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Hands-On Honor and Support



Nurses dedicate their lives to caring for others. At the end of life, it's essential to return that care and thank them for their unwavering commitment to the community.

Samaritan presents an updated version of The Nightingale Tribute, a moving appreciation of our nurse-hospice patients. The honor includes a reading, lighting of a candle, and the gift of a white rose—a symbol of honor and gratitude for a caring heart.

Recently, 79-year-old Alicia Jonasz, surrounded by her Samaritan hospice team, was recognized for three decades of nursing care.

(Left) Samaritan Nurse Suzanne Waltimeyer presents Alicia with a meaningful white rose.

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HELPING HANDS

What is inpatient hospice care?



The opening of **The Samaritan Center at Voorhees** has prompted many people to ask when is the inpatient level of hospice care most appropriate and how it differs from in-home hospice care.

IN-HOME HOSPICE CARE

Hospice in any setting is the leading choice for comfort care for people with advanced illness. This care is most often provided where a person lives (home, assisted-living or nursing home community) when a physician feels that life expectancy is six months or less if the illness follows its normal course.

INPATIENT HOSPICE CARE

Sometimes, severe pain or other symptoms require an advanced level of round-the-clock care that is more effectively provided during a short stay in an inpatient hospice setting.

The goal is to bring severe pain and other symptoms under control so that a person, if possible, can return home to family.

Questions? Please call Samaritan at (800) 229-8183 and speak with our hospice nurses directly about your loved one's needs.



Celebration of Life by William Butler was painted at Samaritan's 2015 Gala and auctioned to 15 friends of Samaritan. They generously donated it back with the wish that it be installed at the new Samaritan Center at Voorhees to inspire patients, families, and staff there.

Hospice Enables Great-Grandmother to Live with Grateful Family

Anna Torres was at a crossroads last summer. The cheerful 80-year-old was hospitalized with severe medical challenges that required difficult decisions about her future. But thanks to extensive support from Samaritan, Anna is now living comfortably with close relatives, enjoying each day with family and friends.

Although disabled by a major stroke and unable to walk for the past 20 years, Anna has remained a "joyous, happy person," notes daughter Marie Ann Stewart.

Then last June, the great-grandmother could no longer swallow food safely – without some of it passing into her lungs. The family prepared to watch their beloved mother spend her remaining days in hospital rooms.

"In late fall, someone suggested hospice," recalls Marie Ann, "but I thought that was when they send people to die."

She and her family soon learned the truth: that hospice is really about how best to live with a serious or terminal condition.

A Samaritan team member met with the family in Anna's hospital room, and immediately began connecting them with the supports they would need to care for Anna safely in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Pete and Nora Torres.

Samaritan aides visit the Torres's home to bathe and dress Anna, transfer her from bed to chair, change her bed linens, bring healthcare supplies, and enable Nora to take breaks from caregiving. A Samaritan nurse visits regularly to check Anna's health and wellbeing. And volunteers are available to provide companionship by phone or in person.

"We appreciate the one-on-one personal care," says Marie Ann, the youngest of Anna's five children. "Mom loves the staff. They treat her with kindness and respect. But the most important thing to Mom is that she's in the comfort of home. That's been the best thing that's happened to her."



In addition, Samaritan has made life easier for Anna's caregivers and her other children, says Marie Ann. "There's great comfort in knowing their medical staff is just a phone call away."

A Prior Gift of the Heart

While Anna's family is presently caring for her at home, some patients may require brief periods of inpatient hospice care during their hospice journey due to severe pain or other symptoms.

Eleven months before Anna started receiving Samaritan's care, Marie Ann's financial advisor informed her about opportunities to support Samaritan's new inpatient center – The Samaritan Center at Voorhees.

Impressed with the center's peaceful, home-like setting for patients and their loved ones, she was moved to make a donation – dedicating one of the center's 18 patient rooms – to help ensure other families can receive Samaritan's inpatient level of services when they need them.

"I think it's a great program," says Marie Ann. "The more I learned about it, I felt compelled to assist. It's a great way to give back to the community."

And now, with her family's first-hand experience, Marie Ann can offer a very personal testimonial.

"We can't say enough about Samaritan," she states. "The staff is amazing; they make everyone feel so comfortable. My mom is very happy with the program!"



Patient Room (One of 18)



Country Kitchen (One of Three)



Living Room (One of Three)



Lobby to Patient Wings



At exclusive sneak peek for staff and volunteers: (left) Helena Rafael-Cerquoni, RN; China Lane, certified home health aide with her husband Tieded

The Samaritan Center at Voorhees Open House & Dedication

Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice dedicated a vital community resource, South Jersey's first freestanding inpatient hospice center, on November 30, 2016, and began accepting patients Friday, December 16.

The dedication ceremony drew more than 150 area residents, healthcare professionals, Samaritan donors, and community leaders. Speakers included N.J. Department of Health Commissioner Cathleen Bennett, State Senator James Beach, and Voorhees Mayor Michael R. Mignogna. Cherry Hill resident Amy Garcia, whose mother and brother were cared for by Samaritan, also shared heartfelt remarks.



(From left) Dr. Stephen Goldfine, chief medical officer, Mary Ann Boccolini, president/CEO, John Gillespie, board chair, and Senator James Beach.



"This is truly a beautiful, peaceful place to be," said Commissioner Bennett, noting how the homelike surroundings convey "compassion and dignity."



Joan Harrigan, volunteer, and Brother Tom Osorio, St. John of God interim director.



Mayor Michael Mignogna proudly welcomed Samaritan to Route 73's Medical Mile.



(From left) Theresa Goldfine, director of inpatient services; Bobbie Deliso, nurse manager of The Samaritan Center at Voorhees; Traci Minard, nurse manager of The Samaritan Center at Mount Holly; and Steve Emmons, facilities manager at the Voorhees center.



Amy Garcia remarked about the at-home and inpatient hospice care her family has received.



Multi-denominational members of the Voorhees clergy community lead guests in a blessing.



Janet Bowers visiting patient room dedicated in memory of her mom.

Successful Gala Benefits Patients & Families



Samaritan's Hearts of Gold Gala, presented by **Holman Automotive**, welcomed 400 guests and raised a record-breaking \$225,000 to help Samaritan provide care for community members dealing with serious illness.

►(From left) Guest Emcee Rick Williams of 6ABC Action News, Circle of Excellence Honoree Liz Thomas of Thomas/Boyd Communications, President/CEO Mary Ann Boccolini, and Board Chair John Gillespie of Parker McCay



Gala Committee Members: (from left) Lisa Capelli, Kathy Hatch, Chair Dianna Geist, Kristen Van Iderstine, Mary Depew.

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For more information on the advantages of charitable estate planning, please visit our Planned Giving page, under the "Giving" menu at SamaritanNJ.org.

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