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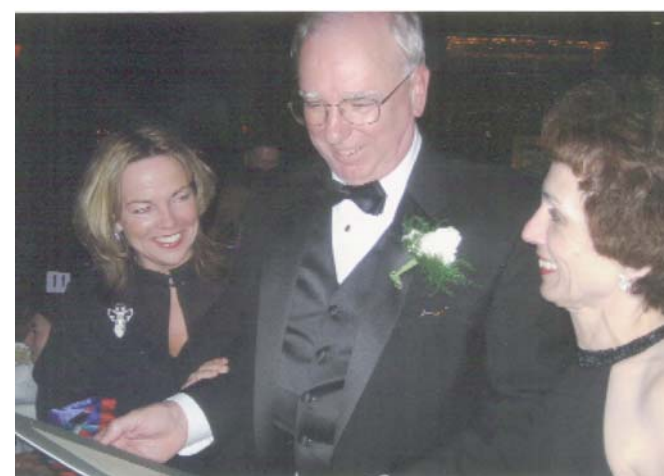
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Honoring Continued Commitment



Dr. Andrews gazes at his proclamation at a ball held in his honor recently. People gathered to celebrate his continued commitment to his patients and their families for the past 30 years.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Andrews M.D. has been a committed and passionate physician to all of his patients and families for the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrews has been committed to their very Legacy of Life; and

WHEREAS, the Norwalk Hospital and The Connecticut Hospice have had an enduring relationship for patients since 1984,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 14th day of October, 2006, is declared

Dr. Joseph Andrews M.D.
PATIENT ADVOCATE FOR LIFE DAY.

Arlene Sayers

Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors
The Connecticut Hospice



The event drew a great deal of people out for the occasion. Seated left to right: George Kay, RN; Mara Brosler, MSW; Pat Crocker, RN, BSN, MSN; Joy Parkins



Dr. Andrews proudly displays his proclamation. Pictured are (Left to Right Back) Arlene Wisnewski, RN; Soozie Flannigan, RN, BSN, MSN; Joseph Andrews, MD; Mara Brosler, MSW, Joy Parkins, Georgia Kay, RN; Calan Lundin, RN. (Front) Nita Erson, RN, Patricia Crocker, RN, BSN, MSN.

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Save the Dates!

Nov. 8th Dance Class with Piers Stonehart.

Nov. 12th The Hair's Talent Cut-A-Thon

Nov. 14th - 15th Nurses Fellowship

Dec. 9th Children's Party 1:00 - 3:00
Connecticut Hospice Cafeteria

Jan. 20th 2007 Winter Dance /
Employee and Volunteer Recognition
Anthony's Ocean View
450 Lighthouse Road
New Haven, Connecticut
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Elvis has Arrived!



A patient wanted to see Elvis. Through the magic of the Arts Department he and his assistant arrived and put on a performance for a group of patients and their families.



Tree of Life

Starting with Bob Develope's love for his daughter Robin our Tree of Life, dedicated at our Ella Grasso awards ceremony in 1998, established its roots at 61 Burbon Drive.

It has always been a goal to reestablish the roots of our Tree of Life to symbolize our growth and committment to our patients and families. Standing mightily at our main entrance the Tree of Life guides us through our original Tree of Life door where our patients and families receive palliative and hospice care.

The journey of our Tree of Life started with Mark Cosgrove along with a group of Department of Navy trainees. They fabricated the outside steel frame. Mark, the son of our beloved board member The Honorable Daniel P. Cosgrove, had the frame delivered to 100 Double Beach Road. He also provided the expertise needed to prepare the foundation on which the Tree of Life would stand. Once it was here the tree was refurbished by the staff of the Building Services department.

The final step of putting all the pieces together needed the knowledge and skills of Boardmember Anthony "Unk" DaRos. Along with his son, Unk provided a huge crane and the equipment necessary to erect our Tree of Life. Spending an entire morning in a labor of love our our Tree of Life was transplanted to our new home and completed its journey to 100 Double Beach Road, Homeport Cove.

A ceremony will be held this spring to honor the efforts of Mark Cosgrove and Unk DaRos.

By: Gary J. Sullivan, Vice President of Facilities

Two Weeks in Residence at Connecticut Hospice



Dr. Wen-Jen Hwu, M.D. Ph.D., Professor of Medicine, Connecticut Hospice Board Member and acting medical director, came all the way from The Univ. of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center to spend two weeks in residence with us. She is no stranger to Connecticut Hospice or the medical director role having been our first

medical director in the 80's. During her stay here she met with Dr. Ralph Sturges, Chief g'tine'mon, honorary board member and The Honorable Daniel Cosgrove, board member. Dr. Hwu and Mr. Cosgrove are important to the history of The Connecticut Hospice. Having them both here was an honor.



Dr. Wen-Jen Hwu and Mr. Daniel Cosgrove, board members, (left), at her going away party. Dr. Hwu and Susane Grasso paid a visit to Chief Sturges, honorary board member, Institute for Education, Training, and Research. (above).

Expression in Verse

This week we have two poems for your enjoyment. The first, Nurses, is written by an Arts Department volunteer, Bob Jacob and the second is an untitled piece by our architect Bruce J. Spiewak, AIA, which is dedicated to his father.

Our Architect

The most difficult phase of reconstructing our palliative hospital was meeting all the required building and fire codes. Bruce J. Spiewak, AIA, recognized throughout the USA as a leader in code compliant architectural design began his association with Connecticut Hospice during the design phase of our hospital. Over the years his association has grown from providing for the safety of our patients, visitors and staff to a true understanding of the meaning and mission of hospice care. In his personal life Bruce has experienced the love and compassion of our Caregivers at Connecticut Hospice. He wishes to share with us this poem he and his brothers penned in remembrance of their father.

NURSES at Hospice

Nurses walk from room to room
with the voices of human angels,

their wings a white uniform,
their eyes a soft reflection

to souls wearing a dying cloak
of sheets, who gaze with unblinking eyes

into a heaven momentarily out of reach,
nurses bending to lift, support them,

offer them daily comfort.
Others glance in the nurses' direction,

accept their embracing presence,
reach out for a merciful word.

Each patient knows the brightness
of a nurses angelic light

while crossing the void
to God's new world.

Written by: Bob Jacob, volunteer.

Untitled

We stood beside him holding on
as if to make him stay,
But Death prevailed and he was gone,
slipped peacefully away.

We gathered at the funeral,
the vital friends and kin.
The silence of an absent voice
reverberating in the din.

The body is a fragile thing,
just with us for a time.
The spirit lives eternally
in children's hearts and mind.

In Memory of Robert Louis Spiewak
July 14, 1922 - September 27, 2006

Written by: Bruce Spiewak, our architect

Connecticut Hospice Doctor Honored

EPSScentral LLC, an international company announced its 2006 performance centered design performance improvement awards. Of the eight recipients, our Dr. Clare Cherney, M.D. was the physician consultant to one of the winners for her work at Sloan-Kettering Memorial Cancer Center. Congratulations Dr. Cherney!

New Yale Dean of Public Health



Dean Paul D. Cleary and Associate Dean Elizabeth Bradley from the Yale School of Medicine School of Public Health, visited Connecticut Hospice recently. This is the dean's first appearance at the 1st American Hospice since taking on his role at Yale.