



# Hospice of Henry County

## Expertise and Commitment

Certified Hospice Palliative Nurse (CHPN) is a title granted to a nurse who demonstrates advanced knowledge and a nursing specialty with a focus on end of life care. Certification indicates mastery of a defined body of knowledge. Hospice and palliative nurses promote the highest quality of life to the patient and their family.

Janelle Cline RN, CHPN has achieved this distinction. To achieve the status of CHPN, the knowledge of the specialty area is validated via testing every four years. Janelle has successfully held the distinction for the past twelve years and recently retested and successfully met the requirements to certify her for four more years.

Hospice of Henry County is proud of Janelle's achievement and her ability to provide expert management of pain and other symptoms combined with compassionate listening and counseling skills.

**Congratulations, Janelle!**



### Mission Statement

**Hospice enables those with a life-limiting illness and their loved ones to bring life to a close with a sense of dignity, comfort, control and completion.**

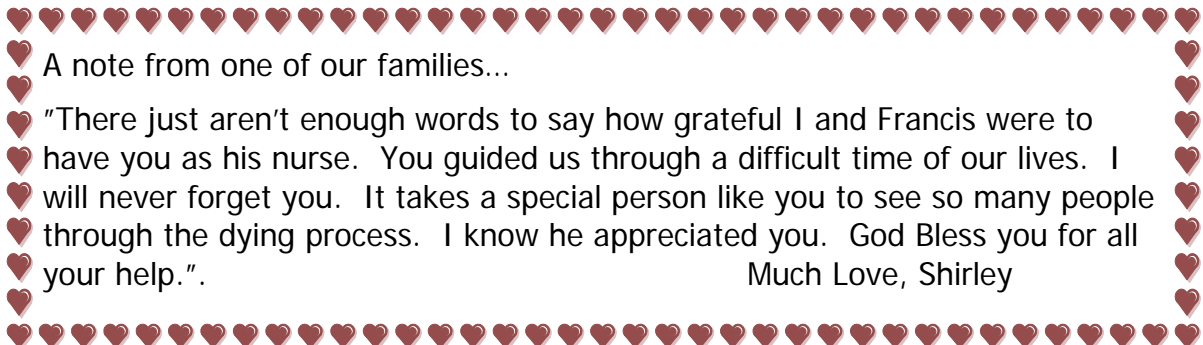
## Hope

To hope or not hope in today's world, that is the question. The phrase can be applied to almost any event in our lives. For example, illness, financial loss, natural disaster, family discord and the death of a loved one have many people questioning why or how they can find hope for themselves or their family members.

David Kessler in Life Lessons tells us that hope is a journey, not a destination: its value lies in the exploration. Hope is the way we live life, and the journey of hope should last until we end.

Additionally, in the Houston Hospice Volunteer Newsletter we are given a wonderful explanation of how hope can be fostered even in our darkest hours. A note to volunteers reads: when a hospice patient expresses a hope to you, whether you think it is realistic or not, the simple thing to remember is to acknowledge the hope. Appropriate responses might be: "That would be nice", "I hope so too", "Tell me more", or just acknowledge that you have heard this with a smile. Hope is the possibility that something will happen, not the probability: acknowledging that hope, not agreeing or disagreeing with it is a gift we give to our patients and families.

In light of all the burdens that people will face in their life time, many of us believe that hope is a gift that we give ourselves and to those around us. If we are not able to find hope the spirit despairs and those around us may not find us to be suitable company. In the end, if hope is present, we allow life's possibilities to occur and although the future may not hold exactly what we wish for, it can still present us with many wonderful things.


  
 A note from one of our families...
   
 "There just aren't enough words to say how grateful I and Francis were to have you as his nurse. You guided us through a difficult time of our lives. I will never forget you. It takes a special person like you to see so many people through the dying process. I know he appreciated you. God Bless you for all your help."
   
 Much Love, Shirley

## **Volunteer Viewpoint by Gene Grime**

You hear the fearful words, “There is nothing more we can do for your mother”. Your immediate reaction is that Mom will fight this. She has beaten the odds in the past. There must be something out there that will make her better. Maybe I should pray harder. The thoughts just keep coming. You hear the faraway words of the nurse or doctor saying that they can make Mom comfortable in her final days. She can die with dignity. How can there be dignity in death, you wonder? You don’t want to hear those words. Eventually, you recall how your best friend mentioned to you how hospice care was just what they needed when they lost their father. Maybe, hospice is what we need. We definitely don’t want Mom to suffer any more than she has to. Emotions during this time of stress run high and decisions have to be made. One talks with family, with friends, with his pastor or priest. One talks with God. Reality sets in and you relent.

Hospice emphasizes palliative rather than curative treatment; quality rather than quantity of life. The dying are comforted. Professional medical care is given, and sophisticated symptom relief provided. The patient and family are both included in the care plan and emotional, spiritual and practical support is given based on the patient’s wishes and family’s needs. Trained volunteers can offer respite care for family members as well as meaningful support to the patient. Hospice affirms life and regards dying as a normal process. Hospice neither hastens nor postpones death. Hospice provides personalized services and a caring community so that patients and families can attain the necessary preparation for a death that is satisfactory to them.

Henry County Home Health began in 1978 and in the mid 80’s a need for Hospice services was identified. After many hours and fundraisers, Hospice of Henry County began and has been providing Hospice care since 1987. It is impossible to count the numerous lives that have been touched by the many hands of the staff.

Five years ago, staff members initiated the Annual Hospice Bazaar to assist the agency to provide the best care possible. The annual bazaar, which occurs this year on Thursday, May 13 at the Napoleon American Legion, allows staff to continue to provide quality care to all patients, regardless of payment source.

Many area residents are finding they are without insurance and dwindling resources, and Hospice continues to provide care to all terminally ill patients, even if they have no insurance. Through the Bazaar, Hospice has been able to provide caregiver relief and support through respite services.

Activities get underway at 10:00 AM and continue until 3:00 PM. Included in the events of the day are vendors, plant sales, a live auction at noon with Don Moore and Rick Small, a bake sale, homemade crafts and a silent auction. Attendees can also partake in the free-will lunch from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

All proceeds benefit hospice patients directly.

*Submitted by Gene Grime*

## Fifth Annual Susan D. Muncy Breast Cancer 5K Run/ Walk

Come and join the fun on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the Henry County Fairgrounds. The Fifth Annual Susan D. Muncy 5K Run/ Walk registration begins at 8:00 AM and the race begins at 9:00 AM. Pre-registration is preferred and is \$15.00 for individual and \$35.00 per family. Registration the day of the race is \$20.00 for individual and \$40.00 per family. Race will happen rain or shine. Prizes awarded by age group.

### Fifth Annual Susan D. Muncy 5K Run/Walk Registration

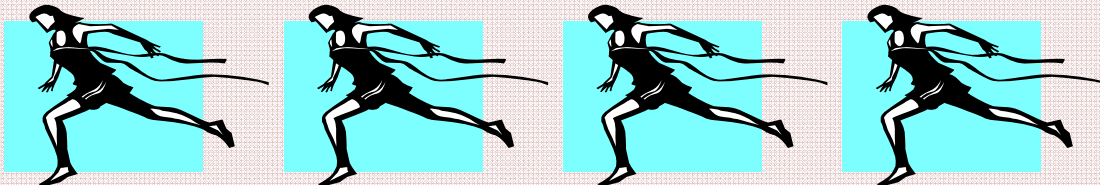
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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I, for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release all sponsors, Hospice of Henry County, and individuals assisting in the presentation of the 5th annual Susan D. Muncy 5K Run/Walk for claims of damages and actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in this event. I acknowledge I have read and fully understand my own liability and do accept these restrictions.

Signature of each participating adult (parent signature if participant in under 18)



# Hospice of Henry County 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bazaar

May 13, 2010

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Napoleon American Legion

Free will lunch 11 am till 1 pm

Vendors

Plants & Flowers

Bake Sale

Crafts

Silent Auction

Live Auction @ Noon with Rick Small  
and Don Moore



This barn is just one of the many items that will be auctioned off at the bazaar. Created and donated by Rick Sines. Pictured above with Rick are Andrew, Addison and Hannah.

## WISH LISTS FOR BAZAAR

### Food Items

- 8 - 110 oz cans cut green beans
- 2 -110 oz. cans sauerkraut
- 4 -lg can dried onions
- 2-1 lb cans coffee
- 8-1 lb bags Ballrich Potato Chips
- 4 - Canisters of Countrytime lemonade
- 1 Gallon Miracle Whip Lite

Items due by May 1<sup>st</sup>

### Other Items

- Hand crafted wooden items
  - Baked goods/candy for bake sale
  - Homemade pies for lunch
  - Crafts
  - Monetary donations
- Volunteers

If you wish to donate or help in any way, please call 419-599-5612.



Pictures  
2009  
Bazaar

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*.See you at the Bazaar May 13th !!*

## Hospice Receives Grant

Notice of Award of a grant of \$5,000.00 was received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Cancer Charities. The grant is not new to our Hospice as this is the second time the funding was received. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Charities awarded approximately \$35,000.00 in grants this year. The focus of the grant is to enable small rural hospices to provide direct patient care services.

The grant monies will allow additional respite care for families. Respite care is critical for caregivers to have a time to relax, take breaks from care and have the opportunity to reduce their stress level. The grant will allow for Hospice of Henry County to continue respite services to the caregiver.

## About Us

Dr. J. Krueger – Medical Director

Peg Dammann, RN – Director

Rev. Boyd Shugart – Chaplain

Janelle Cline, RN, CHPN – Patient Care Coordinator

Barb Wilson – Hospice Social Worker and Bereavement Facilitator

### Hospice Nurses:

Julie Retcher, RN

Cindy Christy, RN

Sarah Behnfeldt, RN

Heather Vance, RN

Christiana Sines, RN

Trina Holloway, RN

### Aides

Susan Moore

Pam Miller

Evelyn Mahlman

Teresa Barchick

Jill Westhoven

Julie Olds

Marie Rohrs

Megan Burill

Jackie Willford

Beth Morrill

Tammie Sharpe

Nicole Fielder



## Support Staff

Jennifer Huber, Account Clerk

Lou Ann Rosebrock, Clerk

Lana Sonnenberg, Volunteer Coordinator

**Each and every one of our awesome volunteers**