



A Note From the President

In closing out 2005, I'd like to say thank you to all our donors, volunteers and staff. We've had a successful year of fund-raising. Our diverse fund raising activities have allowed us to provide fun and exciting opportunities for the community while at the same time raising money for a great cause – hospice care! Our net proceeds have

helped us provide hospice care to those who could not otherwise afford it. We've also been able to provide training for hospice staff and volunteers. Support for grief programs has also been one of the contributions we've been able to make to the community as a result of our fund raising. We couldn't have done it without a committed effort from all of you. Thank you!

John Larsen will be assuming the role of President of the Community Hospice Foundation in January 2006. John is an experienced board member and has been very involved in our foundation. His energy and enthusiasm for hospice care will bring exciting and creative ideas for the new year. Best Wishes John, as you lead the Community Hospice Foundation's efforts to support ThedaCare At Home's hospice program.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Maguire, RN, MS
President
Community Hospice Foundation

P.S. Visit our new Web site at www.communityhospicefoundation.org.

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Caring Hearts

A newsletter for Community Hospice Foundation donors who truly are the heart of the foundation.
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COMMUNITY HOSPICE FOUNDATION

First Live Auction a Real Masterpiece!

By Sylvia Adessa, Foundation Coordinator



Ron and Patty Green enjoy the evening with fellow board member Jeff Drake and wife Kathi.

On August 20, 2005, the "Colors of Life" and a lively local couple proved a winning combination for the Community Hospice Foundation. The first ever art exhibit and live auction for the Foundation grossed \$42,000. Net proceeds will be used for patients at end-of-life. Dr. Roger and Stannye Meads, owners of Hackberry Manor, were hosts for the Foundation's summer event, which also included an estate sale. Through the Meads' philanthropy, which included use of their private home and staff, guests were able to enjoy one of the most elegantly landscaped and picturesque settings in northeastern Wisconsin.

In addition to live music, a gourmet picnic basket dinner, and wine and beer sampling, the evening also included a memorial butterfly release. The butterfly symbolizes "new life" and each butterfly paid tribute to an individual's spirit. The release of live

butterflies near the shimmering pond was truly mesmerizing and a highlight of the evening.

Prior to the auction, a six-week exhibition allowed the community to preview the artwork and showcased the talents and generous spirit of local and nationally recognized artists.

The event's net proceeds benefit special programs such as the Foundation's "Helping Hands" Fund, which provides financial support for those with limited



The hospice memorial banner was designed by artist, Laura Steger.

resources. The Foundation also provides financial support toward innovation in hospice care, including ThedaCare At Home's Companion program, which prepares hospice volunteers to support and comfort someone at end-of-life. ThedaCare At Home Hospice serves patients and their families in the Fox Cities and surrounding 10 counties. "The word 'hospice' is derived from the word 'hospitality,' which refers



Friends of Hospice gather to release butterflies in honor of loved ones.

to a place of shelter and rest for weary or ill travelers on a long journey," said Jill Case-Wirth, executive director of ThedaCare At Home. "It was fitting that we gathered at that beautiful home, to share some

hospitality so that others may benefit on their life's journey from the generosity of those who attended."

Guests are already making plans to attend next year's event, which will be held August 12, 2006. Thank you to the 250 guests who

attended and purchased more than 75 pieces of art! Most importantly, thank you to Roger and Stannye Meads, a couple who enjoy life and exude hospitality – the soul of hospice.

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Business Spotlight: Menasha Corporation

The Menasha Packaging businesses manufacture corrugated containers, displays, protective packaging products, paperboard and paperboard substrates, folding cartons, and has a commercial printing division. With 24 corrugated container plants across the U.S., a state-of-the-art design center and a Technology Center, the Company's businesses offer customers creative structural and graphic design, sophisticated printing, and a host of specialized services that help package, protect, transport and sell products.

♥ Community Hospice Foundation recently received two generous gifts from the Menasha Corporation. To honor the memory of Executive Vice President James Sarosiek's mother, Loretta Sarosiek, Menasha Corporation made a gift to Community Hospice Foundation totaling more than \$3,250. Although Mrs. Anthony Sarosiek received her hospice care in the Milwaukee area earlier this year, the Sarosiek family requested that memorials be directed to Community Hospice Foundation along with two other charities.

♥ The Menasha Corporation was also a generous sponsor to the "Colors of Life" Live Art Auction and Estate Sale for Hospice. The donation of \$500 helped purchase easels that can be used each year for the annual event.

Community Hospice Foundation is privileged to recognize this outstanding business leader who gives back to its community.

"The Ride of a Lifetime"

The family and friends of Kim Pope won't let her beautiful life be forgotten. This past Mother's Day weekend, more than 250 riders revved up their hearts and cycles to remember the life of a courageous young woman, Kim Pope. The 100-mile bike tour through Waupaca and Waushara counties is called "The Kim Pope Memorial Ride."



Her death was not supposed to happen. Kim was a vibrant, young, beautiful woman who had 40 plus years of life ahead. Kim's life changed directions quickly in 2004 when she learned of her terminal diagnosis, astrocytoma, a brain tumor. As the tumor grew, Kim lost her vision and balance but refused to give in to the disease. If courage, determination and hope were ever embodied in one person, it was in Kim.

Kim left behind a loving husband, an engaged daughter, Cassie, her family and friends. With support by her family and the compassionate care of ThedaCare At Home's hospice team, Kim

Volunteer Corner

ThedaCare At Home's Companions for the Final Hour Program.

No one should be alone when they die. ThedaCare At Home's companions for the Final Hour program makes sure that never happens. The program, which started late winter, prepares hospice volunteers to be with and comfort someone at the end of their life.

Volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to sit with patients at Cherry Meadows Hospice Residence, Appleton Medical Center, Theda Clark Medical Center and the nursing homes and Community-based residential facilities that contract with ThedaCare At Home.

The volunteers give the gift of companionship and provide companionship to patients who may, for whatever reason, be alone during their last hours. Volunteers take shifts to stay with a dying person when their family cannot be with them. They provide comfort in many forms from reading to a patient, holding their hand or just "being" with them.

Twenty-five volunteers currently take part in the program supporting the care of the professional hospice staff. For more information please call 730-3427.

was able to stay in the comfort of her own home surrounded by the people who loved her. To celebrate the spirit of Kim and the kind and loving mother she was, her friends coordinated the first annual Kim Pope Memorial Ride that was held near Kim's birthday on Mother's Day weekend. The ride was created to raise money for the two health organizations

that helped the Pope family through Kim's final months - ThedaCare At Home Hospice and the North Central Technical College-Center for Disabilities in Wausau.

Proceeds from this year's fundraiser netted each organization \$2,000. Proceeds directed to Community Hospice Foundation will be used to help provide hospice services in the Waupaca community. If you are looking forward to the first spring ride next year, and want to make a difference in the life of a hospice patient, mark your calendar for next Mother's Day weekend in 2006. Join the second annual Kim Pope Memorial Bike Ride.

Memorial Gifts to Community Hospice Foundation

By Diane Abraham

The passing of someone close to you is a time for remembrance, reflection and recognition. Many people search for ways to commemorate the life of a loved one. Memorial gifts are designed to create a lasting memory of your life or the life of a loved one, such as a spouse, friend, or family member. Community Hospice Foundation deeply appreciates memorial gifts, and is willing to assist you in planning a special gift that is meaningful to you.



Diane Abraham

How you decide to honor this special person is up to you. There are several simple ways to accomplish this: immediate gifts as memorials, planning a memorial bequest, or designating the Foundation as a beneficiary. Many people simply write a check in memory of a loved one. One could also contribute appreciated stocks, bonds or shares in mutual funds, which enables them to accomplish much more with their memorial giving by providing tax savings.

If you would like more information about hospice or volunteering, please call 969-0919 or toll free 1-800-984-5554.

Year-end donations are very much appreciated.

How to Contribute to the Community Hospice Foundation

Your gift is gratefully received in any amount. Your donation will be used to support areas of greatest need, unless your gift is designated for a specific area. If you have a preference, please indicate.

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Your contribution may be given as a memorial or in honor of a colleague, friend or loved one. In memory/honor of (name): _____

Would you like us to notify the person, or person's family of this gift? Yes No

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I would like to speak to someone about an estate gift.

You have been selected to receive this publication because you are a friend of the Foundation. If you choose not to receive this publication, please indicate by checking the box and returning this form to our office.

Another way many people support the Foundation is through their will. A will bequest is often a great way to make a significant gift and to memorialize your own life or the life of your loved one. You also can use a living trust to establish a memorial, or make us a beneficiary in your retirement or life insurance policy.

We want to make your memorial gift as special as you and your loved ones. For additional information about memorial gifts, please call Diane Abraham at (920)729-3352

**Upcoming Events for the Foundation:
Mark your calendars!**

New Year's Eve Family Event

Saturday, December 31, 2005

TDS Players Choice will sponsor

a great event on New Year's Eve, beginning at 4 pm. The fun-filled

family night will be held at the sports complex located in north Appleton. The activities will include: balloon drop, carnival games with prizes, face painting and hair color, sports games, music, food and beverages, door prizes and a Community Hospice Foundation raffle. Watch for upcoming advertisements or log onto the TDS Players Choice website at: <http://www.pcappleton.com/events/>



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