annual HospiceCare 10K Run and 5K Support Walk on Saturday, May 3, in Lewisburg, not only was a lot of fun for everyone involved, but proceeds from the event directly benefited our patients and families affected by life-limiting illnesses in the Greenbrier Valley and surrounding counties. The event raised more than \$5,000 in sponsorships and registration fees.

Several students from the **WV School of Osteopathic Medicine** volunteered at the registration table at The Lewis Theater on Court Street. Many others also helped with set-up/clean-up, driving, delivery and refreshment preparation, water and first-aid stations, photography, time recording, and so much more! Students **Jennifer Smith** and **Will Smith** were especially helpful on the planning committee and instrumental in directing the volunteers.

Other WVSOM volunteers who deserve our thanks, include: **Mike Brackman; Jon Beyer; Elizabeth Waldman; Chris Bruner; Neha Dave; Sal Nardello; Richard Whiddon; Tucker Leigh; Sarah Shaw; Bobby**

Ford; Heather Horsley; Trisha Whiddon; Bianca LoVerde; David May (and his parents Paul and Patricia); Crissy Duff; Jon Gruber; Christian Kegg; Brad Hendricks; Marri Kajfez; Nathan Moody; Aaron Henderson; Hana Swain; Ashleigh Hall; Alex Barr; Jim Gilbert; and Laura Longwell.

Working alongside the students, volunteer **Gary Bland** monitored the race clock and was ready to help in whatever way needed. Also, HospiceCare staffers **Terri Coleman** and **Amy Wade** volunteered their time and efforts, while **Dan Withrow** donated his racing equipment for the event. Other committee members included **Lee Scruggs, Sandra Fenstermacher, and Liz Wickline McGuffie.**

Buses provided by **Greenbrier Limo Services** shuttled the runners to the **Greenbrier Valley Airport** for the start of the 10K race at 9 a.m. The walkers stepped off from the Lewis Theatre. Both groups wound their way through town, returning past the Courthouse and back to the theater. The top runner overall was **Michael Reickauer**, with a time of 0:41:16! **Sharon Peake** came in first among the women runners. ❖



JOAN JEFFERS ❖ 1955-2008

She was there . . .

‘Joanie’ remembered
for her spirit, dedication



By Jeff Sikorovsky
Development & Communications Assistant

THE HospiceCare family said goodbye to one of its most beloved sisters this past spring. Case Manager **Joan Jeffers, CHNH-RN, 53**, died unexpectedly April 6 while tending to her flower garden at her home in Camden on Gauley.

In her ever-jubilant, happy-go-lucky way, “Joanie” embodied the caring compassion and devotion to nursing that so exemplifies the work of our superb staff. In her 14 years of service to HospiceCare, she wore many hats, her most recent as nursing supervisor in the Summersville Office. Her death has left a large void that won’t soon be filled, yet she has left an imprint on all of our hearts that hopefully will last a lifetime.

In a touching tribute as part of a Nightingale Service in her honor April 9 at the Cunningham-Parker-Johnson Funeral Home, a vase was filled with the same flowers she was cutting for her own table the day she died. Nearly 200 friends and family members attended the service, with many others stopping by the funeral home beforehand to pay their respects.

Sharon Madden, RN, opened the service with truly heartfelt words of praise and remembrance for her colleague, while expressing all of our deepest sympathies to Joan’s family — her daughter, **Sarah A. Jeffers** of St. Albans, her son, **Ira “Ricky” Jeffers** and his wife, **Rachel**, of Charleston,



and her grandson, **Kyle Oxley**, “The Apple of his MaMaw’s Eye” — as well as her loving companion, **Jim Gallemore**, a hospice volunteer.

Joan was a graduate of Hamlin High School and St. Mary’s School of Nursing in Huntington. She loved camping, traveling and playing Bingo and was excited to spend her first summer at her new home in the Webster-Nicholas county area, enjoying the scenery, fishing and camping.

The family is accepting memorial e-mail condolences at cpjfuneralhome@aol.com, and requests that all donations be made in Joan’s name to HospiceCare. ❖

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HAPPY TRAILS



Closing the books on a career in service

AFTER nearly 10 years with HospiceCare, former Finance Director and Controller **Andy Smolder** retired at the end of June, rounding out 35 years of service in various administrative and financial roles throughout the health care field, holding two degrees from Marshall University and West Virginia University.

HospiceCare staff members offered Andy words of thanks and parting gifts, along with a little cake and ice cream, at a retirement party in his honor on June 27, his last day at work at the Dunbar Office. Also attending Andy's farewell gathering was his wife, **Dene** (pictured above), who is happy to have him home to help out around the house with a variety of projects.

Executive Director **Larry Robertson** praised Andy for his diligence and accuracy in preparing the HospiceCare financial statements during his tenure, noting: "Andy kept our books and records with such perfection that our external auditors were never able to uncover any glaring errors or weaknesses in our accounting internal control procedures. Andy will be missed but I know that he is looking forward to spending time with his wife and grandchildren. He has truly earned his retirement."

Andy plans to enjoy spending most of his time with Dene and their fearless "watchpuppy," Heather, at their home in Scott Depot, while tending to a newly formed real estate investment business. He and Dene also look forward to having more time for some "adventurousome travel." ❖

UPCOMING EVENTS

17th Annual United Way Day of Caring
11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 12, Hubbard Hospice House

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Dedicate New Administrative Building

An announcement regarding the formal ribbon-cutting celebration will be made in the coming months.

10th Annual Toast to Hospice Wine Auction

Featuring wines by Mark Leiberdorfer, *The Country Vintner*. 6-10 p.m., Nov. 7, Lewisburg, WV.

Volunteer Training Course

Classes will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. & 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 23, 25, and 30, and Oct. 2, 7, 9, and 14, Dunbar office, 1143 Dunbar Ave.

Annual Hospice Memorial Service

For families and friends of loved ones who died this year. 3-4:30 p.m., Oct. 12 at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, 100 Hodges Road, Charleston. Reception to follow.

Grief Recovery Support Group (Call to register!)

Regular groups, 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays (Four-week sessions)

- Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25
- Oct. 2, 9, 16, and 23

Holiday Group, 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays (Six-week session)

- Nov. 13, 20, 27, and
- Dec. 4, 11, and 18.

25th Annual Love Light Tree Display

Fundraising campaign to benefit local HospiceCare offices, Charleston Town Center Mall, Boone Memorial Hospital, and Greenbrier Valley Mall, Nov. 28 to Dec. 23.

Tour the Hubbard Hospice House

Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to call us to schedule a tour of our 24-room in-patient hospice facility, as well as the gardens and grounds. For more information, contact Linda Smith at the Hubbard Hospice House, (304) 926-2200.

Check us out online!

Have a question about hospice programs and services? Learn more at: www.hospicecarewv.org

SMOKE ON THE WATER CHILI COOK-OFF



10th Annual Cook-off heats up The Boulevard

HospiceCare would like to thank everyone who helped make the 10th Annual Smoke on the Water Chili Cook-Off such a blazing-hot success! The day-long event not only helped kick off FestivALL in Charleston, but raised a record \$8,000-plus (as well as invaluable public awareness and good will) for programs and services that benefit hospice patients and their families.

Special thanks goes to the members of the Smoke on the Water Chili Cook-Off Committee for making the event's 10th year so special, not only for us, but for the 75 chili cooks (another record) who showed up for the competition. Another big "Thank you!" goes to the more than 60 HospiceCare staffers and volunteers who donated their time and energy on a Saturday to make the event a success. It also was wonderful to be part of FestivALL, the 10-day showcase of arts and culture occurring at various locations around the city.

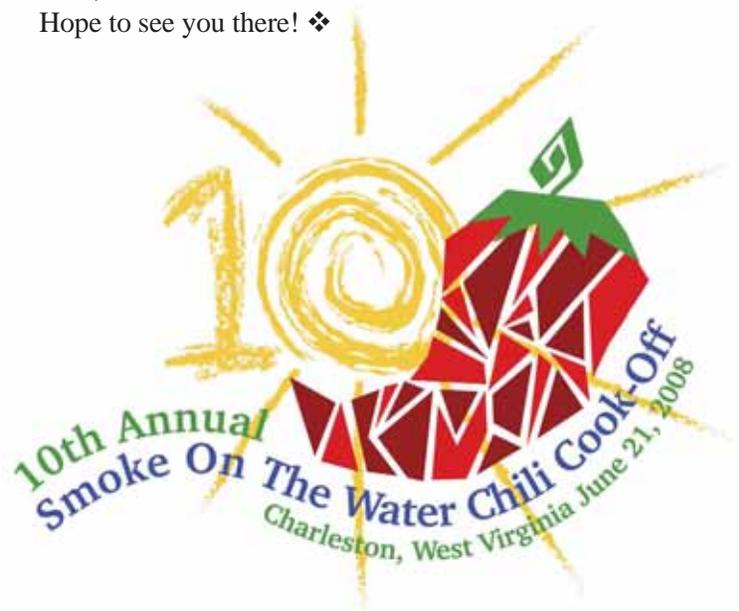
And then there are Volunteer Director **Jewell Morgan** and volunteer **Jim Cook**, who not only competed in this year's cook-off, but also found time to help organize a few HospiceCare volunteers serving chili in the tent next to theirs. Jewell also spent a good part of the week before the event preparing 20 gallons of HospiceCare People's Choice chili, a basic variation on her own recipe.



The top prize of \$7,500, went to three-time winner **Kit Hoff** of Columbus, Ohio, pictured top left with cook-off committee Chariwoman **Jennifer Piercy-Igo**. **Charlie Counts** of St. Albans won the raffle for the wide-screen HDTV. **Jackson Kelly PLLC** won the People's Choice award in the law firm chili competition.

We're looking forward to doing it all again next year, with the event tentatively scheduled for West Virginia Day, June 20, 2009.

Hope to see you there! ❖





An unusually wet spring helped bring the gardens to life in a brilliant way at the Hubbard Hospice House

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