

# HOSPICE HIGHLIGHTS

A newsletter for donors and friends of **Partners Hospice**

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## "MY CHARITY OF CHOICE"



by Maribeth MacDonald, **Partners Hospice Development Staff**

Every donor has a reason for giving to **Partners Hospice**, a motive for choosing the programs they support, and a basis for contributing to us over the long-term. Our donors respect what they see. They are committed to our mission. Micki Gold is one of those donors.

Micki Gold believes it is important to give back. She has supported **Partners Hospice** over the years since the agency played a key role during a most difficult time in her life, dealing with her sister Cynthia's cancer. The hospice staff helped her and her family endure Cynthia's illness and death.

"When my sister told me that the cancer was back, it was so hard to comprehend. I thought, 'What is happening? How could this happen again?' There were so many emotions I felt at once that I couldn't make any logic out of it. The **Partners Hospice** staff came in and helped me to make sense out of the chaos. They were like a rock."

Micki's sister, Cynthia Karlinsky, passed away in 2004 at the age of 57 after a long battle with cancer. Because of **Partners Hospice**, Cynthia was able to die in the comfort of her own home, surrounded by family and friends. Micki remembers that the hospice staff fostered a sense of serenity for a family devastated by loss.

"The staff not only took care of my sister but they took care of all of us, the entire family. Hospice helped us say goodbye. They helped us to carry on. **Partners Hospice** gave me and my family a sense of hope. They were angels, and that is why **Partners Hospice** is my charity of choice." ■



Micki Gold, grateful donor

*"The staff not only took care of my sister but they took care of all of us, the entire family."*

— MICKI GOLD

## FROM THE DESK OF DANIELLE DEGNAN



Danielle Degnan

Dear Friends,

A new President for the United States, a new year, a renewed sense of hope. Despite the economic crisis affecting us, our human spirit prevails. I see it every day in the courage of our patients, families and caregivers as they embrace, cherish and memorialize the final phase of life.

Our cover story features a donor, Micki Gold, who supports **Partners Hospice** because of the care staff provided to her sister, Cynthia Karlinsky. I am proud of the staff who help patients and their families cope each and every day in such difficult circumstances.

Our commitment to Micki's sister and her family is the same one we strive to provide to all of our patients and families – to deliver compassionate and high quality care no matter the weather, the economic environment or the complexity of the situation. Integral to meeting our commitment are the individuals, businesses, and foundations that choose to invest their charitable dollars in our organization so that we are able to meet our patients' needs.

I thank all of our donors, who contributed more than \$284,000 in 2008, including those listed in our Annual Donor Honor Roll. On behalf of everyone at Partners Hospice, I say thank you and recognize the following milestones made possible with your support:

- The volunteers on the Tee-Off for Partners Home Care Committee included Partners Hospice as a beneficiary of this fifteen-year-old event and contributed \$50,000 towards the Hospice mission; and
- Nine organizations made grants totaling \$139,885 toward critical programs such as the organization wide technology upgrade, the Home Health Aide Training & Education Project and to support education programs for both clinicians and the community to better serve end-of-life patients and their families.

Thank you for your interest in and support of the work of Partners Hospice. These truly are challenging times, but no matter the economic environment, I am assured that our caregivers, staff, volunteers and donors will continue to give life to our mission.

Danielle L. Degnan  
Vice President of Development

### Partners Hospice Is Proud to Be Part of this Growing Family of Services



### Mission

Our commitment is to deliver compassionate home health care and community based services to enhance the quality of life for those we serve.

EXCELLENCE • SERVICE • PEOPLE • INNOVATION • COLLABORATION



Tea attendees listening to Dr. Joanne Nowak and Marie Trottier's story.

**OCTOBER 2 – Dr. Joanne Nowak**, Medical Director, Partners Hospice, and Marie Trottier, whose husband Allan Macurdy passed away in June, were the featured speakers at a Tea for the Hospice hosted by Nan St. Goar at her Brookline home on October 2. Nan, featured in the cover story of the recent **HIGHLIGHTS** newsletter, has been a longtime donor and advocate for Hospice.

Thirty guests at the Tea including staff from Partners Hospice, **Sue Dobbie**, Patient Care Manager, **Karen Evans**, Staff Educator, and **Becky**



Ruth Wyman and Nan St. Goar at the Tea.

**Wendler**, Volunteer Coordinator, were captivated by Dr. Nowak and Marie as they shared their story of working together in a hospital setting to achieve the end-of-life goals Allan had set for himself. Marie praised Dr. Nowak and the Hospice staff for making a positive impact on their lives.

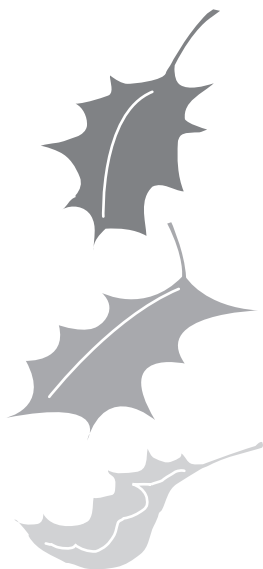
As a result of the Tea, many donors in attendance offered support for Partners Hospice. Marie also agreed to have her and Allan's story videotaped so that others can hear about their incredible journey. ■



**OCTOBER 29 & 30 – Dr. Joanne Nowak** presented three workshops at the **2008 New England Hospice & Palliative Care Education Conference**. Dr. Nowak is a Board Member of the New England Hospice & Pallia-

tive Care Federation of Massachusetts. **Karen Evans**, BSN, RN, CLNC, Manager of Education and Quality, and **Janice Graves**, RN, CHPN, Clinical Project Specialist, also presented workshops. The two-day conference was attended by over 750 people, making it the largest conference to date. Eighteen Partners Hospice employees were also able to attend this important conference as their registration fees were graciously paid for by the **Ruth Landers Glass Education Fund for Partners Hospice**. ■

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM



The Bereavement Program at Partners Hospice is designed to help people cope with the feelings that may follow a loss and to provide support through this period.

### **Services Offered to the Grieving Include:**

#### **MAILINGS**

We provide educational and supportive information about coping with loss, along with invitations to our bereavement services and events.

#### **INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**

We offer bereavement counseling sessions with professional staff or a specially trained volunteer. These private sessions can be held in the home, at our Waltham office, or over the phone.

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

Our educational seminars and support groups provide a safe place to talk about personal experiences and help people learn to cope with their feelings. All groups are facilitated by licensed professionals.

#### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

We hold workshops throughout the year on special topics, such as "Navigating Your New Life," and "Coping with the Holidays."

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Once a year, a Service of Remembrance is held for families. This non-religious ceremony is a time to remember loved ones and offers the chance to grieve your loss with others.

#### **WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW . . .**

Bereavement services are open to individuals of all ages and backgrounds who have experienced the loss of a child, spouse, parent, or other family member or friend.

All bereavement services are free of charge as part of the hospice benefit. Services are provided for up to 13 months following the loss of an adult and up to three years following the loss a child.

#### **OTHER RESOURCES . . .**

The Bereavement Program provides many free resources including informational tools such as brochures, books, and "grief bags." Support from our donors helps to make all of this possible.

**To learn more about our Bereavement Program and services, please call 781-894-1100. ■**

### ***Save the Dates: LIVE BUTTERFLY RELEASE***

#### ***Celebrating the lives of cherished family and friends***

Please save the dates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Live Butterfly Release events. You and members of the community will be invited to attend and release a butterfly in memory or honor of someone special. Proceeds from the events will benefit patient care services and the Bereavement Program.

Choose from two event dates and locations and attend in person or have your butterfly released for you.

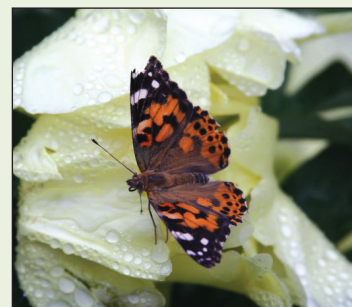
#### **June 4, 2009 ■ 5:30 pm**

The Bradley Estate, 2468 Washington Street (Rte. 138), Canton ■ [www.bradleyestate.org](http://www.bradleyestate.org)

#### **June 11, 2009 ■ 5:30 pm**

The Lyman Estate, 185 Lyman Street, Waltham ■ [www.lymanestate.org](http://www.lymanestate.org)

In April, look for an invitation in the mail, check out our website at [www.partnershospice.org/butterfly](http://www.partnershospice.org/butterfly) or contact Joanne Bailey Hanna at 781-290-4072 or [jhanna3@partners.org](mailto:jhanna3@partners.org) to register to attend or enroll a name for a butterfly.





## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



Family and friends were encouraged to bring pictures of loved ones to display at the ceremony.

On Thursday, September 11, more than 90 friends, family and caregivers joined together at the Robert Treat Paine Estate in Waltham to remember patients and loved ones who died in the last year. Many Hospice staff and volunteers participated in the

service by reading prayers, poems or offering their reflections. The program included an invocation from Reverend Karen Doolittle, music performed by Margot Chamberlain, a poem by Ann Canter and readings from Rachelle LaMaster and Beth Damsky. Children who attended participated in a special children's memorial activity.

Coordinated by Rachelle LaMaster, Manager of Bereavement Services, the Service of Remembrance offers friends

and families an opportunity to share their grief and also celebrate the memories of their loved ones. ■

*And I will light a  
candle for you.  
To shatter all the  
darkness and bless  
the times we knew.  
. . . Oh, today I light  
a candle for you.*

From "Light a Candle"  
by Paul Alexander,  
read at the Service of  
Remembrance

### In Memory

The following loved ones were acknowledged during the service.

Joseph C. Alvarez	Mary M. Griffin
Dr. Martin Arthur	Gad Hakerem
Richard Ashley	Joseph J. Higgins
Beresford Atkins	Randy Horrocks
Miriam (May) Avakian	Joseph Jenard
Rick Barter	Joan Keenan
Dr. Martin Arthur Bashoff	Frances LaPusata
Roy Beaton	Katherine B. Leahy
Judith A. Beninati	Walter Lind
David J. Borrelli, MD	Dr. Rodney Liversage
Dr. James Boyd, Jr.	Steve Mazzarella
Walter Brady	Lucy Floyd McClymont
Michelle F. Brides	Joseph McGrail
Lawrence "Larry" Bullard	Catherine Mele
Anthony Calabrese	Elaine Mezzanotte
Karl Canter	John Morse
Michael Donato Caira	Terence Murray
Sheung-Chor Chan	John B. Musetti
Elvira Chase	Denise Parkham
Muriel B. Churchill	George M. Ray
John M. Cohen	John F. Robinson
Linda Kirk Cohen	Marlene J. Rothman
Mary A. Comeau	Hector Sanchez
Charles F. Connell	Henry Sandler
Warren S. Cook	Harry Sarkisian
Florence DiLorenzo	Charles Savage
Donald Duncan	Lester E. Savage, Jr.
Coliscia Marie Elwin	Paul F. Sexton
Stephen Enochs	Pearl Shulman
Bernadette R. Ewing	Ronaldo G. Sicotte
Edna Farell	William P. Simone
Marguerite J. Feuer	Martha B. Spencer
Walter Firicano	Monique C. Supré
Richard A. Fuller	Sean W. Sweeney
Domenico Gallinelli	Michael T. Szymczak
Ann Spencer Gates	Clorinda Temple
Janet Ghiloni	Angelo Michael Vacca
Ruth Landers Glass	Kenneth J. Wentworth
Elizabeth Golden	Barbara S. Wey
Allan W. Greaves	Robert L. Wheaton
Barbara Greenburg	Frank Wyman

## SPRING IS HERE! THINK ABOUT GOLFING

### SAVE THE DATE



**To Benefit** • Partners Home Care & Partners Hospice

**June 24, 2009** • PINEHILLS GOLF CLUB • PLYMOUTH, MA

PRESENTED BY

**Bank of America** 

The annual Tee-Off is the largest single fundraiser for Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice. Event proceeds are crucial to our mission to deliver compassionate home health and hospice care services to enhance the quality of life for those we serve, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

In this time of economic uncertainty for patients and their families, support of the Tee-Off is critical now more than ever so that Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice can meet their needs.

If you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities, participating on the Tee-Off committee or playing golf on a summer day, please contact Keturah Sawyer, Director of Events, at 781-290-4021, or [ksawyer@partners.org](mailto:ksawyer@partners.org).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.partnershomecare.org/golf](http://www.partnershomecare.org/golf)



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THE FUTURE OF HOME HEALTHCARE IS IN YOUR GRIP



**Partners Hospice** would like to thank the friends and family members who generously contributed gifts in honor, in memory or in lieu of flowers of someone special in their lives. This list reflects tribute and in lieu of flowers gifts made between July 25 and December 31, 2008.

## IN MEMORY OF

Susan A. Abusch  
 Sidney W. Adler  
 Eleanor Ameral  
 Manuel Andrade  
 Richard J. Ashley  
 Beresford Atkins  
 David P. Bachelder  
 Steven Baker  
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 Philip Melnick  
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