

Newsletter 2021



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**Supportive Care of Orleans**

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Elisa Chambery, CEO

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## Letter from Elisa

It has been a whirlwind of activity here at Supportive Care of Orleans as we have welcomed new staff members and have begun to slowly reinstate some events that had been paused in 2020.

I was so pleased to come on board in June and meet all our staff. Our first project was a big one— tackling our annual charitable golf tournament, with the assistance of the Golf Committee and volunteers, which we rolled out in a very short time frame and was a great success! I can't express enough how fortunate we are to have welcomed so many new faces to our team, we couldn't do this without them!

Although we have slowly begun to resume some events, please be assured that we continue to be diligent in our infection prevention safety practices. We continue to screen all who enter the Martin-Linsin Residence, Conference Center and Administration building, require masks to be worn, practice social distancing, and have an increased schedule of cleaning and sanitizing touch surfaces. Out of an abundance of caution, we are continuing with specific visiting hours at the Martin-Linsin Residence, with special visitation arrangements being made for loved ones when a resident is imminent. Though our Supportive Care program remains on hold at this time, we have gradually allowed some of our volunteer services to resume and are grateful to all of our community members who dedicate their time, week in and week out, to helping our neighbors in need.

I'd like to take this opportunity to relay just how thankful we are not only for your continued support and patience as we work through what we hope is the end of the pandemic, but also for the outpouring of gifts and donations to Supportive Care of Orleans. Your support continues to be critical to us in providing care to those we serve. Because this is the only printing of our newsletter in 2021, we have chosen to be good stewards of your donations and save the significant cost of printing by only listing donations and memorials on our website ([www.scorleans.org](http://www.scorleans.org)) this cycle. The list will be available as a .pdf so you can obtain a hard copy if you'd like. If you'd like a hard copy and need help with printing, feel free to call our office at (585) 589-0809 and we will provide one to you.

I am in awe of the generosity of the community and wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude.

**Thank you** for helping us provide the highest quality of care and services for the residents of Orleans County.

## Support Supportive Care

Though we were able to host our Annual Golf Tournament, we had to once again cancel some of our other summer events. Our community's health and safety is most important to us and while we were glad to see everyone in-person this September, we missed seeing you all during our other summer events including our Toast to Hospice and Reverse Raffle due to the pandemic.

Toast to Hospice is one of our largest fundraisers, accounting for a significant portion for our programs and Supportive Care of Orleans still needs your help. We know that the past two years have taken a mental, emotional, and financial toll and we recognize that many are still trying to recover. Even a small donation can help us provide the supportive and palliative care our patients need.

You're a fundamental part of our Supportive Care community and it's only with your support that we are able to provide the comfort, compassion, and expertise our patients and their families deserve. Please, if you're able, help us in our mission to embrace those facing advanced illness with the optimal levels of comfort, compassion and expertise.

Here are some ways you can help Supportive Care of Orleans embrace those facing advanced illness with comfort, compassion and expertise.



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## DONATE TODAY

### General Gifts/Financial Toasts:

- ☐ One time donation      ☐ Recurring Donation  
☐ \$20   ☐ \$30   ☐ \$50   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$500      ☐ Surprise Us! \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\* Did you know you can go to [www.smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), log-in to your account, and enter Hospice of Orleans, (Orleans, NY) as a charitable donation? Each time you make any eligible purchase a small percentage will be donated back to Supportive Care of Orleans and no additional cost is charged to you - it's that simple!

If you would like to make a donation toward a specific gift, please take a look at our Amazon Wish List linked here: <https://a.co/79uTglw> and on our website at [www.scorleans.org](http://www.scorleans.org).

## Supportive Care of Orleans to host 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

ALBION, N.Y. — Friends of Supportive Care of Orleans came out to support the organization by competing and volunteering in its 24th Annual Golf Tournament.

Only a few months ago, Supportive Care of Orleans, formerly Supportive Care of Orleans, was not sure the tournament would even be possible.

“We had a late start planning the tournament this year due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 early on,” Supportive Care of Orleans CEO Elisa Chambery said. “Despite the many challenges we encountered along the way, this year’s event was a huge success, and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the day.”

With 104 golfers in attendance and 29 volunteers helping, golfers were also able to participate in a putting contest as well as Closet to Pin and Longest Drives competitions.

“It was wonderful to see so many volunteers willing to come out and help us despite being on hold this past year,” Chris Fancher Volunteer Coordinator at Supportive Care of Orleans said. “We are grateful for all that they do.”

During dinner, the raffle winners, contest winners, and tournament champions were announced.

### LOOKING FORWARD:

**The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
will be held in July of 2022.**

**LOCATION: TBD**

## The champions of Supportive Care of Orleans’ 24th Annual Golf Tournament are:

### **Men’s division:**

- Ron Nettnin
- Ed Nettnin
- Ryan Haines
- Kevin Leary
- *Won with a score of 57.*

### **Women’s division:**

- Karen Berlew
- Deb Wood
- Aleta Maynard
- Brenda Powers
- *Won with a score of 68.*

### **Mixed division:**

- Ryan Woodward
- Chelsi Clark
- Lionel Rhim
- Brian Kline
- *Won after a three-way tie with two other teams all with a score of 60.*







## Sandi's Volunteer Story

Hello, my name is Sandi Pitts.

I grew up in a small town in Wisconsin named Merrill and after high school, I enlisted in the Air Force. After Basic training I was stationed at Otis Air Force base located in Cape Cod Massachusetts.

It was there I met and married my husband, Frank. Shortly after that we made the move to Orleans County because of his job as an artificial breeder. We made our home and raised our three daughters, Lori, Lynn, and Becki, here, had three daughters, Lori, Lynn and Becki and have lived here ever-since.

After 53 years of marriage, Frank got sick, ended up at hospice, and passed away there.

We as the family and Frank as the patient were all treated so kindly by the staff and volunteers during our time there that when someone suggested I volunteer for hospice, I thought it was a way to give back.



***Thank you, Supportive Care, for taking care of my family.***



**Will You Join Our  
Volunteer team?**

- ☐ Yes! I'm ready to serve Supportive Care of Orleans with my time! Please send me a volunteer application!
- ☐ Yes! But I'm not sure in what capacity. Please call me so that I can learn more about what opportunities are available

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Preference (check one) ☐ Phone ☐ Email

Please detach this form and return to: **Supportive Care of Orleans 14080 Route 31 West Albion, NY 14411**



## SC Orleans thanks Memorial Garden volunteers

ALBION, NY — As the weather begins to change and some of our flowers begin to fade, we would like to thank all of our volunteers who have helped us maintain our Memorial Garden this year.

If you've stopped by this month, you probably noticed some changes around our Memorial Garden. At the end of August, Kyle and Doug Syck volunteered their time to help level out the ground and add new memorial bricks around the fountain.

Despite his skills, Kyle said he hasn't had a lot of experience with landscaping, saying this project was "just for fun."

"My background is mostly in carpentry," Kyle explains. "Pop was a carpenter for over 30 years and I grew up doing that."

According to Kyle, he's worked closely with his dad for years now and it's important to both of them to give back to an organization that's helped their family.

"People speak very highly of this place," Kyle said. "The older I get, I've watched two grandmas grow old and go into establishments like this and I just try to help out."

Taking care of the Memorial Garden is a big job and we couldn't do it without all of our volunteers who help to maintain and keep the space beautiful for our residents and their families.

Throughout the year, Heidi Truschel, Linda Hollenbeck, Sandy McKain, Susan Gaylard, Sandy Furness, Mary O'sullivan and Tim Delamarter come to help tend the garden, while Weed Man comes to help keep our grounds beautiful, and Sue Starkweather-Miller and Doug Miller donate beautiful potted plants for out by our flag pole.

**We couldn't be more grateful for all of the hard work and countless hours these volunteers put in!**



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