HospiceCare Today

A Family’s Gift From the Heart

Summer-Fall 2013
‘Your’ HospiceCare keeps on growing for the 21st Century

At the turn of the century, HospiceCare took a huge leap of faith and embarked upon a significant fundraising campaign to provide the first ever inpatient hospice facility in the State of West Virginia, The Hubbard Hospice House. The 24-bedroom facility in Charleston set the stage for similar facilities around the state as other hospice organizations built houses in Huntington, Wheeling, Beckley, Elkins and Martinsburg, and we expanded our program to include a 10-bedroom facility located at Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston. On Sept. 6, HospiceCare broke ground on its third inpatient facility, an 8-bedroom house being built in Lewisburg adjacent to the current administrative office on Maplewood Avenue.

The “yet to be named” 8,500-square-foot facility will mirror the Hubbard Hospice House in its design and functionality, but will be decorated with the color schemes of the historic Greenbrier Valley community. The expected date for opening the facility to patients and their families is May 1, 2014.

This September also saw the grand opening of the new Wallace Grief Support & Education Center housed in the main office at Patrick Street in Charleston. The facility bears the name of Dave and Margie Wallace who have been long time supporters of the HospiceCare program and have shown passion for serving individuals needing comfort and support in dealing with the loss of loved ones. The 3,600-square-foot facility houses a large gathering room for adult support groups and a comparable size space for children dealing with grief and loss as part of our Kids Path Program. Multiple rooms are available for individuals needing counseling on a one-on-one basis by HospiceCare’s professional staff of licensed counselors and chaplains.

We are also happy to report the success of our PalliativeCare Center that opened in the fall of 2012. Led by Nurse Practitioner Vicky Powell, the palliative care team has been so successful that it recently hired a second full-time nurse practitioner and named current Hubbard House physician, Dr. Amy Wirts, as its Medical Director for Palliative Care Services. The center provides education, goal clarification, and medication review for individuals who are suffering from chronic illnesses but are not quite ready for services provided by the hospice care team. Just as we were the first hospice to open an inpatient facility, we are the first hospice in West Virginia to develop a highly effective Palliative Care program designed to relieve suffering and to improve quality of life for patients dealing with a serious disease. Palliative treatment focuses on relief of physical, emotional and spiritual distress of the patient as well as support for the families and is provided wherever the patient lives, at home, in a nursing home or extended living facility.

And finally, we are pleased to report that “your” hospice continues to provide the highest level of hospice services as defined by best practices in the industry. The quality of care as defined by Medicare and as reported back to us through customer satisfaction questionnaires has provided us with statistical proof that we are providing the care that the community has come to expect from HospiceCare. We are proud to be part of an organization with such a great reputation and promise to continue to provide quality end-of-life care to our patients and families. We are blessed with a large gathering of followers throughout the communities that we serve and want you, as readers of this annual report, to know how much we appreciate your financial support, your kind words, and of course your prayers as we continue to respond to the needs of those suffering with life-threatening illnesses. I hope you find this annual report informative and visually representative of HospiceCare’s events and activities during the past year.

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Community Support Soars
While West Virginia celebrated its 150th Birthday this year, HospiceCare enjoyed an overwhelming outpouring of support from a variety of groups.

Torch passed at CTC Tourney
HospiceCare Tennis Tournament bids farewell to its founders.

Chef’s Surprise makes her day
All she wanted was a gourmet meal in bed. What she got was a feast thanks to the efforts of her HospiceCare Team.

Breaking ground in Lewisburg
New inpatient facility will serve families in and around the Greenbrier Valley, as community supports local office.

Wallace Center Opens to Public
New addition will make grief support and education available to all.

Palliative Care fuels referrals
We help those with a serious illness as well as care for the caregiver.

Mend-A-Heart helps spirits soar
Children and teens enjoyed a day of fun in the sun at Camp High Tor!

Charitable Gift Annuities
Giving to HospiceCare doesn’t have to be a one-way proposition.

Annual Report shows growth
HospiceCare keeps striving to increase admissions and daily census.
Breaking new ground in Lewisburg
Inpatient facility underway thanks to local community support

After years in the works, HospiceCare is proud to finally announce we have broken ground on a new 8-bedroom inpatient hospice facility to benefit patients and their families living in Greenbrier, Monroe, Pocahontas, and Summers counties served by our Lewisburg Office. Here in 2012, we admitted 207 patients who were served by 25 employees and 45 volunteers. Our payroll and benefits totalled $1.4 million, exceeded by $1.6 million in revenues, thanks to the responsible stewardship of our administration and Board of Directors. The new facility will provide eight private rooms and generate 20 new jobs and new volunteer opportunities, with total payroll and benefits estimated at $800,000 annually, with $1.1 million in additional hospice revenue annually.

It is the philosophy of HospiceCare that no person meeting the criteria for admission be denied services because of gender, race, religion or inability to pay. It is through generous memorial contributions, estate gifts and local community fundraising events that HospiceCare is able to bridge the financial gap to cover all costs associated with patient care. And all money raised in the Greenbrier Valley stays in the Greenbrier Valley, which is why this inpatient facility is so special.

Thanks to years of fundraising events such as the annual Toast to Hospice and Chocolate Chase, as well as the new benefit, Inside the Huddle with Tony Caridi, HospiceCare’s Lewisburg Office has been able to not only attract generous donations to balance their costs, but also raise awareness and educate the public on the invaluable services that HospiceCare provides the community.

It’s safe to say that in the past 15 years that founders Deb Copeland and Don Lucci have hosted our annual HospiceCare Tennis Tournament at the Charleston Tennis Club, they have not only helped raise nearly a half million dollars to benefit hospice patients and their families, they have been our strongest advocates individually promoting awareness of HospiceCare and the value our programs and services have for everyone throughout the community.

It is with great respect and heavy hearts that we must bid farewell to them as they move on to focus more on other interests close to their hearts, but HospiceCare is very pleased that they have passed the torch on to organizer Shannon Elliott (inset right) and the staff at the CTC to continue to make the tournament so much fun and successful well into the future.

HospiceCare greatly appreciates all the hard work and organization the CTC staff puts into the event each year. Thanks to Sharri Reed, Kathy Hudson, George Bsharah, MC Liberatore, Scott Barr, Scott Zent and the rest of the pros & staff at the CTC for their tireless efforts and devotion to the sport and HospiceCare. Special thanks also to the more than 100 players and even more spectators that turn out each year to make the first weekend in February such a fun time.

Special thanks also goes to all of our tournament sponsors: The Charleston Group at Graystone Consulting; Live to Give — A God Thing; Stephen & Laura Wehrle; Rory & Kim Isaac; Gibbons & Kawash, CPAs; James & Karen Smith/Smith Fastener Co.; Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield WV; Steven & Sharon Rubin; Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC; Charleston Area Medical Center; Arnett Foster Toothman, PLLC; Dr. Tim Deer/The Center For Pain Relief, Inc.; Holden Machine & Fabrication, Inc.; United Bank Inc.; West Virginia Lottery; Scott Long/Hendrickson & Long, PLLC; The Elliott Family Foundation, Inc.; Wehrle; Rory & Kim Isaac; Gibbons & Kawash, CPAs; James & Karen Smith/Smith Fastener Co.; Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield WV; Steven & Sharon Rubin; Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC; Charleston Area Medical Center; Arnett Foster Toothman, PLLC; Dr. Tim Deer/The Center For Pain Relief, Inc.; Holden Machine & Fabrication, Inc.; United Bank Inc.; West Virginia Lottery; Scott Long/Hendrickson & Long, PLLC; The Elliott Family Foundation, Inc.; Christi & Kelly Smith/Royal Chrysler Jeep Subaru; Diana Williamson/Neurological Associates, Inc.; and United Bank.

Thanks also to all our wonderful food sponsors for supplying the most delectable edibles around: “Aunt Marie” B. Runyan for her amazing pepperoni rolls; Tim Kirby of The Chop House; Al & Joe Leonoro of Leonoro’s Spaghetti House; Bill Riggall of Subway in Kanawha City; Sherri Wong of Bridge Road Bistro; Robin Williams of Spring Hill Pastry Shop; John Carson and Nathan Rose of First Watch; Paula Butterfield of Travillian’s; Carrie Charbonniez of Lola’s; Joe Zando of Zando’s Catering Unlimited; Sarah Plumley of Sarah’s Bakery; Jim Wilkerson for his amazing chocolate dipped strawberries; Fred Kellmeyer for supplying beverages, and Deb Copeland’s Prayer Group & Friends.
By Jeff Sikorovsky
Marketing Director

HospiceCare is honored to announce the dream of David & Margie Wallace has been realized with the opening of The Wallace Grief Support & Education Center this fall. David and Margie’s vision and leadership on this project demonstrates their deep love and devotion to family and community, reinforcing the value of each in all of our lives.

The new 3,600-square-foot addition at HospiceCare’s Main Office in Charleston will enhance community outreach and programming throughout our 16-county service area with expanded support groups and individual counseling for area schools, churches, businesses, civic groups and the public. The Wallace Center will be a place where grieving people can freely express themselves in a safe and supportive environment as they proceed in their journey of healing.

With the generous support of The Wallace Family, this new facility will touch the lives of so many people in our community who are seeking understanding and support after the loss of a loved one. From the death of a spouse or parent, to the ongoing suffering of a terminally-ill infant or child, HospiceCare is dedicated to helping families and friends cope, grieve and carry on with peace and comfort.

For Dave, the Wallace Center is a gift of healing for the community that grew out of his own life-long grief journey. Following the death of his brother, William T. Wallace, Jr., in 1949 at the age of 24 — the result of injuries sustained in World War II — Dave witnessed the devastating effects of grief and loss on his family, especially his mother, Bessie Wallace. “There was really no place for her to help her deal with the loss of her son,” he said. “Over the years I’ve seen how difficult it was for family, friends and associates who were grieving. Some even relied on prescriptions to deal with their feelings, which led some to abuse the medication rather than heal with good counseling,” Dave said.

As a long-time member of HospiceCare’s Board of Directors, Dave saw how beneficial the Bereavement Department’s grief support programs were and was very impressed with the ability of our counselors, social workers and chaplains to help our grieving families heal.

“In keeping with the mission of HospiceCare, our goal is to not deny anyone who is grieving the care and support they need through The Wallace Center,” he said. “But to serve the community as a whole, we will also need to find new revenue streams to help make the Center prosper. This building is my family’s commitment to making that happen.”
HospiceCare’s existing bereavement services include individual and group grief support for the loss of a spouse, an adult child, and a sibling. The new center lets us expand our bereavement services, including the addition of individual and group grief support for the loss of a child, loss from miscarriage, loss from homicide/suicide, loss through divorce, and even the loss of a family pet. Our counselors are available to come to your place of business, civic or community group meeting, and place of worship to provide grief support and education.

The Wallace Center also will offer individual grief support and group support for children, ages 4-12, and teens, ages 13-19, for grief related to the loss of a parent, a grandparent, a sibling or any other relative, as well as the loss of a friend or classmate. Wallace Center grief counselors are also available to come to schools to provide grief support and education upon request. A new children’s therapy room at the Wallace Center was designed to help kids process their grief through expressive art therapy, play therapy, and group therapy, as well as multi-media educational support programs.

HospiceCare’s Bereavement & Spiritual Care Director Michael D. Dupay, said, “I would like to thank Dave and Margie Wallace for their shared vision to help provide a Grief Support and Education Center for our Community. Our goals for The Wallace Grief Support and Education Center are for it to be an affordable and quality grief support resource available for all children and adults in our community who need it. Our ultimate goal is to help build a healthier community for our children and adults who have suffered loss by creating an environment where healing can take place. As a result, those who are grieving will learn how to grieve well, so they can live well and love well again!”

HospiceCare would like to thank everyone with Pray Construction for all of the quality work they did getting the addition built and open in such a timely manner. Pray’s President Mark Grigsby was also kind enough to host a summer picnic at the center under construction to celebrate Dave and Margie’s gift with their family and friends (below). Their daughter, Elizabeth Wallace Steelman, attended with her children on behalf of her siblings, Charlotte Wallace Jones and David H. Wallace, Jr. HospiceCare also would like to thank John Auge of Auge+Gray Collective Works for designing the center’s new logo and dedicating the new addition with his inspiring prepared remarks. A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Sept. 10.

For more information about The Wallace Center, please call us at (304) 768-8523 or (800) 560-8523, or stop by our Main Office at 1606 Kanawha Blvd. W, Charleston WV, 25387.
Surprise visit from local chef makes her lunch memorable

By Jeff Sikorovsky
Marketing Director

Betty Hoschar was always joking with her sister, Geraldine, that she required a personal chef to prepare her gourmet meals in bed. Then much to her surprise one afternoon this past spring she got her wish!

“There’s a man in the kitchen,” Betty said a bit confused from her hospital bed in the living room.

“Well, you said you wanted a gourmet meal,” Geraldine said.

“We’ve had a chef make you lunch today.”

Thanks to the efforts of her HospiceCare nurse Jill Vigliotti and social worker Jennifer Kirsch, Betty enjoyed lunch of Greek Mussaka, hummus with fresh-made pita chips, a garden salad, and éclair cake for dessert, masterfully prepared by Chef Michael Spangler (inset) of St. Albans.

Jill met Michael while visiting her patients at Valley Health in Hurricane where he worked while going to cooking school at Mountwest Community & Technical College in Huntington. Remembering Betty’s request, she enlisted Michael to help. Although he had only graduated from Mountwest six days before making...
lunch for Betty, Michael easily passed her taste test.

“Is he moving in?” Betty asked hopefully, to which Geraldine responded no. “Why not?!” Betty protested, but then again thought it probably wouldn’t work out. “I love men, but can’t live with them,” she joked.

The two sisters have lived together in Dunbar for years and throughout their lives have only been separated for about a year-and-a-half total. Neither married nor had any children of their own, but they proudly claim to have spoiled rotten their brother Nelson’s children and grandchild.

Betty became a HospiceCare patient in 2012 after dealing with poor circulation in her legs for years and then suffering complications from stomach ulcers and COPD, which ultimately left her bedridden last summer. “It was hard to walk and my legs were numb,” she said.

Being bedridden, however, hasn’t dampened her spirits too much. Betty is still talkative, bubbly, and has a twinkle in her eye, keeping herself busy by expanding her collection of hand-made greeting cards. Betty’s made hundreds, if not thousands of cards over the years for birthdays, holidays, and other occasions—inspirational cards, get-well cards and even her “Humor by Hoschar” line of funny cards. One has a balloon and basket on the front, which reads, “Don’t be … (open) … full of hot air!”

Another reads, “Life is like a movie… (open) … you write the script,” designed with popcorn, film reel and ticket stub cut-outs on the front.

Betty has been sending her great niece, Megan Payne (inset), a card every week since she started at Marshall University in 2002. “She’s the light of our lives,” Betty said.

Born in Point Pleasant, WV, Betty also proudly discusses her professional career in banking after graduating from Centre College. She started with Kanawha Valley Bank May 4th, 1970, which then became One Valley Bank and ultimately BB&T. She worked as the assistant vice president and manager of operations at BB&T’s Piedmont Road facility before going out on disability a few years ago when her health declined. At its peak, Betty helped manage 98 employees.

Betty also enjoys tracking her family’s family tree online. Besides an affiliation to the McCoys, of Hatfields & McCoys fame, on her dad’s side of the family, she was able to uncover that members of another branch of her family came to the New World in 1749 from Germany on a ship called, “Phoenix.”

It is in the same spirit of the mythological bird that Betty, too, finds the strength to rise from the struggles of the previous day to make each new one special.
Camp Mend-A-Heart helps spirits soar!

Dozens of kids enjoy some fun in the sun while working through their feelings of grief & loss

FUN in the sun was the order of the day for HospiceCare’s 3rd annual Camp Mend-A-Heart July 13 at Camp High Tor in Scott Depot. The camp is designed to give children grieving the loss of a loved one the chance to enjoy themselves in a safe and supportive environment.

Games, arts & crafts, swimming, hoops, volley ball, swings & things, a huge slip & slide, and a visit from the Teays Valley Fire Department’s pumper truck helped kids from around the state enjoy a beautiful summer’s day, all the while working through tough feelings and issues on their grief journey.

The traditional balloon launch at the end of the day also gave the campers a chance to write and send a message to their loved ones in heaven while being joined with their families. Their smiles and tears brought healing.

Special thanks to hospice staffers Mike Dupay, Marla Coleman, Kim Morgan, Jo Bailey, Rita Bailey, Joan Fernandez, Eugene Blankenship, Scott Casdorph, Pernell McCoy, Pete Thompson, Terry Yahr, Melanie Allen and volunteers Stephanie Martin, Shelley Kanner, Debbie Jackson and Jim Wilmoth for making the kids’ day so special! ☺
Hospice volunteers are people who care. Some are nurses, clergy, or therapists, but most are everyday people like you who want to help others and their community. People who want to volunteer for HospiceCare do not need special talents; they simply need to be willing to share their time with others.

Throughout the year, more than 400 people provide invaluable services to HospiceCare patients and their families. From one-time commitments such as helping with our annual Love Light Tree campaign or Smoke on the Water Chili Cook-off, to year-round activities such as home care support, providing music at the Hubbard Hospice House, helping with a bulk mailing, office work or running errands, hospice volunteers always make a difference!

HospiceCare’s Volunteer Department is now accepting applications for the fall Hospice Volunteer Training Program. The FREE course meets twice-a-week in October at HospiceCare’s Main Office. Morning & evening classes are available to allow for flexibility of schedules. Completion of the application process and registration are required for admission to this training course. Walk-ins will not be admitted.

For more information and to register, please call Melanie Allen at (304) 768-8523 or (800) 560-8523, or e-mail her at mallen@hospicecarewv.org.
Helping the seriously ill & caring for the caregiver

We can be there before you need hospice

By Vickie Powell, FNP-BC, CHPCA
Director of Palliative Care Services

Palliative Care is a board-certified medical specialty that seeks to improve the quality of life for people at any stage of a serious illness, even those seeking curative treatments. For one-on-one Palliative Care consults, a nurse practitioner visits a family, reviews medications, and talks with the patient’s attending physician. Home visits help families make adjustments in care that reduce pain and anxiety, and link them with community resources that offer further assistance.

Although West Virginia’s aging and chronically ill population lends itself to a Palliative Care approach, as a state, we lag behind in terms of access: Grade C (decreased from B) for Hospital Palliative Care programs and ranked 40th for use of hospice at end of life, even though W.Va.’s population ranks it 1st as the “oldest” state. Most West Virginians and health care providers have not heard of palliative care, do not know how to access it, or do not access it because they don’t understand it, even though it is touted as the new model for managing serious illness.

According to a World Health Organization study, a considerable body of evidence shows that older people suffer unnecessarily due to widespread under-assessment and under-treatment of their problems and lack of access to palliative care.

Studies show that Palliative Care reduces high levels of suffering and distress, improves communication among patients, families and healthcare providers, addresses the needs of family caregivers, reduces unwanted, unnecessary and painful interventions, can improve survival, improves patient and family satisfaction, and improves quality of care while reducing costs.

The PalliativeCare Center provides consulting, planning and education to individuals and groups on a variety of topics, including our “Caring for the Caregivers Workshop” and “Faith Leaders Workshop: Help for the Hurting.” It has partnered with area senior centers and faith-based communities to host dozens of FREE caregiver workshops throughout the region and work with key health care providers to improve access to specialists in each county. The Center’s expanding efforts as of late reflect an exponential growth in demand for its services.

West Virginians with a serious illness deserve quality health care, and more and more studies show that palliative care consultations do make a difference with easing suffering, ensuring the patient’s wishes are carried out, improving their quality of life, and providing family support. We have provided pilot caregiver classes and those who have attended have told us things like: ‘It’s good information I need’; ‘It’s nice to know I’m not alone’; and, ‘I’m glad I came. It helps to know what options I have.’”

For more questions about the PalliativeCare Center, please call Vickie Powell at (304) 941-1950, or contact her by e-mail at vpowell@palliativecarewv.org, or Community Education Coordinator Carol Matheny, MSN, RN, CHPN at (304) 941-1951, or cmatheny@palliativecarewv.org.

Vickie Powell and Carol Matheny
HospiceCare now offers Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable giving doesn’t have to be a one-way proposition. It is possible to make a charitable gift and actually have an income stream flow back to you — all while generating valuable income-tax benefits.

WHAT IS A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY?

Charitable gift annuities are a very flexible way to make charitable gifts to HospiceCare, providing a fixed income for life you and/or others you choose. Annuities are easy to create and can be funded with gifts of varying amounts. The American Council on Gift Annuities defines the product as a contract under which a charity, in return for a gift of cash or property, agrees to pay a fixed amount over the term of either one or two lives, usually the donors. When you make your initial gift, you can take an immediate income tax deduction for the estimated amount that will eventually go to the charity, after all the annuity payments have been made. A portion of the payments you will receive will also be tax-free, until you reach your statistical life expectancy.

EXAMPLE OF CASH ANNUITY CONTRIBUTION:

On Jan. 1, 2013, Joe Smith makes a cash gift to HospiceCare in the amount of $25,000. Joe is 75 years old. By the annuity table, Joe’s gift is eligible for an annuity rate of 5.8%. He elects to receive quarterly payments in the amount of $362.50. The breakdown for his payments would be as follows:

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Charitable give annuities have some tax advantages you can’t get with other investments or methods of donation:

Immediate tax deduction. When you donate, you get a tax deduction — not for the entire amount you donate, but for that amount minus the expected amount you would get back in payments over your lifetime.

Capital gains tax deferral. A portion of the capital gains tax that would be due on a sale of the gift portion can be avoided at the time of the gift, and the rest of the gain reported over the annuitant’s life expectancy.

Non-taxable income. A portion of the annuity payments aren’t taxable; it is treated as the return of the principal you handed over to HospiceCare. After you reach your statistical life expectancy, however you will pay tax on the payments as ordinary income.

For more information, please contact Finance Director Mike Morris at (304) 768-8523 or via e-mail at mmorris@hospicecarewv.org. It is recommended you see your tax advisor to determine your savings based on your actual tax information.
Looking back over the fundraising events from the past year it appears that the list of people, businesses, government agencies, organizations and community groups that HospiceCare has to thank for their generous support has grown exponentially. A critical mass of community support has formed around HospiceCare made up of people from all walks of life whose common unifying force is gratitude for all the programs and services we provide.

On behalf of all of the doctors, nurses, social workers, CNAs, counselors, chaplains, volunteers and support staff here at HospiceCare, however, let me say that if it wasn’t for you welcoming us into your homes at your time of greatest need, we wouldn’t have the opportunity to do our jobs and be of assistance. The growing awareness of the compassionate care we provide spreads primarily by word-of-mouth from our patients, their families and friends as they share with others their first-hand experiences. The community tells our story better than any marketing event or advertising campaign ever could. Those we serve are our best ambassadors.

Ultimately, we at HospiceCare owe the community a debt of gratitude for your support and hope to keep proving our worthiness to those we serve for years to come. Thanks to the numerous fundraising activities, memorial gifts, individual contributions, and donations of time and energy from the community we are able to meet the needs of those we serve, and for that we are most grateful. So for everyone who has selflessly given of themselves this past year, please give yourselves a round of applause and take a bow for all you do for so many in need … YOU really do make a difference!

Special thanks goes out to:
❖ Ruth Lemmon, the WV Truck and Automobile Dealers Association and everyone affiliated with the MotorTrend WV Intl. Car Show VIP Charity Gala
❖ Dale Gouty, Chef Jack and all the servers and kitchen staff at Tidewater Grille
❖ Sherri Wong, Sandy Call, Chef John and their staff at Bridge Road Bistro for keeping Chef Wong’s legacy alive with the annual Midsummer’s Night Dinner and Wine Tasting
❖ Samantha Carney and her staff at the Charleston Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, Trey Frame at Hidden Trails Motorsports, and Vicki & Larry Hayes for making us part of the 2nd annual Capitol City Biker Bash — What a great time!
Timmy David & the Grace Riders for keeping the Darlene David Memorial Ride alive and thriving
Kay Goodwin & Chelsea Ruby and the WV150 Committee for throwing the best party the state has ever seen
Larry Groce, Randy Damron and FestivALL for turning Charleston into a work of art
Darlene & Mike Charnochan, Susan LeFew, Jim Harlan, Ryan & Debbie Jenkins, John & Emily Auge, Letha Cottle, Sheila Melton, Jennifer Igo and the International Chili Society for helping make this year’s Smoke on the Water Chili Cook-off the best yet! Here’s to the Sweet 16th back on The Boulevard!
Charleston Mayor Danny Jones, Rod Blackstone and Shauna O’Brien for coordinating everything with the city
Capt. Dick Daugherty and his First Mate Nancy, and Jeni ‘Ms. Groovy’ Burns aboard the Spirit of WV Sternwheeler
Cheryl Salamacha and all of the riders at the Kanawha Valley Horsemen’s Association’s Summer Challenge of Champions at the Winfield Riding Club.
And of course last but definitely not least, HospiceCare looks forward to celebrating our 30th Love Light Tree season with Lisa McCracken and everyone at The Charleston Town Center Mall — congratulations to Forest City Enterprises and Cafaro Co. for 30 years of serving the people of WV and beyond! Here’s to more great things to come!!!
HospiceCare would like to thank **Keith Stonestreet** and **Pam Brown** (at right), for their tireless dedication to helping our patients and their families. Their philanthropic efforts over the years have culminated in the annual Golf Outing & Dance Party, a new FUN-raiser that grew out of more than a decade of smaller golf outings they hosted. The pair have helped raise $100,000 each of the past two years — the first to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Elizabeth Hubbard Hospice House, the second to benefit HospiceCare’s Kids Path program. Money raised went toward renovations and upgrades to the house and to programs that help children cope with their grief over the loss of a loved one.

This year’s end-of-summer gala on Friday, Sept. 13 at Edgewood Country Club was dedicated to helping expand programming and services offered by The Wallace Grief Support & Education Center (see story, page 4-5). Hundreds of folks enjoyed some great golf, wonderful live music by The Production Company, and fantastic food, spirits and fun.

Because of strong community support, HospiceCare is able to serve patients and their families who cannot afford care. But as HospiceCare grows — now serving nearly 400 patients a day — so too does our need to serve the growing number of loved ones dealing with grief and fund-raising events as the Golf Outing & Dance Party that we are able to bridge the funding gap. **Hospice — it’s about living!**

**Above l.-r., Larry Robertson welcomes Dave & Margie Wallace to the 2nd annual HospiceCare Golf Outing & Dance Party.**