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Unity Health Hospice to become St. John's Mercy Hospice



Denny DeNarvaez, President & CEO,
 St. John's Mercy Health Care

In a recent *Sharing Perspectives* meeting with co-workers, St. John's Mercy Health Care's President and CEO Denny DeNarvaez announced plans to re-brand Unity Health Services forming a unified group under the St. John's Mercy name, effective May 1, 2007.

With these changes, Unity Health Hospice will now be known as **St. John's Mercy Hospice**. Other entities of Unity Health Services also will be re-named, as stated below. This change, along with the recent renaming of Mercy Medical Group to St. John's Mercy Medical Group, is part of an organization-wide move toward unification and name clarification to serve customers better.

"St. John's Mercy Health Care wants to unify our brand name for our customers," explained DeNarvaez at the recent *Sharing Perspectives* Meeting. "In the past, one point of confusion has been the Unity Health Services name. With that in mind, Unity Health Services entities will be doing business under the following names:

St. John's Mercy Corporate Health, St. John's Mercy Home Care, St. John's Mercy Hospice, St. John's Mercy Pharmacy, St. John's Mercy MedScripts, St. John's Mercy Eye Care, St. John's Mercy Infusion Therapy, St. John's Mercy Managed Behavioral Health, St. John's Mercy Employee Assistance and St. John's Mercy Sleep Medicine and Research."

Hospice Director Lisa Heisserer says: "Unity Health Hospice already shares almost all its day-to-day processes and operations with St. John's Mercy and its parent organization, the Sisters of Mercy Health System. This re-branding will not affect the services, the mission or the operations of our organization. It will merely clarify our position as a service provider to the public, and end the confusion we encounter from patients unsure of who we are."

More information will be posted as available on our website at: www.unityhealthhospice.org



SAVE THE DATE!



Hats Off to Hospice Fashion Show Luncheon
 Thursday May 10, 2007
 at the Frontenac Hilton, with Fashions by Talbot's

Join us for this fun luncheon event, featuring a Special Spring Fashion Presentation from Talbots of Plaza Frontenac, Presented by Keryn Shipman and Mike Roberts. Also featuring Special Prizes for Imaginative Headwear, the Fashion Boutique of local vendors, and a Silent Auction.

The perfect way to treat yourself and your loved ones for Mothers Day!

Tickets are \$45 per person, see inside for more details

All proceeds benefit the Unity Health Hospice Memorial Fund, a 501(C)(3) registered non-profit organization that provides assistance and support to hospice patients in the St. Louis community.

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In the past year Unity Health Hospice has seen great growth and expansion of services, and our volunteer program has done a wonderful job keeping up with the increased demands!

In 2006 over 120 volunteers from the St. Louis and Washington offices donated over 4,800 hours of direct patient care, in addition to over 1,800 hours given to clerical duties, bereavement and fundraising support. A grand total of 6,718 hours was donated in 2006 by our exceptional group of hospice volunteers, and we thank you all most sincerely for your commitment and dedication!

As April is National Volunteer Month, we would like to extend a special Thank You to our volunteers and express just how grateful we are to all of you who give so much of your time and effort to comfort hospice patients and families. We are especially grateful to those who willingly help out with last minute assignments, and our volunteers who take on more than one patient at a time, or who take on several roles - we now have volunteers who help out in the office, with copying, filing, mailings etc., in addition to serving patients and/or helping make bereavement calls to our hospice families. Your flexibility and generous spirit make a real difference and we thank you all for your dedication to serve

We also extend a special thank you to our Washington Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Gallagher, who is retiring at the end of April. Kathy has served over six years in this position, and has grown the Washington Volunteer Program from just 7 volunteers in 2001, to over 40 volunteers today. She has also done a great job of keeping everyone updated and connected, and in growing the program to cover all area's served - she now has volunteers serving all six counties regularly covered by the Washington office.

The following is a poem submitted by Hospice Volunteer Barbara McCarthy. It was written by her grandson Corey Rodriguez when he was 12 years old, to mark the passing of his grandfather in 2004. Barbara says: "The grandchildren loved going out on our boat at the lake and watching all the birds soaring in the sky made him think of writing this." Corey still enjoys writing and is thinking of following a career in journalism and creative writing.

Life Above

Grandpas, mothers, fathers, all people alike.

Will all go to the Twilight.

The Life above, watching you soar like a dove.

Anywhere I shall be, I know you

will be watching over me.

I'll be thinking of the days

when we were sitting in the sun's rays.

When I see a dove, I know it will be a sign from you.

The life above.

For more information about the Unity Health Hospice Volunteer Program, please visit our website at www.unityhealthhospice.org or call us at:

St. Louis: Paula Minogue at 314.729.4415

Washington: Kathy Gallagher at 314.729.4419

Featured Volunteer:
Ellen Pappas

Unity Health Hospice's 2007
"Heart of Hospice" awardee

At our recent Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, we were delighted to name Ellen Pappas as our "Heart of Hospice" awardee, and submit her as nominee for the statewide "Heart of Hospice" award at the upcoming Missouri Hospice and Palliative Care Association Luncheon.

Ellen has been a volunteer since 1995, and has served over 60 families, sharing her compassion and strong spirituality with each. She is always willing and eager to help, even in difficult situations or for extended assignments. One patient writes: "I can't thank Ellen enough for the high level of care she provided, but also for the compassion, respect, and dignity she brought into my family. She did this with both gentleness and kindness, which I will never forget."

In addition to her hospice work, Ellen has served in the Peace Corps, raised a family of five, and has also served as an interpreter on several overseas medical mission trips with *Medical Missions for Christ* - a group Ellen became involved with during her studies at Covenant Seminary, before graduating with a Masters Degree in Theology in 2005. Even during her studies, the commitment to hospice was always with Ellen, and she chose elective classes that would compliment her hospice work, including several end of life orientated classes.

Despite leading such a busy life, Ellen always finds the time to serve hospice patients, and makes each one feel special. Thank you Ellen for the compassion, strength and dedication you give your hospice families each day!



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Dear Friends of Hospice,

Thank you all for your wonderful support and generosity over the past year. With your support over \$145,000 was raised for the Memorial Fund in 2006. These funds were used to support over 1,000 patients by providing volunteer support, hospice care for patients lacking other sources of payment, help with utility bills, and help with funeral costs. In addition we relied on the Memorial Fund to ease pain and discomfort by providing massage therapy, and to brighten the lives of our patients by providing the little touches that make a big difference, such as a special birthday cake, or assistance in reuniting families to say their final goodbyes. Each family who benefited from the Memorial Fund was left with a touching memory of your kindness and we thank you for your dedication and support.

In 2007 we look towards the future of hospice care by expanding our staffs expertise in caring for patients with end stage heart disease. In line with the recent opening of the Heart Hospital at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, we've introduced a Cardiac Care Hospice program. Through specialized cardiac training of our staff, and outreach to physicians, we plan to offer a home-based Cardiac Care service to patients with Congestive Heart Failure (CHF). We seek to provide comfort and control of their symptoms, allowing our patients alternatives to frequent trips to the emergency room or lengthy hospital stays. We can provide intensive care in the patient's home to ensure their remaining days are spent as pain free and as comfortable as possible.

With your continued support we look to expand our range of services in the coming year, and expand our knowledge and treatment of illnesses such as end stage respiratory disease, ALS, and Alzheimer's.

With true gratitude for your support and commitment,

Lisa Heisserer, LCSW, MHA
Hospice Director

Evolutions in Hospice Care: Understanding Patient's Needs

To many people hospice is the "place people go to die". But, through education and outreach, this traditional, and inaccurate view, is being reshaped, so that more people can understand that hospice is more than just a place - it's a mission based philosophy that provides support to patients and families at what is often the most difficult period of their lives. Hospice is not just about dying, it is about living life to the fullest, learning to treasure each day and bringing comfort, compassion and strength to each family so patients can spend their final days with dignity, surrounded by loved ones and free of pain and fear.

At hospice we recognize each patient as an individual, and make it our mission to personalize care to meet the diverse needs of each individual. With a highly trained staff of nurses, aides, social workers, chaplains and volunteers, resources are available to patients 24 hours a day, whether serving a patient in their own home or in a nursing home environment. We work with patients to fit our services around their schedules and needs, and to ensure that each patient is treated with respect and compassion. Our staff and volunteers often go the extra mile to bring a smile to a sad face and make each patient feel special, by bringing a favorite food on a visit, sharing stories and concerns, or just providing a hand to hold in a lonely hour.

In an effort to address the evolving needs of hospice, we recognize the diverse range of medical conditions that make a patient suitable for hospice care. We have recently noted the rise of chronic health conditions such as Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and have responded accordingly, with the introduction of a specialized Cardiac Care program for hospice, to correspond with the opening of the Heart Hospital at St. John's Mercy Medical Center. Staff have received specialized training in end stage cardiac care, so they can recognize symptoms and provide patients with the most effective treatments available. Our goal is to offer patients an alternative to frequent hospitalization. When surgery is not a viable option, and medication is no longer able to stop the progression of heart disease, hospice can provide the care needed to ensure a patient is comfortable and pain free in their remaining days. At Unity Health Hospice service is our mission and compassion is our strength.

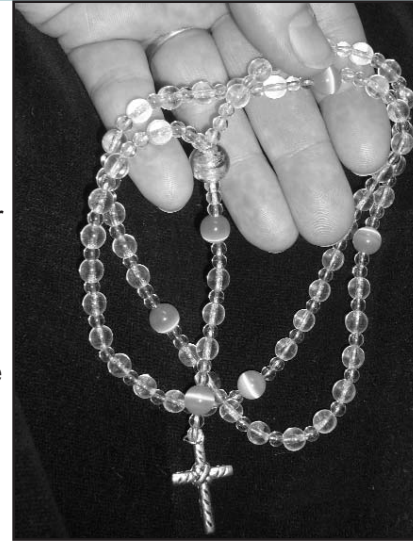
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SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY ONE BEAD AT A TIME

At Unity Health Hospice we are always looking to ways in which we can support our patients emotional and spiritually, as well as physically. Hospice Chaplain Susan Drake has recently been able to provide beautiful handcrafted prayer beads of all faiths to her patients and families through the support of Rev. Julie Jennings and the Episcopal City Mission's outreach program at the Juvenile Detention Center of the Family Court of St. Louis County.

Julie works with youth in detention to teach them about personal and societal needs and issues, by providing them opportunities to make an immediate positive contribution to the wider community. During these sessions the youths help produce individually crafted prayer beads for all faiths, which are then donated to Unity Health Hospice for distribution by our Chaplains to patients and families in need of spiritual support. This program teaches the how to give back to the community through simple acts of kindness, and is funded by the generosity of the Episcopal City Mission and it's donors. Thank you all for your wonderful support!



Volunteer Coordinator Paula Minogue with one of the lap blankets crocheted by the ladies of Catawissa UCC

MORE CRAFTERS TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE

Since our last issue of the *Bridges* hospice newsletter, featuring the story of our Volunteer Sewing Circle, who produce hand crafted items for our hospice patients, we are happy to report that two other groups have now starting producing beautiful and unique items for our Hospice patients! The ladies of Catawissa United Church of Christ have just delivered their first donation of knitted and crocheted lap blankets for distribution to our hospice patients. Led by Chris Griffin, Rosie Almstedt, Brenda Buxton and Lorraine Raus, this group came to us through Chris' sister, hospice volunteer Helen Jo Case, and their efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone!

And our newest group of crafters, who have just got together to produce items for patients is a group of four sisters, who's mom was served by our Hospice. Betty Anderson, Bobbie Brown, Stella Hinson and Peggy Patrick will be working on producing new items in the near future and we look forward to their support!

We also want to pass on a huge thank you to Dorothy McClellan of St. Louis, who has been knitting slippers for our patients for several years, and who always manages to keep us well supplied! We Thank you for your great support.

If you are interesting in donating hand crafted items for hospice patients, or have fabric and/or yarn you can donate for use by our crafting groups, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Paula Minogue at 314.729.4415 with details.

A LEGACY OF GIVING

One of our most valued sources of support at Unity Health Hospice is the continued generosity of the families of those who received our hospice services, and this issue we would like to acknowledge and thank the Pogue family and friends, who always hold an annual holiday family get together, quilt raffle and auction in honor of Lucille Pogue who passed away while receiving hospice care in November 2000.

After Lucille had passed away, her son Dwain Pogue and his wife Shirley discovered several unfinished quilts that Lucille had been working on, they decided to complete the quilts. Shirley, together with family and friends, helped complete Lucille's projects and had them quilted by a friend in Ste. Genevieve county. In December 2001 they hosted a seasonal gathering of family and friends and raffled the quilts to raise funds for hospice. Over the years this tradition has continued and grown, with new quilts crafted and items collected for the raffles. Since 2001 the Pogue family event has raised over \$1,500 for the Hospice Foundation, and their dedication is greatly appreciated. This years raffles included quilts, a DVD player, custom framed Cardinals Prints and Native American Prints.

Lucille's son Dwain Pogue says: "The service my mom received from all of you, especially our nurse Emily (Bloor) was just terrific, whenever we called for help or medicines, we always got what we needed right away...and we just want to give a little back to show our support and appreciation." Our thanks to everyone involved in this annual family show of support - your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated!

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*Thursday May 10, 2007 at the Frontenac Hilton
Featuring Fashions by Talbots of Plaza Frontenac*

Unity Health Hospice will host the next annual Hats Off to Hospice Fashion Show and Luncheon, Thursday May 10, at the Frontenac Hilton, featuring a full range of fashions by Talbots of Plaza Frontenac. The event commences at 11:00am with a chance to browse the Silent Auction and shop at the Fashion Boutique, featuring more than a dozen talented local vendors of fashion and accessories. Lunch will be served at noon, with the Fashion Show following immediately afterwards.

Our special co-hosts of the event will be hospice volunteers Keryn Shipman, Chief Meteorologist at CW11 and Mike Roberts, Meteorologist at KSDK/Newschannel 5. Also featured in our Fashion Show is KMOV / Channel 4 Morning Traffic Reporter and Y98 Afternoon Show Host Paul Cook along with local entertainer Ralph Butler.

The Fashion Show is coordinated by our Special Events Committee of volunteers, including Gail Lasater, Director of West Models, Inc. who will be acting as Fashion Shoe Coordinator again this year.

Tickets are \$45 per person, with Runway tables of Ten available at \$500. Space is limited, and advance reservations are required, so please contact us now if you are interesting in joining us.

For more information, visit the hospice website at www.unityhealthhospice.org or call us at 314.719.4406.

ANGELS AMONG US

This past Holiday Season saw another year of our special Angels Among Us sales campaign at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. John's Hospital in Washington and St. Luke's Hospital, together with sales from our Des Peres and Maryville office locations.

This years items included sweatshirts and long sleeved t-shirt in Berry Wine, featuring the new Angel logo pictured right. Also on sale was the 2006 Evergreen Angel Limited Edition Sterling silver necklace as shown below, our Hospice Cook Books, and Hooven and Hooven Porcelain ornaments.

We still have limited numbers of items available at the specially discounted Sale Prices listed below:

- Sweatshirts, S-3XL : was \$25, **now \$20**
- Long Sleeve T-Shirts, S-3XL: was \$20, **now \$15**
- Denim Shirts: was \$30, **now \$25**
- Canvas Tote Bag: was \$12, **now \$10**
- Evergreen Angel necklace 2006: was \$50, **now \$45**

We also have a small amount of previous editions of the Evergreen Angel Necklace:
Evergreen Angel necklace 2005: was \$45, **now \$40**
Evergreen Angel necklace 2004: was \$45, **now \$40**

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please call the Development Office at 314.729.4406 or visit our website at www.unityhealthhospice.org



★ The 16th Annual **Friends of Betty Schildroth Golf Tournament** has been scheduled for Saturday July 14, 2007 at the Rail Golf Club in Springfield Illinois. Entry fee for a foursome is \$600 and includes two days of entertainment: Friday Night there will be a Pig Roast, Putting Contest and a Texas Holdem Poker Tournament, and Saturday will feature a full 18 hole round of golf at the LPGA rated Rail Golf Club, followed by an evening Steak Dinner with Awards and a Silent Auction. This event is organized each year by the Schildroth family and friends, with all proceeds donated to the Unity Health Hospice Foundation. Details about this upcoming event can be found on the event's website at: www.bettysboys.com/main.asp



★ Hospice Chaplain Chuck Ryder recently showed his support for Children's Cancer Research by participating in the St. Baldricks Foundation event, held at Helen Fitzgeralds in St. Louis on Saturday March 3, 2007. As part of the "Charlie's Angels" team, in honor of his former parishioner Charlie Long who passed away this past Fall, Deacon Chuck and his team mates had their heads shaved to raise money for the St. Baldrick Foundation. To date over \$200,000 had been raised in St. Louis, and more information can be found at: www.stbaldricks.org

★ A recent clinical study by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) reports that terminally ill patients *do* live longer when served by hospice. Researchers selected 4,493 patients for the study, conducted on data collected between 1998 and 2002, and findings were that patients receiving hospice care lived an average of 29 days - almost a full month - longer than patients not receiving hospice care. Patients with Chronic Heart Failure (CHF) seemed to benefit the most, with their survival period jumping from 321 days to 402 days. The full article is available online at the NHPCO website at: www.nhpc.org

★ The family of a recent hospice patient made a donation to hospice in her memory last month, and wrote the following about the service they had received: "The care (she) received from hospice was beyond outstanding. I especially want to thank the two nurses who tended (her), Rebecca and Mary Ann, and the health aide Carol. Their care, concern and professionalism were far beyond the call of duty. My sincere and heartfelt thank to them all for making her last four weeks so comfortable."

**Community support is the foundation on which our mission is built,
and helps us to provide strength and comfort for those we serve.
We thank you all for your support and benevolence.**

At Unity Health Hospice it is our policy to provide services to anyone in need, regardless of creed, race, gender or social situation. The Memorial Fund, which provides financial assistance to those who lack financial resources, is an important element in the realization of this mission. All donations listed below will benefit the Memorial Fund, and on behalf of those we serve, we thank you for your support.

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The 2006 Dr. John B. Shapleigh, II Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Dunn, daughter of our Washington office Intake Coordinator Mary Dunn. Jennifer is currently studying for her Masters Degree in Social Work at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, and is undertaking her practicum assignment at BJC Hospice, with the intention to develop a career as a hospice social worker.

Full details of the scholarship, together with an application form, can be found on the hospice website at: www.unityhealthhospice.org, or details can be mailed on request by calling our office at: 314.729.4406

All applications must be received post dated no later than May 31, 2007. Applicants may apply for funding for up to three consecutive years. All decisions are final, and grant recipients will be notified in June 2007, with grant payment available from July 2, 2007. All supporting documentation must be submitted with this application.