

Compassion in Action

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LIFE-ENHANCING CARE

National Hospice & Palliative Care Month

In November, and all year round, organizations like ours work to raise awareness about hospice and palliative care.

As a friend of Samaritan, you know the difference that palliative and hospice care can make in the lives of those living with a serious illness.



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

Follow us on Facebook throughout November for a series of education posts about how hospice and palliative care can help people live a quality life. Share one of our posts marked with the hashtag #NHPCM and be entered to win a \$25 Wawa gift card.

Samaritan Honors Veterans

CARE WITH DIGNITY FOR THOSE WHO SERVED WITH HONOR



Samaritan is committed to honoring our nation's Veterans and their families. Our care recognizes each Veteran's distinctive needs through serious illness, end of life, and grief. Where Veterans served, when they served, and what they experienced can all greatly influence their comfort of mind, body, and spirit. That's why we include a Veteran's military history into his or her medical history and care options.

As part of our program, our care teams perform recognition ceremonies for Veterans to thank them for their service.

We are able to provide Veteran-centric care because of the generous

support of our donors. Please consider giving a gift in recognition of Veteran's Day, and help us provide each Veteran patient in our care with a special blanket to recognize their service and sacrifice. Visit SamaritanNJ.org/Veteran-Blankets to donate now.

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN ACTION

(Left) Marine Veteran Isaac Hand with Nurse Jackie Maddison.

(Center) Army Veteran Booker Cropper with (from left) Daughter Gwen, Music Therapist Charity Jones, Nurse Grace Patterson, Spiritual Support Counselor Marian Mitchell, and Social Worker Tracy Bishop.

(Right) Army Veteran Donald Morse with Wife Diane, Nurse Jackie Maddison, and Social Worker Susan Cedrone.

Welcoming New Board Members

Samaritan welcomes three new members of our board of trustees: Robin Keyack, Greg Payton, and Dr. Raymond Ragland. (Pictured clockwise)

Robin is the VP of ambulatory and surgical services at Shore Medical Center. Greg Payton is the VP of diversity and inclusion at PNC Bank. Dr. Raymond Ragland, III, is a hand surgeon at Virtua Health.

The board of trustees is comprised of a growing, diverse group of community leaders and are among a 500-member volunteer base. A group of dedicated volunteers started Samaritan 40 years ago and remain the heartbeat of our organization.



Ribbon Cutting Highlights New Headquarters

MARKS 40-YEAR MILESTONE

Samaritan marked its 40th anniversary by cutting a ribbon on its new administrative headquarters in Mount Laurel. The location serves as a home base for more than 400 clinical providers, support personnel, and a volunteer base of more than 500 individuals.

(Left) Assembly Deputy Speaker Pamela Lampitt, Congressman Andy Kim, Samaritan Board Chair Phillip Heath, Samaritan President/CEO Mary Ann Boccolini, Assemblyman Ryan Peters, and Mount Laurel Councilman Kurt Folcher.

Golf Tournament Raises Over \$173,000

SOUTH JERSEY'S FAVORITE GOLF OUTING

Thank you to the sponsors, donors, golfers, staff, and volunteers who made Samaritan's annual golf tournament DRIVE FORE! A Good Cause, presented by The Richardson Family Dealerships, a success. On the beautiful October day, 177 golfers were welcomed with social-distancing guidelines in place to protect everyone's health and safety.

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Committee Co-Chairs Cliff Mancine (left) and Roy Fazio.

Upcoming Events

TREE OF LIFE: SEASON OF LIGHT

Remember and Honor Your Loved Ones



Dedicate a symbolic light on the Samaritan Tree of Life in memory or honor of your loved ones. Then, join us online from the comfort and safety of your home on **Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m.** for a virtual illumination program.

To join us, watch the program at your convenience, or to make a secure, online donation, visit SamaritanNJ.org/Tree.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS



For those facing the holidays after the loss of a loved one, the season can be lonely, depressing, and difficult. Watch this free, online workshop for some helpful tips on how to better handle the holidays.

Visit: SamaritanNJ.org/Coping for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: VIRTUAL GALA

Saturday, February 6, 2021 | SamaritanNJ.org/Gala

Educating to Increase Access



Now done online, Samaritan's Institute for Education, Innovation & Research provides many educational programs each year.

Recently, we hosted a webinar presented by Dr. Ken Doka, professor of gerontology at the Graduate School of The College of New Rochelle, for 90 funeral directors and Samaritan staff on disenfranchised grief.

Samaritan's Director of Community-Based Palliative Medicine Kevin Hook spoke to 40 members of the India Temple Association's Senior Group about palliative medicine and advanced care planning.

If you belong to a group who could benefit from a presentation, please contact Esther Folaranmi at (856) 552-3285 or EFolaranmi@SamaritanNJ.org, or visit SamaritanNJ.org/Education. Topics can include, but may not be limited to, hospice care, palliative medicine, grief support, and advanced directive planning.

Continuing Care During Pandemic

Our care teams take every precaution to protect the health and safety of all those we serve. They are fully equipped with personal protective equipment, are routinely screened and tested for COVID, and provide telemedicine appointments when possible.



Tips for Dealing with Grief During COVID-19



The changes we are experiencing related to COVID-19 have produced another layer of grief and uncertainty for those who have recently lost a family member or friend.

For some suggestions for getting through it, honoring your loss, and finding a literal, and figurative, space for yourself in the new reality of your world visit SamaritanNJ.org/COVID-Grief-Tips.

We invite you to join these generous donors:
SamaritanNJ.org/Donors.

Remembering Patient's Beloved Dog

Dorothy Mazur is a long-time dog lover. When her hospice team learned that her most recent four-legged companion passed away, they didn't hesitate to honor Tommy, a Vizsla, with a memorial ceremony.



Social Worker CaseyLee Lunstead baked paw-print chocolate chip cookies. Spiritual Support Counselor Richard Simon read "The Rainbow Bridge, which offers a beautiful description of the journey our pets go on when they pass from this life, also emphasizing that we too will cross this bridge to reunite with them one day. Then the group, including Nurse Musa Williams, enjoyed listening to Dorothy tell some of her favorite stories about her dogs.

Dorothy is receiving hospice care for endometrial cancer and said, "I appreciate my Samaritan hospice team, not only for the care they are giving me, but for going above and beyond to honor my dog – my family member – Tommy. It means so much to me."

Resources for Caregivers

When you become a caregiver, there can be a lot to learn. You take on so much – from cooking and cleaning to managing medications, looking after finances, and managing doctor appointments.



For a caregiver support guide and more informative resources, visit SamaritanNJ.org/Resources/Caregiving.

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Volunteer



Samaritan is offering virtual volunteer training. **Become an ambassador!** Connect Samaritan with your place of worship, workplace, or community group for volunteer and educational opportunities. For more information call (856) 552-3238.

Relax



Relaxation and meditation resources to help with stress at SamaritanNJ.org/Resources/Relaxation.

Year-End Giving, Reap Tax Benefits

A REMINDER TO REVIEW YOUR WILL

The holidays and New Year are a good time for giving gifts to those you care about and to support charitable causes that have touched your life. We appreciate your consideration of a year-end gift to Samaritan. Remember:



Donations made by December 31 may be eligible for a charitable deduction on your 2020 income-tax return.

A gift from your IRA can reduce your taxable income.

Gifts of appreciated stock or real property can reduce capital gains taxes.

If a recent "life event" (the purchase or sale of a home or business, marriage or divorce, inheritance, or the birth or passing of a loved one) has not prompted the review of your Will, the end of the year can serve as a timely reminder that your estate plan should be reviewed periodically.

If you have questions about giving a year-end gift, contact Chris Rollins, CFRE, at (856) 552-3287 or CRollins@SamaritanNJ.org and be sure to visit SamaritanNJ.org/Giving to discover the many ways that you can give the gift of life-enhancing care.