

Samaritan Compassion *in Action*



Greetings!

Welcome to the latest edition of Samaritan's *Compassion in Action*.

This past year has seen us expand our services, launch new programs, deepen our commitment to the communities we serve, and strengthen partnerships.

As you read this issue and review our 2023 Community Benefit Report, you will see the number of patients served. We ask you to remember that each number represents a person—and a caregiver, a loved one, perhaps a family—touched by our Samaritan mission.

It is our privilege and honor to help each of our patients, clients, and their loved ones live their best lives every day. We are grateful for our dedicated staff who lovingly and expertly deliver the compassionate care everyone in our community deserves. We admire and support them as they address the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of our patients.

As an independent, not-for-profit provider, we are also thankful for our donors, volunteers, and community partners who ensure that Samaritan continues to provide life-enhancing care for the most vulnerable people—right here in South Jersey.

Together, we are The Samaritan Difference.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Phillip W. Heath
President & CEO

J. Gregory Button
Volunteer Board Chair

A Heart for Healthcare and a Legacy that Lives On



(Pictured is Bridget and Kevin Nesko)

Bridget Nesko was the kind of nurse everyone hopes to have on their healthcare team.

"She had a heart for healthcare," says her husband, Kevin. "She was a nurse to the core – loving and caring, and she understood the importance of family. She did so much for people, but she was humble – she never wanted credit for anything."

When her mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer, the Philadelphia native relocated from her home in Virginia with Kevin and her son Robert to Clayton, N.J. to care for her mother. "She contacted Samaritan, and that's where the love affair began," laughs Kevin.

Bridget was impressed with the level of care her mother received from Samaritan, and when her mother passed away peacefully, Bridget contacted Samaritan immediately, wanting to volunteer and serve other patients and families in need. But Kevin said she was shocked – and impressed – when Samaritan volunteer coordinators said no.

"They rightly told her, 'No, you need time to heal from the loss of your mom,'" Kevin remembers. "They urged her to take a year to heal. She knew they were right."

Still, Bridget threw herself into other community volunteering, starting a local community newspaper and hosting a live monthly radio program. But, as Bridget returned to nursing and continued her community work, symptoms of an illness started to appear.

The warning signs of Stage 3 ovarian cancer had not been caught, and Bridget underwent 21 chemotherapy treatments in just 17 months. When her organs started to fail, Kevin says. "She told me, 'Kevin, call Samaritan.'"

In the weeks before she passed, Bridget and Kevin had discussed what they might like to do once she was gone. "She said, 'If you do anything, make sure you give to Samaritan' – she was a nurse to the core," says Kevin.

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2023 Community Benefit Report

11,406
PATIENTS
SERVED

HOMEVISIT PHYSICIANS

1,263 patients
10,470 visits

CENTER FOR GRIEF SUPPORT

7,033 people served
178 support groups

PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

6,377 patients
16,729 consultations

HOSPICE CARE

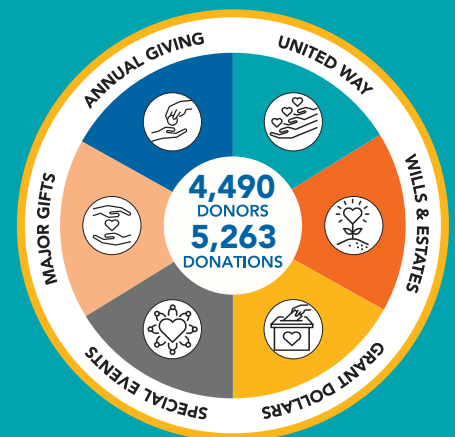
3,766 patients
and families

Thank You to Our Generous Donors For Supporting Samaritan's Mission of Service

Samaritan received more than **\$1.56M** in **charitable support** thanks to generous individuals like you.

It is our honor to recognize & thank you!

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The Boccolini Institute

The Mary Ann Boccolini Institute for Education, Research & Innovation develops education for internal staff and external partners by measuring program metrics to validate and improve current programs, and by partnering with other organizations in the development of patient-centered care delivery approaches that expand Samaritan's reach into underserved populations.

Highlights of 2023 include offering 200+ students externship opportunities to work alongside our teams; the development of interprofessional continuing education programs; and presenting locally and nationally on palliative topics such as team wellbeing, health equity, advance care planning, and emerging practices in the care of patients with serious life-threatening illness.

Above & Beyond Donor-Funded Services

Charitable support enables Samaritan to provide quality services that go "above and beyond" what we receive through Medicare or insurance reimbursement.

Veteran-Centric Care

561 Veterans Served

Volunteer Services

389 volunteers

113 new volunteers

22,338 hours contributed

Complementary Therapies

1,947 massage therapy visits

1,264 music therapy visits

Care for Uninsured

Samaritan continues to be here for everyone in our community.

Your donation makes a real difference in the care and lives of your family, friends, and neighbors in South Jersey. To learn more about the many ways you can give the gift of Samaritan's life-enhancing care, please visit SamaritanNJ.org/Giving, or contact Chris Rollins, at 856-552-3287 or CRollins@SamaritanNJ.org.

Welcome our newest Samaritan Leadership



Lisa A. Dutterer

Lisa A. Dutterer joins Samaritan as Chief Operating Officer. She brings with her 30 years of experience in operations throughout the South Jersey and Philadelphia region. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Bridgewater College and a Master of Science in physical therapy from Arcadia University.



Taneesha Marshall-Id'Deen

Taneesha Marshall-Id'Deen is Samaritan's Manager of Volunteer Services. She brings her talents to Samaritan with over 12 years supporting human services in the South Jersey area. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from William Patterson University and a Master of Public Administration from Strayer University.



Erika Thomas

Erika Thomas joins Samaritan as the Director of Social Connections. She brings with her over 10 years in various director positions. She holds a bachelor's degree in social sciences from Colorado State University and a Master of Public Administration from Capella University with a focus in project management.

Welcome our newest Samaritan Volunteer Board Members



Jim Carlino, SPHR, CCP, SHRM-SCP

Chief Human Resources Officer at Bancroft



Nyeema C. Watson, Ph.D.

Senior Vice Chancellor for Strategy, Diversity and Community Engagement at Rutgers University – Camden

Congratulations new Chief Medical Officer



Sara Pagliaro, DO

Dr. Sara Pagliaro joined Samaritan in 2012 as Hospice & Palliative Physician, most recently holding the title of Vice President of Medical Services. As Chief Medical Officer she will now oversee the care of all Samaritan patients in hospice care, palliative medicine, and primary care at home, serve as Samaritan's liaison with the medical community, and provide direct patient care.



Samaritan and Rutgers Premier Partnership

The expansion and enhancement of palliative medicine services is at the heart of a new Premier Partnership between Samaritan and Rutgers University–Camden, formalized by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by Samaritan President and CEO Phillip W. Heath, M.S. and Rutgers University–Camden Chancellor Antonio D. Tillis, Ph.D. in early February.

The partnership, the first of its kind for both institutions, aligns with each organization's strategic goals, providing the opportunity to expand research, education, and community engagement to advance the practice of palliative medicine in the City of Camden and the region.



Winterfest

2024

Thank you to our Volunteers and Staff!

Judy Taylor Award



James Stewart is this year's Judy Taylor Award recipient. Caring and compassionate, Jim travels any distance necessary to ensure patients receive the care they deserve. He truly makes a difference for his patients and their loved ones as his patients near the end of life. He is an asset to our patients in the field and in our facilities.

A former patient's daughter shares, "Jim was a daily source of reassurance and peace during the last week of my mother's life. I am forever indebted for his expert care and kindness."

Congratulations, Jim!

Pictured above L to R: **Phillip W. Heath & James Stewart** - Certified Home Health Aide

The Bridget Flynn Nesko Excellence in Service Award



Kimberley A. Corda, RN is this year's Bridget Flynn Nesko Excellence in Service Award winner. Kim is an advocate for excellence in end-of-life care, committed to ensuring her patients receive the highest level of attention, regardless of where they call home. She consistently connects with her patients and families at the level they need and exceeds their expectations.

Congratulations, Kim!

Please see our cover story to learn more about Bridget Flynn Nesko and the work of the Bridget Nesko Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

Pictured above L to R: **Valerie Mallon, RN**, Trustee Bridget Nesko Memorial Scholarship Foundation, **Kim Corda, RN** - Case Manager Hospice, and **Chris Rollins, MBA, CFRE** - Chief Development Officer

Volunteer Shout-Out



Pictured Left to Right: **Phillip W. Heath**, Volunteer **Rodie Boyle** – 4,500 hours and 22 years, Volunteer **Judy Stewart** – 3,500 hours and 20 years, and **Taneesha Marshall-Id'Deen** (not pictured: Volunteer **Peggy Heisler** – 2,500 hours since 2016)

Staff Shout-Out



Pictured Left to Right: **Joanne Rosen** – 30 years of service **Susan Fisher** – 30 years of service **Sharine Earlie** (not pictured) – 25 years of service **Dr. Stephen Goldfine** – 20 years of service.

(A Heart for Healthcare and a Legacy that Lives On continued from cover)

Kevin established the *Bridget Nesko Memorial Scholarship Foundation* and the *Bridget Nesko Ovarian Cancer Project*. The Foundation has generously entered into a 10-year agreement with Samaritan to recognize and honor members of its clinical staff with a \$500 honorarium and "Excellence in Service" Award.

"The precious care Samaritan gave to my wife at the end of her life meant everything to me," Kevin says. "Samaritan is a foundation for the families left behind, and we are proud to partner with them."

To read the full story and learn the signs and symptoms of Ovarian Cancer, please visit SamaritanNJ.org.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE GALA

Thank You!

Scan the QR code
to view the photo gallery and
watch our honoree videos
from the event!
Or visit
SamaritanNJ.org/Gala



Samaritan gratefully thanks the sponsors and donors who helped make this year's Celebration of Life Gala a record-breaking success! More than 400 guests joined us for the event that raised over \$275,000 in support of our comprehensive family of services.

Funds raised benefit patients and their families, as well as those grieving a loss, by supporting above and beyond services right here in South Jersey. These include complementary therapies and our Center for Grief Support programs. Thank you for helping us offer more services for more patients and their families!

OUR HONOREES

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Marcum LLP demonstrates their commitment to South Jersey through support of the Community Foundation of New Jersey, Virtua Health Foundation, the Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation, the Jewish Community Center, and many other charities.

Watch Marcum LLP's story at
SamaritanNJ.org/Gala

KYLE RUFFIN



A former trustee of the Community Foundation of South Jersey, the author of "In Stroke's Shadow: My Caregiver Story," and President and founding member of Impact100 South Jersey, Kyle Ruffin is an impassioned advocate for the difference philanthropy makes in a community.

Watch Kyle's story at
SamaritanNJ.org/Gala

JACK & BARBARA TARDITI



Jack and Barbara Tarditi have selflessly served their community for decades. Senior Partner at Conner Strong & Buckelew, Jack previously served as Mayor and Director of Public Safety for the Borough of Haddonfield.

Watch Jack & Barbara's
story at SamaritanNJ.org/Gala

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The Samaritan Difference

*Highlighting the wonderful staff of Samaritan and the care they provide
Thank you for your extraordinary compassion!*



Meggan Scott — The Center for Grief Support Administrative Assistant

A valued Samaritan team member for nearly 20 years, Meggan provides empathy, professionalism, knowledge, and a high level of support to Samaritan's bereaved families in her role as an administrative assistant in the Center for Grief. Meggan takes the time, initiative,

and follow up to provide both hospice and community bereaved with the support and information they need. In addition to personal contacts with clients, Meggan prepares reports, maintains statistics, and interfaces with Center for Grief staff and volunteers to ensure

quality services are provided to those in need. Meggan's kind nature, attention to detail, organizational memory, and work ethic are assets to the Center for Grief from the personal level to the operational level. Meggan demonstrates The Samaritan Difference in her work daily.



Chrissy Stout — Primary Nurse

Chrissy has been sharing her joy, compassion, and kindness every day since starting with Samaritan a little over a year ago. Her patients, families, and coworkers adore her. She has a special way with people that puts them at ease even in the most difficult situations. Her patients

and their families are well cared for and prepared for the journey ahead. She always finds a way to say "yes" and will help whenever needed, whether it is her patient or not. Chrissy is the type of person to whom people just gravitate. She is a natural leader and has been a mentor to her

team as well as multiple nursing students. She is a cheerleader for the team, frequently praising the work of others, and has been instrumental in forming great bonds in her team. She is top-notch, and the best of the best.



Judie Ladd — Primary Nurse

During her three and one-half years with Samaritan, Judie has grown into a nursing leader. She is a strong patient advocate who actively seeks to help those who are underserved, traveling wherever she is needed without hesitation, to provide the best care possible to patients and

families. Her wealth of hospice knowledge has helped those she cares for feel prepared and comfortable as they navigate the end of life. Her professionalism and attention to detail have helped us develop a strong relationship with United Methodist Communities in

Collingswood. Judie volunteers to help on committees, assists with nursing students, and mentors new Samaritan nurses.

Join Team Samaritan

Become part of the Samaritan team and enjoy competitive salaries, excellent benefits, comprehensive training, professional development and more! We are looking for qualified candidates to join our growing team.

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Based on employee feedback, our Top Workplaces win is proof positive that Samaritan puts its people first.

CONGRATULATIONS!



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IN THE COMMUNITY



1. Members of Samaritan's Veteran Volunteer Council; 2. Kyle Ruffin, Jordan Ashley, Irene Kirkland Mintz, MD; 3. James Corbett of Project Refit, Erika Thomas, Daniel Lombard of Project Refit; 4. David LaMotte Award Reception with David Barile, MD, Lori Feldstein, GOCC, Stephen Goldfine, MD, Phillip W. Heath; 5. Healing Hearts with our Center for Grief Support; 6. Latasha Taylor, Jordan Ashley, Terri Goldfine; 7. Gloucester County NAACP Game Changers Awards with Phillip W. Heath, Marché Heath, and Loretta Winters, Gloucester County NAACP President; 8. Sarah Adelman, Commissioner, NJHS and Phillip W. Heath; 9. Veteran's Day Celebration: Amy Maricondi at Medford Care Center; 10. Lisa DiCerto and Madison Savage at Cathedral Kitchen; 11. Ginny, Ron and Robotic Pet RJ; 12. Samaritan Volunteers Linda Brennan, Chris Jones, Deborah MacBride, and Shalina China.

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Providing free medical care
for those living with HIV/
AIDS, TB, and cancer in
Kampala, Uganda.

Samaritan's
Global Partnership with
Kawempe Home Care **CELEBRATES 15 YEARS**

Teen Sees the Importance of Community



Shubham Gupta, a senior at Eastern Regional High School, believes that being an active community member is of utmost importance. This motivated him to create beautiful inspirational quote books to add to Samaritan patient care tools. He wanted to uplift and inspire patients as they face a difficult time. For him volunteering is an opportunity to connect and bring about unity in our communities.

04.16.24

National Healthcare Decisions Day!

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SamaritanNJ.org.



Become a Samaritan VOLUNTEER!

We offer a variety of in-person or at-home volunteer opportunities, complete with online training.

For more information, call Lisa at **856.761.7502** or visit SamaritanNJ.org/Volunteer