at Home

A newsletter for donors and friends of Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice

GIVING BACK FOR "ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL" CARE

"In lieu of flowers" giving helps families and Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice

Dorothy Tamasi of Lynnfield spoke recently about a time when her husband, Leonard, was gravely ill and needed home and hospice care. Leonard Tamasi passed away on November 4, 2009, after a long illness.

Leonard had a long and successful life – coming to the United States at age 17, starting his own business and eventually owning two precision machine plants. He was also successful on a personal level. "He was a great husband and father – very much a family man," Dorothy recalled.

Home Care

Beginning in 2004, Leonard had a series of illnesses. His wife learned to carry out certain medical procedures herself, but she needed support. "He had home care for different health issues," Dorothy recalled, and he received care primarily from his Partners Home Care nurse, Lynn May, RN.

Lynn was "absolutely wonderful," remembers Dorothy. She cared for Leonard for over two years, each time he came on service. "She was very caring and he really liked her." Since Lynn May visited her husband consistently over time, she really got to know him. One day in particular he didn't seem to be doing well and didn't want to get up. "She took one look at him and said, 'We're calling an ambulance.'"

Dorothy expressed gratitude to all of Leonard's caregivers, including physical therapist Lillian Wong and the Partners Private Care home health aides, who provided thoughtful and compassionate care during Leonard's illness.

Donations in Lieu of Flowers

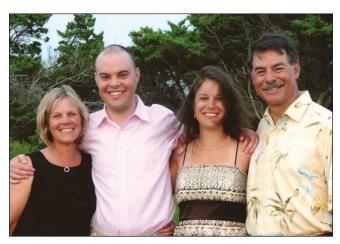
When Leonard Tamasi passed away, "we gave people a choice," his wife recalled. They could provide donations in his memory in lieu of flowers to Massachusetts General Hospital or Partners Home Care. She said that people "chose equally" between the two. Partners Home Care received 62 donations for a total of \$4,785.

"I know that God has a plan, but that was a very difficult period," said Dorothy. "My compliments are of the highest form," she added, referring to the help that Lynn May provided to her husband during that time. "You're lucky to have her."

Hospice Care - Aaron Pinsky

"The support was phenomenal; they were wonderful," said Peg Pinsky, who together with her husband,

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The Pinsky family — l. to r., Peg, Aaron, Rachel and Lincoln — in August 2008.





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Lincoln, spoke recently about the hospice care provided to their son, Aaron, who passed away at home on February 13, 2010.

After experiencing hospice care, Aaron, who was 25 years old, agreed with his parents to request donations to two organizations, including Partners Hospice, in lieu of flowers. "It was partially Aaron's decision," said Peg. "He felt that the hospice had provided a lot of helpful services, and we would not have gotten through this without them."

Aaron, a graduate of Concord-Carlisle High School and a Williams College math major, was also a music lover, sports fan, and an accomplished French horn player.

While at Williams College, he was a member of the Berkshire Symphony Orchestra, and after graduating in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics, he worked as a Market Research Consultant for Marketing and Planning Systems in Waltham and remained active with the Williams College Alumni Association.

A Team of Support

According to Lincoln Pinsky, the family first contacted Partners Hospice in early October 2009, when Aaron, who was battling brain cancer, ultimately required palliative care. For nearly five months, he – and his family – received a team of support.

"They were all terrific," said Peg. "They were

Partners Hospice recently received a \$5,000 gift in memory of Aaron Michael Pinsky. The gift, from William and Katharine Schmidt, included



a note describing Aaron as a "remarkable light and inspiration whom we loved deeply." This sentiment has been inscribed on a bird to be placed on the **Tree of Hope** at Partners Hospice as a lasting tribute to Aaron. fantastic and took their roles seriously." The team included Aaron's nurse, Nancy Hazeltine, RN; his home health aide, Nathan Sebuliba; social worker Marcia Lewin-Berlin, Chaplain Karen Doolittle, and hospice volunteer Eric Holm.

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– PEG PINSKY, MOTHER OF HOSPICE PATIENT AARON PINSKY The Pinskys recalled that on New Year's Eve 2009, Aaron took a turn for the worse. "They all dropped everything and came – the whole team," said Peg, and in Aaron's last few days, the whole team was also there for support.

"I'm a nurse," she said, "but it was

very helpful not to have to go it alone. Nancy Hazeltine was extremely supportive of me; she was right there for me."

When Aaron passed away, Partners Hospice received 41 donations in his memory for a total of \$10,665. Donations also were made to the Adult Brain Tumor Research Fund at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Pinskys hope that more people will consider hospice. "They were wonderful and the care was excellent," said Peg. "You just can't go it alone."

HOW TO REQUEST DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

Speak with the director of your funeral home about your wishes. The funeral home will be able to help you request donations to Partners Home Care or Partners Hospice in memory of a loved one.

Request that donations be sent to Partners Home Care or Partners Hospice: 281 Winter Street, Waltham, MA 02451. Call the Development Office at 781-290-4021 with any additional questions.

IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION: OUR HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

n April, Partners Hospice held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception in honor of all the unsung heroes of Hospice, who generously donate their time and skills in support of our patients and families. A rain storm did not deter our dedicated volunteers who came to enjoy an elegant reception with food and live music as well as meet other volunteers. President and CEO, Chris Attaya, and Partners Hospice Director, Gary Garberg, spoke in recognition and appreciation of all the special volunteers who give so much of themselves.

Danielle Degnan, former Vice President of Development, also unveiled the special area of Partners Hospice where the Tree of Hope is to be installed. The Tree of Hope includes a special section dedicated to recognizing our volunteers, as well as a section dedicated to tribute gifts made to Partners Hospice in honor of loved ones. The multi-dimensional and brightly-colored tree is inscribed with the message "In loving memory or honor and in grateful recognition."

Photos, from top to bottom: Volunteer Grace Burke is recognized for her many years of dedicated service to Partners Hospice.

L. to r.: Brenda Karkos, Education and Quality Manager, Susan Beausoliel, VP of Operations, Hospice volunteer Jean Moses, and Keturah Sawyer, Director of Stewardship and Special Events.

L. to r.: Rachelle LaMaster, Bereavement Services Manager, Gary Garberg, Hospice Director, Karen Doolittle, Chaplain, and Danielle Degnan, former VP of Development, in front of the Tree of Hope.

Become a Tree of Hope Donor to Honor a Loved One and Support Hospice Services

As a Tree of Hope donor, you can memorialize your loved one or make a tribute to a volunteer or caregiver and support the important work of Partners Hospice. Each of the following can be inscribed with a personal message:

- A boulder \$10,000 donation
- A bird or butterfly \$5,000 donation
- A leaf \$1,000 donation

For more information about the Tree of Hope, please contact Keturah Sawyer at 781-290-4021, or visit www.partnershospice.org/hope.







GIFTS FACILITATE ACCESS TO FREE CARE ON THE NORTH SHORE

During this period of high unemployment and increased homelessness, Partners Home Care's work in the community to ensure the availability of health care resources for under-served populations has become even more critical. This year, Partners Home Care has received an additional \$15,000 in support of our community outreach programs on the North Shore. Thanks to these gifts, Partners Home Care is able to continue to offer quality free care for homeless and low-income men, women and children.

Partners Home Care Operates Free Clinic at Lifebridge (formerly Salem Mission)

The Neal Rantoul Foundation and the Medtronic Foundation generously provided support to Partners Home Care this year totaling \$10,000 for the operation of a free year-round health clinic in cooperation with Lifebridge in Salem, serving homeless men and women from North Shore communities.

Homeless populations face significant challenges to accessing quality health care, including lack of insurance, moves from one shelter to another, as well as language and

cultural barriers. Perhaps the greatest hurdle to overcome is that many people fail to realize the importance of health care services and have no idea how to obtain them. The free clinics provided by Partners Home Care help patients overcome these obstacles.

Partners Home Care outreach nurse, Ann Kelley, RN, who operates the clinic at Lifebridge, provides compassionate and respectful medical care to those in need. She assesses patients and either offers treatment or refers them to specialized care. Ann also helps uninsured patients obtain insurance, sets up appointments with primary care physicians and emphasizes

the importance of taking medications and preventative measures. Many patients do not even realize the existence or severity of their health issues. Thanks in large part to the generous funding for these services, Ann helps hundreds of people annually obtain the medical care they need.

Partners Home Care Program at Gregg House Infant Toddler Center and Preschool

Recently, Partners Home Care received a \$5,000 private bequest to continue to provide care to children at the Gregg House Infant Toddler Center in Lynn. The Gregg House is a neighborhood day care and

preschool center serving low-income populations and at-risk children. The majority of children enrolled at the center are also active cases within the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Sandra Courier, RN, of Partners Home Care makes weekly visits to the center to assess the health and wellbeing of the children. Most of the children come from low-income families and a large percentage has a background of abuse or neglect. Sandy moni-

or neglect. Sandy moni tors and treats medical issues and ascertains that the children are well cared for.

Sandy also provides training and education to the staff of the Gregg House so they can be self-sufficient in controlling any health issues that arise at the center in Sandy's absence. This training includes medical concerns such as asthma, seizures, allergies, Epi-Pen use and safety, and feeding issues.

With the support of our generous donors, Partners Home Care is able to ensure that these children's basic health and safety needs are met, so that they can develop to their full capacity.

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HOPE TAKES FLIGHT AT PARTNERS HOSPICE 3RD ANNUAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE

n June 3rd, as rain clouds threatened the skies above the serene campus of Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, more than one hundred friends of Partners Hospice gathered at Wilson Chapel to honor the memory of loved ones.

The non-denominational service featured poems, inspirational stories, reflection, music and a presentation of the names of cherished family and friends. As the skies suddenly cleared following the service, guests proceeded outdoors to the beautiful quad to choose a spot to release their butterflies into the world.

"As the butterfly is symbolic of rebirth and new life, releasing a butterfly into the world represents a celebration of the lives of loved ones," said Gary Garberg, Director of Partners Hospice. "The release offers both healing and hope as the community comes together to remember and honor family members and friends."

The annual event raised close to \$6,000 for Bereavement Services of Partners Hospice. ■



Above: A butterfly is set free by a young attendee.

Below right: Ella and Jake Copelotti of Newton release their butterfly.

Below left: A Hospice volunteer reflects as her butterfly is released.







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THANK YOU!

The 17th Annual Tee-Off for Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice at Pinehills Golf Club was a phenomenal success, raising over \$397,000 for our organizations. Under sunny skies, nearly 200 golfers teed off on one of two world-class courses, helping us reach this extraordinary goal.

Support of this event has a tremendous impact on the care we provide to patients and family caregivers who are coping with medical needs after a hospital stay, managing ongoing chronic conditions such as diabetes or heart disease, and contending with the pain and frustration of a life-limiting illness like cancer.

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we thank the Tee-Off Committee whose extraordinary efforts on behalf of Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice made this one of the most successful years of the event. We are also extremely grateful for the significant commitment of our generous sponsors, donors, golfers and volunteers, whose support ensures that patients can receive care where they would most like to be – in their own homes.

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Top photo, l. to r.: David Storto, President, Partners Continuing Care; Mike Manning, Tee-Off Committee Co-chair, Partners Health-Care; Chris Attaya, President and CEO, Partners Home Care; Roger Boucher, Tee-Off Committee Co-chair, Bank of America.

Bottom photo, l. to r.: Bill Simione, Bill Dombi, Bob Simione, Simione Consultants, LLC and Chris Attaya, first place scramble winners.

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The 18th Annual Tee-Off for Home Care & Hospice will take place on June 22, 2011. For information about sponsorship opportunities, contact Keturah Sawyer at 781.290.4021 or ksawyer@partners.org, or visit www.partnershomecare.org/golf.

HITTING THE ROAD TO HELP PATIENTS ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Bob Ford, physical therapist and clinical manager, ran the 114th Boston Marathon in support of Partners Home Care this past April. Thanks to many family, friends and colleagues, Bob surpassed his fundraising goal and raised over \$4,500 for Partners Home Care. Thanks to Bob and his supporters, Partners Home Care can continue to provide the best possible care to patients recovering from a physically debilitating illness or injury. "Our clinicians are highly skilled but we continue to provide ongoing training and purchase equipment to stay ahead of the curve with the challenging conditions we treat," explained Bob when asked why he chose to run. Bob had a great day in Boston, also achieving his personal goal with a finishing time of 3:58:09. ■



Physical therapist Bob Ford ran the Boston Marathon in April in support of Partners Home Care.

PARTNERS HOME CARE AND PARTNERS HOSPICE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

To provide benefits to our donors while ensuring for a strong financial future of Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice, several planned giving options are offered to donors. These options are backed by the full faith and equity of Partners HealthCare.

Life Income Gifts such as charitable gift annuity can be established to support Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice.

Benefits include:

- A lifetime stream of income
- Relief from capital gains tax on long-term appreciated property
- A charitable income tax deduction
- The satisfaction of supporting Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice

Bequests can be made through a will or trust or by making Partners Home Care or Partners Hospice a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy.

Benefits include:

- Reduction of estate taxes
- · Control of assets during your lifetime
- The satisfaction of supporting Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice



Retirement Assets from IRA or Roth IRA plans can be used to support Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about planned giving, call Keturah Sawyer at 781.290.4021.

PARTNERS HOME CARE RECEIVES GRANT FROM MAKEPEACE NEIGHBORHOOD FUND

The Makepeace Neighborhood Fund is a charitable foundation established by the A.D. Makepeace Company. Since 2004, they have provided significant support to community groups and projects in Wareham, Plymouth,



Plymouth Branch Manager Corinne McNeill (r.) accepted a grant check from the Makepeace Neighborhood Fund.

Carver, Middleborough and Rochester, Massachusetts.

This year, the Fund made a grant of \$4,000 for the Plymouth branch to purchase point of care laptops. Corinne McNeill, Plymouth Branch Manager, accepted the grant check at a special event held in May at the Tihonet Village Market in Wareham. Grant recipients were also featured in the Wareham Courier.

The Fund director and review committee expressed that Partners Home Care was the most outstanding of this year's grant recipients and they were very impressed by the care provided by our staff.

HOSPICE MEANS LIVING IN THE NEW YORKER

The August 2, 2010 issue of the The New Yorker magazine includes an article, "Letting Go: What should medicine do when it can't save your life?," by Atul Gawande, MD. His powerful article enriches the dialogue about end of life care, its related costs, the value of hospice, and the improved



quality of life that can follow meaningful conversations about choices and wishes.

Many thanks and gratitude to Sarah Creed, RN, from Partners Hospice and Joanne Nowak, MD, former medical director of Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice, who shared their knowledge and insights about hospice with Dr. Gawande and for introducing him to patients Lee Cox and Dave Galloway and their families, whose courageous stories are also featured in the article.

View the article online now, through www.partnershomecare.org/newyorker.htm

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

We are grateful to the many patients and families and their friends who send us wonderful letters and e-mails expressing their gratitude to our staff and for the services that Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice are able to provide. We are pleased to share these kind words of support with you.

Dear Partners Home Care:

My nurse was truly extraordinary. She was skillful, kind, cheerful and competent. She was always happy to take our calls and she was comforting and knowledgeable. She was a gift and helped us through a very difficult time.

Dear Partners Hospice:

We will be forever grateful for the incredible care, instruction, compassion, support and kindness Hospice provided my dad and us during his last days.

Dear Partners Home Care:

My physical therapist was instrumental to my recovery. She is a consummate professional and you and her patients are lucky to have her.

Partners Home Care and Partners Hospice would like to thank the friends and family members who generously contributed gifts in honor or memory of someone special in their lives. The names of these special people are listed below and reflect tribute gifts made between January 1 and June 30, 2010.

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Over 130 loved ones were remembered at the 3rd Annual Partners Hospice Butterfly Release in June.

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We have made every effort to be inclusive and accurate. However, if you have questions, corrections or would like to amend the listing of a name, please call 781-290-4021. ■



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DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

lu season will soon be upon us. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) urges individuals over the age of 6 months to be vaccinated each year against influenza. Take the time to be vaccinated as soon as the 2010-2011 season vaccine is available, which will protect against



an influenza A H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus and the 2009 H1N1 virus.

People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease and people 65 years and older.

Protect yourself against influenza. Visit www.flu.gov for more information and to find a flu clinic near you. \blacksquare

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