



Dove Tale News

Haynes House of Hope

Winter 2017

Haynes House busy in 2016

The Haynes House of Hope in Granville saw its busiest year ever in 2016, with 17 residents to date staying at the comfort care home for the terminally ill. That is the largest number of residents since the house opened in 2010.

“Word is being spread of the care that is received and the calm atmosphere of the house,” said Executive Director Carol Finke. “The house’s reputation continues to grow.”

Indeed, the serenity of Haynes House benefits not only the residents, but their families.

Accommodations are available for family members who wish to stay with their loved one. Because the family is not responsible for care, they can spend their time just relaxing and interacting with the resident.

The house has a full kitchen for meal preparation. When the resident is resting, family members can watch TV or visit in the living room.

Finke said that the homelike surroundings encourage the strengthening and even repair of family bonds. She recalled that the daughter of one resident was able to reconnect with her mother while she stayed at Haynes House. Unencumbered by caregiving and in a neutral location, they were able to work through prior issues and be at peace with their relationship, said Finke.

Also in 2016, Haynes House volunteers worked to create memorable events and experiences for the residents. This summer, volunteer Peggy Galloup heard a resident lament that he could no longer partake in one of his favorite pastimes, attending car shows.

So Peggy called some of her friends, and they staged a mini car show right in the Haynes House parking lot.

A few weeks later, Peggy also arranged for the same



resident and his wife to have a ceremony to renew their wedding vows next door at the South Granville Congregational Church.

While the resident was gravely ill when he was admitted to Haynes House, the care he received there was transformational. He improved to the point where he was actually discharged and sent home to the care of his wife.

“It was a happy ending story,” said Finke.

This year also saw the Haynes House flock of pink flamingos take flight across the region. The signature fundraiser brought the flock to areas as far as Manchester, Vermont and Queensbury, New York, in addition to the Granville area.

“They have been seen more now throughout the area this year than in previous years,” Finke commented.

Staff-wise, Haynes House added some new per diem employees and some new volunteers, said the Executive Director.

“Volunteers are always in need,” she emphasized. “They are what keep the house going.”



Carrie O'Brien presents women's overall winner Kayla Nowicki with her trophy at the Trek for Hope on Oct. 9.

Trek for Hope attracts many runners

More than 70 runners and walkers showed up the morning of Sunday, Oct. 9 in Granville to take the challenge of the sixth annual Trek for Hope 5K.

Matt Keyes of Salem finished first overall in the male division, posting a time of 18:13. Finishing first in the women's division was Kayla Nowicki from Granville, who ran the course in 22:02. Winner of the 1-mile Kids' Race was 14-year-old Owen Burnham. A total of nine youth ages 3 to 14 participated in the race.

The Haynes House of Hope wishes to thank Trek for Hope sponsors Rathbun's Sugar House, American Hardware, Robert M. King Funeral Home, NBT Bank, Soyshine Scentsations, Zappone Chrysler Jeep Dodge, the Liquor Stop, Don McPhee Attorney at Law, Granville Chamber of Commerce, Berkshire Bank, Granville Veterinary Service Large Animal, Taps Tavern, and Slate Valley Automotive.

Basket Party a Success

Hundreds of people crowded the Hartford Firehouse on Saturday, Nov. 5 to take part in the Haynes House of Hope's annual Basket Party. The event, typically the house's biggest fundraiser of the year, raised more than \$4,000. Proceeds will help offset operating costs and maintenance of Haynes House.

Haynes House wishes to thank all those businesses and individuals who donated prizes and baskets, What's Cookin' of Hartford for serving lunch to the crowd, and to all who attended and made the event such a success.

From the Director's Desk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has enabled Haynes House of Hope to be the wonderful comfort care home that it is. We are well-known by our reputation far and wide.

We have been able to serve 17 residents so far this year and they have come from not only the Granville area, but from Rutland, Bennington, Warren County and even from Saratoga County.

Without the assistants of our volunteers, per diem staff all our contributors, the House would not be what it is today.

I find challenges in filling the 4-hour shifts, but hoping with your assistance and word of mouth you will tell your family and friends about us, and encourage them to come and find out what the volunteering is all about.

I like to think of everyone here at Haynes House as one large family working together to see that our residents have the best quality of life possible.

Please give me a call at 518-642-8155 and let's talk about becoming a volunteer.

--Executive Director Carol Finke

HHH Board seeks new members

Would you like to make a difference in your community? The Haynes House of Hope is seeking a few new members for its Board of Directors.

Current board members include President Crystal Everdyke, Vice President James Curran, Treasurer Peter O'Brien, Secretary Dale Bucciero and Max Baer.

The board would especially like medical professionals or anyone interested in caring for those in need to inquire about board membership. For more information, contact Carol Finke at 518-642-8155.

Upcoming Events

The HHH Board of Directors is planning some exciting fundraising events for Haynes House in 2017.

On March 6, there will be a Spaghetti Dinner at Bernardo's in Granville. More information will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

The Board is pleased to announce on that July 16, a very special Farm to Table Dinner will be held at Dancing Ewe Farm in North Granville. Owners Luisa and Jody Somers will also give a farm tour to attendees. A limited number of tickets will be sold. Learn about Dancing Ewe, their Tuscan-style cheeses and gourmet dinners at www.dancingewe.com.

Check our Facebook page for complete information in the coming months about these special events!

Haynes House resident surprised with his own car show



The mission of the Haynes House of Hope is to provide comfort and compassionate care to its residents who are on life's final journey. On Aug. 14, volunteer Peggy Galloup went beyond care to make a wish come true for a resident who is a fan of classic cars.

When the man expressed regret that he could no longer attend a car show, Galloup decided to bring a show to Haynes House. She contacted people she knew who owned classic cars to see who might be able to stage an impromptu "cruise-in" for the house's resident.

On the afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 14, to the surprise of Richard, the Haynes House resident, a total of 12 classic cars pulled into the parking lot.

"It was wonderful," she commented. "His smile made it so worthwhile."

In addition to checking out the cars and speaking to the owners about them, Richard and his wife were treated to a ride in a 1954 Dodge station wagon. "That car was Richard's favorite, so it was truly special," said Galloup.

Galloup credits Mark Stannard, owner of a 1970 Oldsmobile, with contacting several of the car owners and making arrangements for the private show.

"He assured me that only total downpour would hold them off," she said. Stannard told Galloup, "The thunder you hear will be our engines rolling into the parking lot in one long line."

And roll in they did. First there were just two, which delighted Richard, but then 10 more pulled into the lot.

In addition to Stannard, car owners who participated in the special show were Terry Barber (1938 Chevrolet), Doug Rowe (1966 Ford Mustang), Steven Morse (1965 Pontiac GTO), Bill Genier (1969 Oldsmobile 442), Gene Bogart (1970 Plymouth Roadrunner), Gene VanGuilder (1965 Chevy 4WD truck), Don Ballard (1966 Ford Fairlane), Jimmy Warrington (1968 Ford Fairlane), Rick Smelik (1954 Dodge Coronet wagon), Tom Jones (1969

Ford Falcon), Gina Benincasa (1987 Thunderbird) and Stacy Lastrina (1967 Volkswagen).

For volunteer Peggy Galloup, the rewards of working with Haynes House are many.

"I can't express how much these simple acts of kindness impact the lives of others so positively," she said. "I watch the residents struggle with their situations. I like to put a sparkle in their day, see them smile and forget about their fears for a while."

Volunteer Spotlight - Ruth Frost



One of Haynes House's long-time volunteers, Ruth Frost, says she still finds that working with the house's residents is very rewarding.

"It's such a comforting place," she says. "It's peaceful and quiet."

Prior to volunteering at the Haynes House of Hope, Ruth, a Vermont resident, had a 32-year career as a nurse. She worked at Glens Falls Hospital and the Granville Health Center. She knew she would want to do some sort of volunteer work in retirement, but wasn't sure what it would be.

Soon after Haynes House opened, a friend of Ruth's became a resident there.

"I came to say good-bye to him," she recalls. "And I was just blown away by the place. It just hit me – this was awesome." *(Continued)*

So when she did retire, Ruth said she told herself “you need to do this.”

The flexibility of being a Haynes House volunteer makes it easy to fit into a busy life, she says.

“You can volunteer once a week or once a month,” she explains. “Nobody makes demands on you. You can tailor your volunteer days to what works with your schedule.”

She also noted that it is not necessary to have a medical background to be a Haynes House volunteer.

“Most of the time, the residents are sleeping,” she says. “When they are awake, you visit with them.”

Other duties involve giving the resident any prescribed medication at the appropriate times, and making sure they are comfortable. Volunteers also interact with the resident’s family and provide reassurance as needed. Medical issues are handled by High Peaks Hospice. Ruth said that while the resident is the primary focus, their family is also an important consideration.

“Most families are so appreciative,” she comments. “They often send food and flowers.”

While she finds her time at Haynes House to be very rewarding, Ruth says it’s also nice to know she is giving back to her community.

“It’s very uplifting to know you have helped the patient and the family,” she says. “You would want someone to do this for you.”

Ruth encourages anyone wishing to learn more about volunteering at Haynes House to stop in and see the house.

More information can be obtained by calling Executive Director Carol Finke at 518-642-8155.

HHH Open House

The Haynes House of Hope will hold a special Open House to honor its volunteers and welcome the community on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 2-4 p.m.

The event is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of the Haynes House volunteers, and for members of the public to become acquainted with the house, its Board of Directors and staff. Refreshments will be served.



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