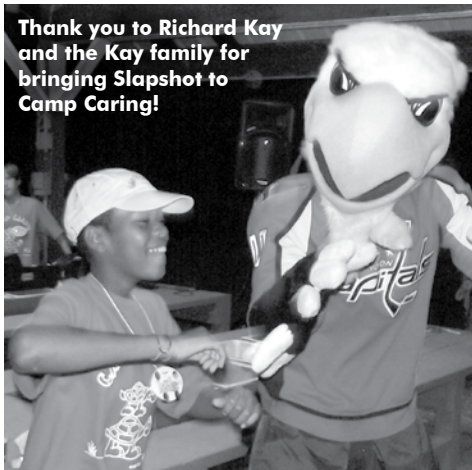




# Hospice Caring, Inc.

Holding Hands *and* Healing Hearts



Thank you to Richard Kay and the Kay family for bringing Slapshot to Camp Caring!

## Camp Caring Marks 10th Anniversary

Camp Caring is our annual weekend bereavement camp for children ages 8 to 12 who have experienced the death of a loved one. The children are paired with trained adult Big Buddies to explore their feelings through age-appropriate crafts, activities, discussions and one-on-one time.

### Little Buddy Comments

"My Big Buddy was kind, she helped me a lot."

"I learned how to grieve the right way."

"Camp is a good place to be if you lost someone."

"I learned there are different ways to cope, and you're not alone, people can help you."

"There are other people who know how you feel."

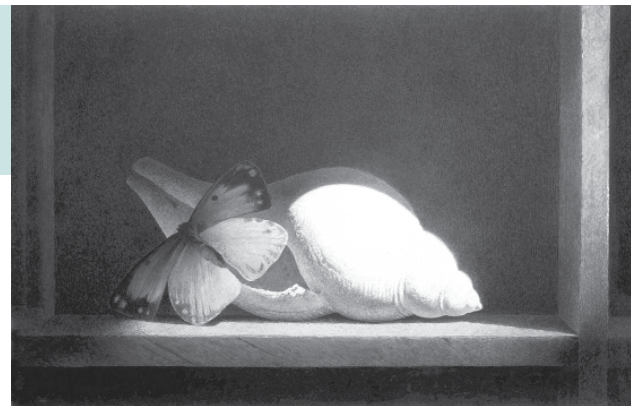
"Thank you to my Big Buddy for being with me."

Visit [hospicecaring.org](http://hospicecaring.org) for more information about Camp Caring and our other children's bereavement programs and services.

Roaring into our 23rd year!

## Save the Date for our Annual Gala

New this year, bid on art by Greg Mort and celebrated local artists!



Collected Light by Greg Mort

*Collected Light* by Greg Mort is a limited edition fine art giclee, museum mounted and framed with all archival materials, and will be in the live auction at this year's Hospice Caring's Annual Gala. The giclee is valued at \$2000, is the last one, #7 of 10, and will be displayed at The Cottage prior to the auction. Greg has also generously provided copies of his book, *Voyages*, to be given to the first 200 couples or individuals who buy

tickets for this year's gala. For more information about Greg's art, visit his website at [www.gregmorteditions.com](http://www.gregmorteditions.com). For information about our annual gala, visit our website at [hospicecaring.org](http://hospicecaring.org).

## Answering the Call, Saving the Day

Recently we received an unusual request from a medical hospice. They had a patient who was being transferred to Casey House and asked if we could arrange a ride so that her daughter could visit her.

The daughter lives in D.C., but could meet our volunteer in Friendship Heights. There were some other extenuating circumstances, but our Patient & Family team was committed to making this work.

The team was reluctant to ask one of our volunteers to provide transportation. It's a long ride from Friendship Heights to Casey House in Rockville. "I'll do it,"

offered Pam Hard, one of our volunteer coordinators. So, after several phone calls, we arranged that Pam would meet the patient's daughter at the Shady Grove Metro on Friday. Pam would then drive her to Casey House and wait while the young woman visited with her mother. Afterwards, Pam would take her back to the metro station. And that is how it happened. Mission accomplished. But there was more.

Pam offered to meet the woman again and take her back to Casey House. They would talk on Monday. However, when Monday came, the patient was deemed to be in her

**Patient & Family**

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## Hospice Caring, Inc.

**HOW CAN WE HELP:** Since 1989, Hospice Caring, Inc. has been the only non-medical, volunteer hospice in Montgomery County. Trained and dedicated volunteers provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill adults and children and their families, and to anyone grieving the death of a loved one.

**WHAT WE OFFER:**

- Support to patient and family
- Bereavement services
- All services provide without charge

**WHO WE ARE:**

- Friends and companions
- Advocates for patients and families
- Caring programs and services for adults and children
- Compassionate, practical and high-quality support
- Meeting community's needs
- Volunteer-driven

**OUR MISSION:** To provide caring, compassionate, practical and high-quality, non-medical support services, without charge, to any Montgomery County adult or child who is facing a life-threatening illness or is grieving the death of a family member or loved one.

Visit [www.hospicecaring.org](http://www.hospicecaring.org) for information about all of the services and programs we provide.

## Gala Honoree: The Mead Family Foundation

This year, Hospice Caring will honor the Mead Family Foundation at our annual gala, which will have a Roaring Twenties theme.

The Mead Family Foundation was founded by Jaylee Mead and the late Gilbert Mead in September 1989. The foundation partners with non-profit organizations that effectively address community needs. Its program priorities derive from the active involvement of family board members in their own communities. It seeks to empower youth to have crisis-free lives, strong families and excellent education.

A valuable spin-off of the foundation is the learning

experience from shared philanthropy, increased family closeness and the potential for similar opportunities for the next generation.

### *mead family foundation*

Since 1996, the Mead Family Foundation has provided many grants to Hospice Caring. The first grant was for a phone system for the main office, then located at Conservation Lane. Several subsequent grants were provided, including funds for a Good Grief Club brochure, and a planning grant to explore, prior

to its completion, the best uses for The Cottage. A follow up 3-year grant for The Cottage was given for The Cottage manager's salary.

In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of the Mead Family Foundation, Betsy Mead (President of the Board), Marilyn Mead, and Diana Mead (Vice President of the Board) have generously donated to Hospice Caring.

The generous support of the Mead family and the foundation has been crucial to the success of our organization. Betsy Mead will accept the honor at our annual gala on behalf of the Mead family and the foundation.

## In Memory of Dr. Shirley Kay



Dr. Shirley Kay  
In Loving Memory

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Trustees and the staff of Hospice Caring, it is with deep, heartfelt sadness that we share the news of the death of our beloved Dr. Shirley Kay on July 10, 2011. Shirley will be lovingly remembered for her devotion to the mission of Hospice Caring. Her service as a member of the Hospice Caring Board of Directors and as the Immediate Past Chair helped shape and significantly change our organization. Shirley was a tireless advocate for our Children's Bereavement Program Services. She changed lives and will always be part of the spirit of Camp Caring. Shirley's insights, strong beliefs and compassion are forever ingrained in Hospice Caring's core values.

Dr. Shirley Kay will be missed and always remembered.



## HEXAGON

WASHINGTON'S ONLY ORIGINAL POLITICAL SATIRICAL MUSICAL COMEDY REVUE

Hospice Caring is honored to be chosen as the 2012 Hexagon Revue beneficiary. Exciting details to follow about the performances next Spring. Visit [www.hexagon.org](http://www.hexagon.org) to learn more about this remarkable organization.

## Answering the call, saving the day

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final hours. There was no time now for the daughter to make a second trip. The mother died on that Monday.

The daughter told Pam that she was so very grateful that she had been able to see her mother again, to sit with her and to hold her hand.

Pam's willingness to "go the extra mile"

was a life-changing decision because this young woman was able to say good-bye to her mother. It is an exceptional example of how a seemingly ordinary action becomes something quite extraordinary to someone in need. It is the heart of what we do at Hospice Caring. Pam's compassion and kindness made all the difference.

## GEICO and Hospice Caring

GEICO's relationship with Hospice Caring, Inc. started in 1989 with just a simple letter. The letter simply outlined the kind of work Hospice Caring does throughout the community and requested some assistance from GEICO.

"At GEICO, our associates are constantly searching for ways to help make our community a better place," said Don Lyons, senior vice president of GEICO. "Our many years of support through the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation have helped Hospice Caring continue their great work helping the critically ill and their families. It is an honor to work with them."

The Gecko was a welcomed participant this summer at Camp Caring's Friday dance putting smiles on little faces as the campers began their well thought out and prepared activities. Activities that are fun and focus on helping them deal with their emotions and getting through the grieving process.

GEICO Philanthropic Foundation is happy to provide support and has over the last several years contributed more than \$130,000 to Hospice Caring. GEICO looks forward to continuing to support their noble efforts in Montgomery County.



— GEICO Communications

## Volunteering: Year One Inspires More

This June marked my first year as a Hospice Caring volunteer. Though I have volunteered with other non-profits simply to keep busy, Hospice Caring's organized, team-oriented, and progressive atmosphere has helped me thrive and want to become an advocate for hospice and Hospice Caring.

After being one of Hospice Caring's clients in a parent loss bereavement support group, I signed up as an administrative volunteer doing creative media outreach projects. I worked on newsletters, updated the web site, prepared presentation slides, served as a photographer, and spoke in a video produced by the Hospice Foundation of America.

Meanwhile, I also took Hospice Caring's training to become a be-

reavement facilitator and found myself facilitating a Good Grief Club at a middle school and co-facilitating classes about grief in a high school. I'm looking forward to working with adults in a bereavement support group this summer.

Every step of the way, I have been well supported and supervised by the Hospice Caring staff, who constantly convey their genuine appreciation in many ways.

I'm grateful to my bereavement facilitators for encouraging me to volunteer at Hospice Caring. A year ago I could not have imagined the fun and satisfaction I have found here. This satisfying year will lead to many, many more.

— Gail Cherochak

## WHAT'S NEW

Our first ever Hospice Caring Cookbook is in the final edit and will be hot off the presses in September! **Pre-order your cookbook** before September 1 for \$22 in honor of our 22nd year. Special tasting event with local favorite chefs in late September. Details to follow. Do you have a favorite chef who would like to give us an autographed recipe for Hospice Caring's one of a kind cookbook? (Only available for auction at our annual gala.) Contact Jeannette at [jeannettem@hospicecaring.org](mailto:jeannettem@hospicecaring.org) or call 301-869-0113 for more information.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to our Golf Committee for all their hard work and commitment in making this event such a success: Leslie Childs, Executive Director of Marketing, Village Settlements, Inc.; Karen (KT) Thomas, Director, Public Relations, Village Settlements, Inc.; Bonnie Sakmar, Realtor, GRI, CRS, Long & Foster Realtors; and Buffy Foster, Associate Broker, Long & Foster Realtors.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Toby Rabbin, Hospice Caring's Director of Bereavement, was a featured presenter at the 15th Annual National Alliance for Grieving Children Symposium in Boston.

## AUCTION ITEMS WANTED

Hospice Caring is seeking items for this year's annual gala auction. Gift certificates, wine, art, jewelry, even small items to go into our baskets and grab bags. New "regifted" items are welcome! Please drop off at The Cottage or for pick up e-mail Lisa McKillop at [lisamamc@aol.com](mailto:lisamamc@aol.com).



## Wings of Caring

**On Saturday, September 10, 2011,  
Hospice Caring will hold its  
3rd Annual Butterfly Release**

Butterfly tent open 1 pm • Program begins at 2 pm

Please return to Hospice Caring your \$35 per name-and-butterfly sponsorship before August 16 for inclusion in the printed program. As part of the Wings of Caring event, Hospice Caring is providing you an opportunity to create a lasting tribute to a loved one by dedicating a walkway paver or brick on the grounds of The Cottage. Visit our website for more information and to download the Wings of Caring and Memorial Tribute forms. (Rain date September 11.)



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## Hospice Caring Calendar

### AUGUST

**August 25**  
Volunteer Appreciation  
Evening, 5 - 8 pm

**August 14**  
Summer Grief Relief  
program  
(at The Cottage)

### SEPTEMBER

**September 10**  
Wings of Caring Butterfly  
Release (at The Cottage)  
1 - 4 pm (approx)

**September 13, 14, 15**  
Caregiver Training  
(at The Cottage)  
8:30 am - 4 pm

### OCTOBER

**October 14, 15, 16**  
Sugarloaf Craft Festival  
Bag Holding at Montgomery  
County Fairgrounds,  
Gaithersburg  
(Times TBA)

**October 15**  
Roaring Twenties  
Annual Gala  
Bolger Center, Potomac  
6 pm - Midnight

### NOVEMBER

**November 8, 9, 10**  
Caregiver Training  
(at The Cottage)  
8:30 am - 4 pm

**November 18, 19, 20**  
Sugarloaf Craft Festival  
Bag Holding at Montgomery  
County Fairgrounds,  
Gaithersburg  
(Times TBA)

**November 25 - December 24**  
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap  
(Location and times TBD)

### DECEMBER

**December 3**  
Tree of Love, 5:30 pm

**November 25 - December 24**  
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap  
(Location and times TBD)



## ROARING TWENTIES ANNUAL GALA

**Saturday,  
October 15, 2011  
6 pm - Midnight**

Please Join Emcee JC Hayward and  
Fellow Guests at the Bolger Center  
for a Memorable Event

Silent and Live Auctions • Dinner and Dancing  
Black Tie Suggested • 1920s Attire is Welcome!  
Free Valet Parking • \$250 Per Ticket

Be a Sponsor.

\$22,000 (complimentary suite  
with breakfast for two)  
\$15,000 / \$10,000 / \$5,000 and \$3,000.

Visit [www.hospicecaring.org](http://www.hospicecaring.org) for  
full details on sponsorship benefits.

Visit [www.hospicecaring.org](http://www.hospicecaring.org) for more information about these and other events.

Hospice Caring, Inc. is a 501c(3) non-profit organization registered with the State of Maryland; our Federal EIN is 52-1591455. A copy of our current financial statement is available upon request by contacting Hospice Caring, Inc. at 518 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2325 or calling 301-869-HOPE. Documents and information submitted to the State of Maryland under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary.

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