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MEDINA –Hospice of Orleans, Inc. held its Annual Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon April 28, at the United Methodist Church of Medina. Hospice’s Business/Civic Award was received by Carol Murphy & Matt Davis on behalf of Don Davis of Albion for being an integral part of Hospice’s Golf Tournament, which is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year this summer. Mary Lou Tuohey graciously accepted the Mary Janet Sahukar award for her contribution to and advocacy of Hospice services. As Hospice board members and staff witnessed the room full of people that had sacrificed for the betterment of the Hospice mission, there was an overwhelming sense of gratitude. Referred to as “the backbone” of the organization, by Hospice Social Worker and Volunteer Coordinator Chris Fancher, the volunteers were reported to have served over 5,500 volunteer hours. Stories of the duties carried out by the special people that give their time to fulfill them were shared. These people include a volunteer that drives in from Rochester, retired nurses that help sanitize equipment, or the gentleman that does the shopping for the Martin Linsen residence twice a week; it is clear that Hospice could not be what it is today without them. Of all of the amazing volunteers that serve, Mary Ann Tillman was awarded Volunteer of the Year for her service in the residence, scheduling, her participation in each and every Hospice fundraiser and event, her time spent with patients and keeping the gardens at Hospice. She was described lovingly as a “kind and gentle person that unassumingly gets things done”. Hospice is so grateful for Mary Ann Tillman and each of the volunteers that have deemed it a worthy cause and choose to bring joy, comfort and compassion each time that they serve.

**Photos:**

1 –Mary Lou Touhey- received the Mary Janet Sahukar Award, named for Hospice of Orleans’ founding director.

2- Matt Davis & Carol Murphy – accepted the Business/Civic Award on behalf of Don Davis of Albion for their support of Hospice of Orleans

3– Mary Ann Tillman – Volunteer of the Year with Hospice Social Worker and Volunteer Coordinator



