

## The Butterfly and the Dove

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to Barbara and her family that when the time came to establish a memorial fund Keith's memorial fund would go to hospice, so other families could experience the compassionate and exceptional care that her husband received. The family decided to donate a generous sum of money to Cherry Meadows, Keith's final residence, where he was compassionately cared for by the ThedaCare hospice team. Barbara's employer, the May Company (formerly Marshall Fields) doubled the gift with a generous corporate match.

Through the years, many of us have experienced the grief and sadness of losing a loved one. We too, can also find joy and fulfillment in helping families during an end-of-life journey by establishing memorials that honor the kind and generous hearts of family and friends we have lost. Families who give back to the Foundation through time, talent, or treasure are a gift to the community. Like the butterfly, we are forever changed through the loss of a loved one... and like the dove, hospice takes us home peacefully.

### COMMUNITY HOSPICE FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW 2006/2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### DID YOU KNOW?



*You can allocate your  
2007 United Way contributions to  
Community Hospice Foundation?*

Simply write our name in the area  
with the blank line (other organization)!

*As of June 2006, the percentage cancer diagnoses was only  
46% of the patients served this year? End stage cardiac and  
pulmonary diseases are the 2nd and 3rd leading illnesses  
that are referred to ThedaCare At Home's hospice program.*

# Caring Hearts

A newsletter for Community Hospice Foundation  
donors who truly are the heart of the foundation.  
Fall, 2006

COMMUNITY HOSPICE  
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## The Butterfly and the Dove

*A Family's Journey of Change Under The Peaceful Wings of Hospice.*

*By Sylvia Adessa, Foundation Coordinator*

In the last few months, it has been my privilege to learn about the love in someone's life and how a family's concern for others in Hospice will change the lives of many.



*Keith Borden*

Keith died this past year spring at Cherry Meadows in the arms of his family, supported by hospice. His fondness for butterflies is symbolic of changes in an end-of-life journey and rebirth to new life. Like a dove, one of Keith's favorite birds, his wife Barbara is at peace knowing that her husband's love and kindness for others will never be forgotten.

Barbara and Keith had celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary when Keith became ill. Having quit smoking 20 years ago, his diagnosis of lung cancer seemed cruel and unfair. At a time when Keith and Barbara were looking forward to sharing time together and readying themselves for retirement and travel, one soul mate's heartbeat became shallow. As his condition worsened, the children of Keith and Barbara encircled their parents' house with love and strength. Through the final

months of Keith's end-of-life journey the family relied on the support of ThedaCare At Home's hospice team. His wife and children never left Keith alone, and he always managed to thank everyone for taking such good care of him. When he could no longer walk and care for himself, he would say "Barb, how can I find the words to ever thank you for everything you do for me?" Barb, a slight, but energetic woman, would simply and quietly answer back, "Honey... its called Love."

Barbara's support was untiring until one day she came in to assist Keith. He looked up and gently said with a smile, "Honey... have you looked in the mirror lately?" Barb chuckled to herself, knowing she had become tired and sleep-deprived. That's when Barb knew she needed more help. ThedaCare at Home's hospice team continue to be there without hesitation to help the family reach the decision that Keith needed the compassionate care of the staff at Cherry Meadows.

Those who knew Keith will remember him for the powerful presence he had for a man who spoke gently. Hospice chaplain Jordan Kuczwarra was with Keith shortly before he died. Jordan asked him, "I know you have deep faith. What would you like to pray



*Keith and Barbara Borden on the shores of  
the Outer Banks, NC in 2004*

for? I'll pray with you." Keith answered, "I want to pray for the youth in the world. They will have hard times ahead as adults and they all need our prayers." Even at the end of Keith's life's journey, his heart was filled up with concern for others.

That concern for others is a trait Keith's loved ones share. With ThedaCare at Home hospice by their side, it became very clear

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## Picture Perfect Weather for the 2006 Colors of Life

The second annual "Colors of Life" was held Sat., Aug. 12, at Hackberry Manor in Hortonville, the home of Dr. Roger and Stannye Meads. More than 300 people attended the event. The serene setting with flowerbeds bursting with color was the perfect setting for creating a beautiful event that honors the hospice patients and families that have been cared for. An silent and live art auction, emceed by lively host, Bill Jartz, help to gross \$64,000 to benefit hospice care. Many corporate sponsors helped contribute to making the event a great success. The families using the services of ThedaCare At Home will benefit from the net proceeds, through the Community Hospice Foundation.

The net proceeds benefit the Foundation's general endowment fund, which provides financial support for those with limited resources. In addition to live music, a summer supper, the evening also included a memorial poem written especially for hospice, by the first Poet Lauriat of Wisconsin, Ellen Kort. A mass butterfly release of 2 dozen monarchs paid tribute to the hospice patients and families served by ThedaCare At Home. The butterfly symbolizes change and new life. A few special songs performed by Janet Planet capped off the evening.

### A Moment To Remember

Lift your eyes your hands  
your heart to the butterfly  
Praise the iridescent way  
it dances in air its curved  
sun-glowed wings opening  
closing opening in a sweet  
rainbow of wonder  
in the true splendor of love  
the everlasting splendor  
of memory and rebirth

Ellen Kort

Special thanks to our Lead Sponsors for the 2006 Colors of Life

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McMahon Group

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Community First Credit Union

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Hospice Volunteer John Schweitzer and President John Larson take a close look at a butterfly released at event.

## Volunteer Corner



*Gifts from the Robinson family will bring comfort to patients and their families.*

The compassion of Millard "Robbie" Robinson a hospice volunteer who lost his battle with cancer this past year, will not be forgotten. His family has provided a memorial gift in his honor that will ensure that patients will continue to be comforted and families can relive the memories of their loved ones long after they are gone.



"Every Life Has A Story"



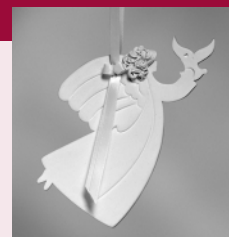
Plans are underway to purchase a therapy harp for our caregivers to use at bedside. This calming and peaceful instrument has proven to be very effective in helping to relieve anxiety and agitation in end-of-life patient care. The harp is very portable and will be used in the patient's home environment, at the hospital bedside, or at Cherry Meadows. The strumming of the melodic harmony can be played by anyone and does not require the need to read music.

The other project Robbie's memorial fund will help launch is a video project entitled "Every Life Has A Story". This program will use hospice volunteers and film-scripted story lines for patient and families wishing to leave a video testimonial of their life, history and journey.

### The 2006

#### Ornament Keepsake

Ornaments are now on sale and will arrive in time for holiday gift giving. Each year, Community Hospice Foundation offers a special holiday ornament in recognition of those who have been so important to you. This year's featured porcelain ornament is by Texas artist, Judy Murphee. The "Angel of Hospice # 12" and "Hearts of Hospice" keepsakes can be used as a remembrance of a special loved one or to be given as a gift to cherished friends and family. They also make lovely wedding gifts. The box will identify that a gift has been made to Community Hospice Foundation in memory or honor of someone special to you.



IN HEART OF HOSPICE



PEACE

## A new easy tax-effective way to give to Community Hospice Foundation: An IRA Charitable Rollover

By Diane Abraham, Major Gift Officer  
ThedaCare Foundations

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 includes a *long-awaited* provision that will allow you to give charitable gifts from your Individual Retirement Accounts directly to your favorite charity without having to recognize the assets as income on your income tax return.



Diane Abraham

The new law provides an exclusion from gross income for otherwise taxable IRA distributions of up to \$100,000 per year from traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs for "qualified charitable distributions" made during 2006 and 2007. This gift opportunity is available for individuals who have attained at least age 70½ on the date of distribution to charity.

A married couple can donate up to \$200,000 provided each spouse owns at least one IRA and can each make a qualified charitable distribution of \$100,000 from their plans. All an individual has to do is contact their IRA custodians for the paperwork.

**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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If yes, please provide contact information below:

Name of person or family member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

It is simply a very convenient and an easy way to help Community Hospice Foundation. To learn more about making a planned gift through an IRA rollover, a gift of stocks or setting up an estate gift that benefits hospice families, please call the Foundation office at (920) 225-7798.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21, 2006	<b>"Homecoming for Hospice"</b> Sports themed Dinner Dance with live and silent auction.	Casey's – Waupaca Reservations can be made by calling (920) 738-6503.
December 31, 2006	<b>News Years Eve Family Fun Night</b> Celebrate the new year with some energing activities, music and food! Tickets will be on sale in November through Player's Choice.	Sponsored by Players Choice Indoor Sports Complex – W3035 County Rd. S Appleton, WI 54913 (920) 731-7529
February 25, 2007	<b>Players Cruise – 1996 Super Bowl 10 year Anniversary Cruise</b> 7 Day Eastern Caribbean Cruise from Miami with Antonio Feeman, Robert Brooks, Frank Winters, Don Beebe and Gilbert Brown. With Special Guest: Bonita Favre and Aaron Rogers!	Coordinated by Fuzzy's Tickets & Tours. For more information please call Donna Petermann 866-449-7202.
September 25, 2007	<b>Cruising for Hospice in Europe</b> This 10 day "Roman Empire" itinerary sails on the "Westerdam". Cruise begins on Sept. 25, 2007 in Rome; one day at sea; calls for a day in each of the following Dubrovnik, Croatia; Corfu, Greece, Katakolon, Greece; Santorini, Greece, Kusadasi, Turkey; Athens, Greece; Sicily, Italy, and ends on October 5, 2007 in Rome.	Coordinated by Fox World Travel/Fox Select Vacations. For More information contact Diane Wilz at 800-690-4494.

Cost: **\$20.00 ea.** To place orders, please call: (920) 380-1557

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Questions? Please leave a message on our order phone line and we will be happy to return your call.

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*Thank you for your interest in our keepsake ornaments. The Foundation is privileged to bring this memorial gift to our hospice families and friends.*

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