

# COMFORTING CONNECTIONS

## Webster Comfort Care Home

*Providing Compassionate End-of-Life Care Since 2003*

SPRING 2023



Dear Friends,

We are celebrating 20 years of caring for 438 individuals and their families during their end-of-life journey, in a community-supported home that took 45 days to build.

Every day individuals choose to pursue comfort measures only but are unable to hire caregivers, their families aren't able to provide care, they have no family and/or they don't want to die in a nursing home. That's where WCCH comes in. I'm guessing most of you know someone, or a friend knows someone, who has completed their final journey here. Families have told us they don't know what they would have done without the care they received during their stay at the Home. This care is priceless to them. We don't charge or receive any government or insurance payments. Your gifts and donations have kept our doors open for the past 20 years, and for this we thank you! We know your love and support, and belief in our mission, will continue over the next 20 years and beyond...

Please reach out to me if you'd like a tour of the Home, want to get involved in fundraising or volunteering, want to set up a recurring donation or add us to your will. On behalf of everyone at WCCH, we are very grateful for all of you!

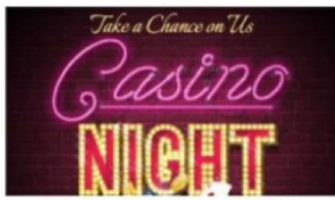
Treasure Life,

*Julianne Groff, MSW*

Executive Director



**BUILT BY A COMMUNITY OF COMPASSION**



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(In Memory of Norm Gerber)  
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Did you know that the Home has an Angel Light? The Angel Light is illuminated when a resident's passing is deemed imminent, and its location, near the front door of the house, serves to remind volunteers and staff of the solemnity of this period of time.

One family member put it this way:

*"I was aware of the existence of the Angel Light, but even in our longer-than-average stay at the home, and even though it had been lit for other residents during our time there, I had never made note of it until it was illuminated on that blessed morning for my own mother. This light, in concert with the reverence expressed by the loving volunteers, brought with it a wave of serenity that could not be described in words. The hard truth is, the hospice experience, even in the best of circumstances, can be filled with unknowns. In the end, though, we found that the Angel Light surreptitiously put our anxieties to rest. Questions were answered, peace was within reach and, most importantly, Mom was secure in this last phase of her journey."*

We at Webster Comfort Care Home strive to provide this kind of peace and security to all of our residents and their families.



Let there be light!

WEBSTER COMFORT CARE HOME PRESENTS

# STAND-UP COMEDY Benefit Show

May 3rd, 2023  
7 pm

Comedy @ The Carlson  
50 Carlson Road  
Rochester, NY 14610

### Features:

Free Parking  
Full Service Menu  
Cash Bar  
50/50 Raffle

### Purchase Tickets:

<https://ci.ovationtix.com/358>

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### Lineup:

Bryan Ball  
Vinnie Paulino  
Todd Youngman

Tickets  
**\$25**



## FUN FACTS

- Three founders (plus one spouse) are still actively involved in the Home.
- Our oldest volunteer is 96 years old and our youngest is 16.
- We've hosted a wedding and had a miniature horse visit.





Their Light Shines Memorial Event  
12/21/22



**BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR MONTHLY GIVING CLUB TODAY!**

We invite you to join the growing community of monthly donors who support our mission in a significant, ongoing way.

Make your monthly gift in one of two ways:

Mail a check (in envelopes we provide).  
Email your full name and mailing address to [donations@webstercomfortcare.org](mailto:donations@webstercomfortcare.org) and we will mail 12 envelopes to you.

OR

Online through our website.  
[www.webstercomfortcare.org](http://www.webstercomfortcare.org)



**+ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Volunteers are the heart of Webster Comfort Care Home. Over 100 volunteers fill 56 shifts per week caring for our residents' personal needs. Volunteers work a four hour shift with another trained volunteer and nursing staff. No experience is necessary to begin volunteering. WCCH provides all training.**



**CALL OR EMAIL OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, RUTH RAPPAPORT-KRISTAL TODAY!**

**[VOLUNTEERCOORD@WEBSTERCOMFORTCARE.ORG](mailto:VOLUNTEERCOORD@WEBSTERCOMFORTCARE.ORG)  
(585) 872-5290**



by Dylan Palermo



My mom, Nancy Aspenleiter, was a social worker, led a life of ministry and worked as a counselor. She was a mom of seven, grandmother to 14 and great-grandmother to 12. As her health declined, we couldn't take care of her on our own and keep her safe, but wondered if she was "ready" to go to a comfort care home. When a bed became available, we questioned if we were doing the "right thing". A home visit with one of the nurses reassured us. The day mom moved in, everyone (from the director to the nurses and the volunteers) treated us with respect, care, concern and compassion. We knew we had made the right decision – mom was right where we needed her to be. Because of the care and compassion we received, I became a volunteer. I feel I can give that same care and compassion to a family that has to say goodbye to one of their loved ones. -Carol Hicks





Let's Face  
It...  
We Have  
the Best  
Volunteers!





Turning the dream of Webster Comfort Care Home into reality was a true community effort. The idea to build the Home originated when Dave Whitlock started volunteering at Pines of Peace in Ontario. After a few months, the director pulled him aside and explained she often had to turn away Webster residents because of her need to prioritize Wayne County applications. Dave recruited fellow volunteers Kathy Fulton and Noelle Schabel, their husbands and his wife Kathy, and together they created a 501(c) (3) charitable organization, started knocking on doors, holding public meetings and reaching out to churches and community agencies for donations. No one turned them down, and before long, they had raised about \$35,000 — far short of the estimated \$100,000 it would take to purchase a house and make the needed renovations.

That's when local builder, Norm Gerber, stepped in. He asked 202 fellow contractors to donate one day's worth of labor to build the house and to solicit their suppliers for donated materials. The land was donated by builder, John Schantz, and a member of the Klem family.

Groundbreaking was on 9/18/02 and on 2/3/03, the first resident was welcomed.

What the community created was not so much a facility, but a home much like any other — a place where family members and their loved ones feel welcome, supported and comfortable during those last difficult days and weeks.



Left: WCCH Founders (Bill & Kathy Fulton, Dave & Kathy Whitlock)  
Right: Former Bookkeeper & Newsletter Editor (Don & Carole Young)

Thank You  
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Sponsors

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TEMPLE BAR & GRILLE

LA BELLA VITA

WHEN DINING OUT, PLEASE GIVE THEM A TRY!

SUPPORT  
LOCAL

### WHAT'S NEW

**Executive Director:** Julianne completed her first year and has been busy creating new fundraising events, making connections in the community and upgrading the donor management and computer systems with the help of volunteers Tom and Lisa Swift.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Ruth has been actively recruiting new volunteers and is preparing for our next semi-annual training on 4/17, 4/24 and 5/1. Please call 872-5290 to register.

**Nursing Update:** Mary Barnhart retired after 13+ years as Primary Nurse, and lucky for us, continues to work per diem. Our new Primary Nurse, Cheryl Brooks, will be joining us in April. A huge shoutout to our outstanding team of per diem staff including Kathy, Karen, Ingrid, Fiona, Regina, Kris, Susan and Mary Jane and overnight aides, Loretta and Luis.

**New Beds:** Heartfelt thanks to Barb and Glenn Harvey for donating two brand new hospital beds in memory of their mom, Ella Geraci.



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Thank You For Your  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3rd, 2023

Comedy @ The Carlson

May 5th, 2023

Spaghetti Dinner  
Webster Masonic Lodge

May 20th, 2023

3rd Annual Duck Derby  
Webster Park

July 10th, 2023

Golf Tournament  
Webster Golf Club

October 3rd, 2023

Their Light Shines  
(rain date October 5th)

November 3rd, 2023

Casino Night  
The Lodge at Shadow Hill

Donate Your Cans & Bottles

**NICKEL BACK BOTTLE & CAN RETURN**  
**650 RIDGE ROAD, WEBSTER**  
**OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 10-5**  
**SATURDAY 9-3**

**DROP OFF YOUR BOTTLES/CANS,**  
**TELL THEM YOU'RE WITH**  
**WCCH AND GO!**



Celebrate Your Birthday with Webster Comfort Care Home!

You can now create a birthday fundraiser on Facebook!  
Go to your FB account, click on "Community Resources," click on "Fundraisers," and select  
"Webster Comfort Care Home."

Together we can make difference.

Happy Birthday from WCCH and thank you for sharing your special day with us!

