

# HOSPICE NEWS

WINTER 2013

## THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MARTIN-LINSIN RESIDENCE



Sheila Myer, Board Chair, Mary Anne Fischer, Executive Director, John Dellaquila, Past Board Chairman and Craig Lape, Chairman Residence Planning Committee



Betty Walton HHA, Mary Hicks BSN, Family Care Coordinator and Dawn Hungerford, RN, prepare to receive the first resident.

### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Since we accepted our first patient to the Martin-Linsin Residence on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 we have had the privilege and pleasure of serving 12 individuals and their families. The Residence provides a home away from home for those patients who cannot remain at home due to complex medical needs; home situations where the caregiver works or other family members require care; or perhaps the patient is relocating to be closer to family in this area. Whatever the reason, we are happy to open our home to them to help alleviate the stress and emotional complexity of their journey. The Residence is staffed with a Registered Nurse and trained HHA 24/7 who provide for all the medical needs and personal care that a Resident may require. The criteria for admission to the Residence are the same as for the overall Hospice program.

Our home hospice program served nearly 150 patients and their families in 2012, providing comfort, care and compassion to those in our community needing care for a life limiting illness. The hospice team members are experts in alleviating pain, managing symptoms and providing holistic quality care specialized for this phase in a person's life. There are documented studies that support the fact that if a patient chooses the hospice option sooner and the team is able to manage symptoms and provide the specialty care that hospice is noted for, that patients live longer on hospice than those patients who choose not to take advantage of hospice services. You owe it to yourself and your family to fully understand all the benefits that hospice care can provide and to do it sooner!

*Mary A. Fischer*

### FIRST CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE MARTIN-LINSIN RESIDENCE

There’s an old saying that the proof is in the pudding. For the Martin-Linsin Hospice Residence, the proof was definitely in the 2012 Christmas pudding! Family, laughter, music, shared cooking and eating (including wine!) and even a little dog made for a very festive Christmas afternoon. The Residence was designed to reflect the Hospice philosophy that the final journey is a shared one and that loved ones want and appreciate the opportunity to share that journey. On the afternoon of Christmas Day two separate families took full advantage of what the Residence provided. Some were busy cooking, some setting the tables, some percolating back and forth between the common areas and the patients’ rooms. There was eating and laughter and the TV provided background noise - just like at home. One young man gravitated to the piano and provided an impromptu concert for an appreciative audience. One attractive young woman, wine glass in hand and obviously in good spirits, spent time at the reception desk telling the volunteer how “kind of wonderful” this all was and “not like anything” she'd expected. And all the while the little dog was roaming around - just like at home. I especially liked one moment when a family member, coming out from the dining area where the patient was eating along with her family, told Mary the head nurse, that the patient wanted some of the wine. “Was that all right?” she asked. “Of course it’s all right” Mary said smiling broadly. “Give her whatever she wants!” That’s hospice!

Printed with permission of the author Don Algeo – Hospice Volunteer



**A class is now forming for volunteers interested in providing respite care for Hospice families**



**Please call Hospice Office to learn more about this volunteer opportunity**

## SPOTLIGHT ON HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Don Joslyn's interest in building technology dates back to when, as a young boy he would shadow his father who owned a construction company. As he became more interested in every aspect of the building trade, it was only natural that following his two years at Delhi Technical College in Delhi, New York he would join the family firm.

In 1972 Don started teaching at Orleans Niagara BOCES, where he taught a two year building technology program to both seniors and juniors for twenty five years. During this time, the first modular house in New York State was built and still today he encounters some of those students many who are still in the trade and some owning their own construction companies. He also worked for the ARC of Orleans and oversaw the maintenance of many group homes as well as the prefabrication of several Camp Rainbow buildings.

Don became involved in Hospice after his wife Max was employed as their first paid book keeper, a position that she held for 13 years. Prior to that, long time volunteer Lillian Bennett had assumed the role in a voluntary capacity. Shortly after, he also became involved in the Hospice volunteer program and his first project was to supervise a group of students as they constructed an addition to the garden shed. When construction of the new Martin-Linsin Residence was announced it was only natural for Don to offer his services. "Twice weekly, he could be found conducting his own inspection of the building, demonstrating just one more way that members of our community are prepared to support our mission" noted Cora Goyette.

Every Monday and Friday morning as regular as clockwork, he would spend time on site interacting with the builders - many being local, he already knew. From the outset of construction, Don was very impressed with the prevailing atmosphere surrounding the project which he maintains starts from the top. "The concern from the general contractor and attention to detail was so evident throughout. They did an excellent job and I was very happy to see so many local contractors. What really impresses me is that it really is a beautiful home away from home, yet able to provide the residents and families of Orleans County with state of the art medical attention". Don's remarks upon completion of the project.

THANKYOU ! THANKYOU !

Photo: Escorted by Don Joslyn, a group of BOCES students with their course instructor Jake Daniels have a firsthand look at the Martin-Linsin project and learn more about the rudiments of the building trade.



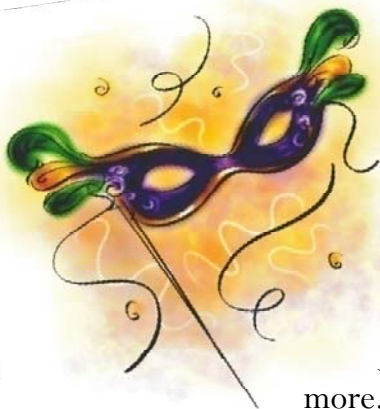
## REFLECTIONS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Just as a New Year is a time to look forward with optimism and anticipation, it is also a time to reflect on the previous year. On a personal level, 2012 was a very special year for me and also the community, culminating in the completion of the Martin-Linsin Residence. Since launching the \$2,287m Capital Campaign three years ago, my “development” journey became a spiritual odyssey. I was so unprepared for the extraordinary multifaceted support that was showered upon Hospice of Orleans. The dedication, love, commitment, enthusiasm, and devotion to the hospice agency is extraordinary to say the least. At best, I would describe it as an allegiance from a community that cares with a passion about those who care for its community with a passion.

October saw the launch of the Albion/Waterport Community Campaign as the final phase of the fund raising efforts for the Martin-Linsin Residence with a gift of \$25,000 from John Sawyer, Jr. Since then, more than \$87,000 has been raised and gifts are still being received and together with the generosity of all of the towns and villages of Orleans County collectively over \$230,000 has been raised. For this year only, our current annual appeal will also benefit the residence and for those who may wish to add their name to the official Donor Recognition Wall a donation card may be found in this publication on page 8.

At the outset, Hospice Board of Directors and staff had anticipated that it would be necessary to finance about \$360,000 but as people continue to give, it is conceivable that the entire project could be funded by the generous donors of our community. So, as we move towards the end of another chapter in the history of Hospice of Orleans, it falls to me to thank each and every one of you for YOUR grassroots effort to make a difference for the families of Orleans County for generations to come. THANK YOU!

### **The Pink Crystal Ball Heads South to New Orleans ..... to benefit the Martin- Linsin Residence**



The theme of the 2013 event will be “A Taste of New Orleans” and the organizing committee has selected Hospice of Orleans to be one of its beneficiaries. The Bourbon Street Beat will be heard on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Ridgeway Fire Hall in Medina from 4pm till 10pm. Guests will be able to experience the Mardi Gras atmosphere including Jazz musicians, Cajun tempos, Dixieland, the French Market and much more. So pack your bags, board a paddle boat and take an historical tour of the “Big Easy”. For more information please call the Hospice Office at 589-0809.

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**“A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle”**



## Brighten Someone's Day and Support Hospice



Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Available at the **Hospice Office** and the following locations all week unless specified:

### **Albion**

ARC of Orleans County  
ACE Hardware  
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Fischer's Newsroom  
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Homestead Wild Flowers  
Lake Plains Medical  
Mark's Pizzeria  
Save A Lot (*Thurs. & Fri.*)  
Village House Restaurant

### **Brockport**

Brockport Federal Credit Union  
Lakeside Memorial Hospital (*Thurs.*)

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JP's Farm Market  
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Save A Lot (*Fri.*)  
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### **Lyndonville**

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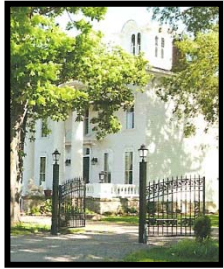
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Please call the Hospice Office at 589-0809 for more information.***

**THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING  
AND  
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION  
LUNCHEON**

**APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**



*The Pillars  
Estate*

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JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

*Sponsored by the  
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**A family fun day**

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**THE PINK CRYSTAL BALL**

**APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE RIDGEWAY FIRE HALL**

**TICKETS:**

**\$20 PRE SALE    \$25 AT DOOR**

Available at the Hospice Office  
or A Kut Above Hair Salon in Medina



**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

*Unable to Golf this Day?  
Come and participate in our  
Basket Raffle and 50/50*

**Dinner Tickets  
Available**



Hickory Ridge Golf and Country Club in Holley  
See website for registration or sponsorship information  
Or call Hospice office on 585-589-0809

**2012 ANNUAL APPEAL – TO BENEFIT THE MARTIN-LINSIN RESIDENCE**

For the family of Joyce Monell, we were there when they needed us and like so many other families they were kind enough to share their thoughts about their Hospice experience with us.

*“A note of thanks to all of your staff for the heartfelt care you provided for our Mom during her final months here with us. You were always a phone call away when needed and your care and comfort was greatly appreciated. Your words of kindness and sympathy brought peace and comfort at our time of loss. Words cannot express our gratitude for the loving care you gave to Mother”.*

Unfortunately, there have been too many families that we were unable to help. Without a family member or caregiver, many people facing an end of life illness cannot receive at home hospice care. Regulations require someone who can help provide care at home in order to access our services. If there is not such a caregiver, they have to be admitted to more institutional and costly care such as a hospital or nursing home. ***But no more!! In November we celebrated the opening of our new Martin-Linsin Residence!!***

At a cost of almost \$2.3 million, our Residence will provide 24 hour care for eight residents in a home like environment. We will continue to provide in-home services for those who desire it and meet the acceptance criteria, but this wonderful home away from home will enable a full range of palliative care for everyone in Orleans County.

**However, we still need your help to make this dream become truly affordable.** I am very happy to announce that we are at 99% of funds raised. Your gift of whatever you can afford will help us ensure that potentially, not one dollar will be borrowed. Your gift means the costs of the facility will be fully funded thus ensuring its fiscal security for generations to come. We would love to add YOUR name to the official Donor Recognition Wall which will be located in the beautiful Indoor Courtyard.

We are so grateful for all of the past support given by this community and hope that you will want to continue to support our mission.

THANKYOU

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**I would like to support the 2012 Hospice of Orleans Annual Appeal.**

- \$ \_\_\_ Surprise Us!
- \$ 50
- \$100

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- Visa
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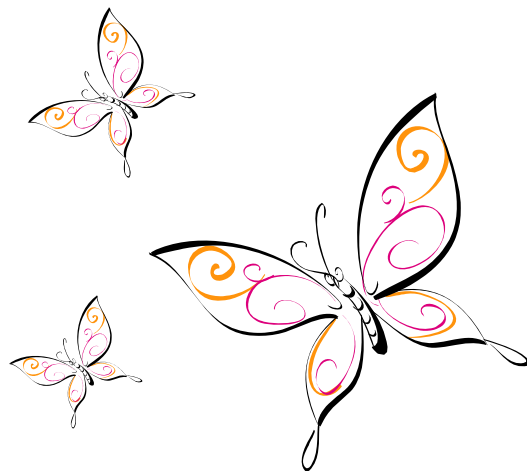
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