



WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

As we welcome the lively month of June, our hearts are filled with appreciation and admiration for each of you. Your unwavering commitment consistently brightens the lives of those we serve, offering comfort, hope, and compassion during their most challenging times.

This month, we not only celebrate the beauty of summer but also recognize the remarkable impact you have on our hospice community. Your acts of kindness—whether it's a gentle conversation, a shared laugh, or simply your presence—create a profound difference for our patients and their families. Every moment you invest in them reflects the true strength of human connection and empathy.

We thank you for your steadfast dedication and the warmth you bring to our hospice. Your generosity of spirit captures the essence of genuine care, and we are deeply thankful to have you as part of our team.

Together, we are creating a meaningful impact, one compassionate gesture at a time.

With heartfelt appreciation,

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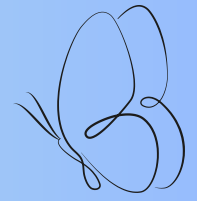
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Gatherer Craft Group

We invite you to gather with us on **Wednesday, June 4th at 11 AM** in the Serenity conference room for our Gatherer Craft Group. This group unites individuals to create items for patients, staff, and various events.

- All skill levels are welcome:
 - Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned artisan, we encourage everyone to come and share their skills and ideas.
- A creative opportunity:
 - It's a fantastic chance to learn new techniques, enjoy some artistic time, and connect with others who share a love for crafting.

All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any personal supplies you wish to use.

Knit & Crochet Group

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, this gathering is perfect for you! Come join us on **Friday, June 13th, at 10 a.m.** at The Serenity Home to work on your latest project. Whether you're crafting a prayer shawl, lap blanket, or prayer square, you'll be welcomed by a friendly community of fellow crafters eager to exchange tips, tricks, and stories.

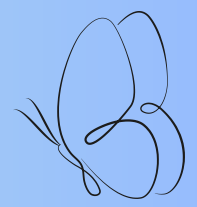
Golf Play Day

Join us on Saturday, June 14th, at PrairieView Golf Course in Byron. If you're interested in attending this exciting event, please click on the link below:
(<https://event.auctria.com/a7a9b267-7694-4d8f-96ed-6ac19912aff5/>)



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Volunteer Support Chat

Volunteering your time and energy to assist hospice patients is a truly noble and compassionate act. Join the volunteer support chat on **June 25th at 10:45 am** in the Serenity conference room. It's a great opportunity for all volunteers to gather, ask questions, and expand their knowledge on how to best help those in need. By sharing experiences, insights, and tips, everyone can improve their skills and offer enhanced care and companionship to hospice patients.

Volunteer Education

We invite you to attend our volunteer education session on **Wednesday, June 18th, at 10:45 AM** in the Serenity conference room. This month, we will focus on Hospice Refresher: End of Life Pain and Symptom Management. As a reminder, volunteers are required to complete continuing education each year. We are thrilled to offer this session to help you enhance your skills and knowledge in delivering compassionate care.

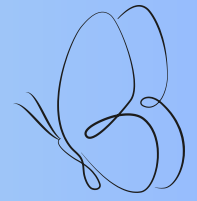
Book Club

Our next book club gathering is scheduled for **Thursday, June 19th at 8:30 a.m.** at the Village Bakery. We will delve into **Just a Regular Boy by Catherine Ryan Hyde**, a heartwarming tale that is sure to inspire engaging discussions and reflections among us. Whether you've completed



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Front Desk Greeter

As a front desk greeter volunteer at Serenity Hospice and Home, you play a vital role that demands compassion, empathy, and strong communication skills. Your welcoming presence as the initial point of contact for patients, families, and visitors sets a tone of comfort and tranquility during what can be a challenging period. Here are the available slots for volunteering:

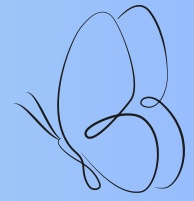
- **Sunday June 22 from 8-1230 and 1230-430**
- **Monday June 9th from 430-8**
- **Tuesday June 10th from 430-8**
- **Wednesday June 11th from 8-1230 and Wednesday June 18th from 430-8**
- **Thursdays from 430-8**
- **Saturday June 21st from 8-1230 and 1230-430**

Crockpot Meals

We extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible volunteers who have generously signed up for all the crockpot meals for June! Your commitment and culinary skills truly touch the hearts of our families and will undoubtedly bring comfort and joy to everyone enjoying these tasty dishes. We sincerely appreciate your support and kindness.

Butterfly Release

Join us on **June 28th at 9 am** for our annual Butterfly Release event at Serenity Hospice and Home. Each butterfly is priced at \$25.00 for this special occasion. Families and friends come together to commemorate and honor their loved ones by releasing colorful butterflies into the sky. The gentle fluttering wings symbolize transformation, hope, and new beginnings, creating a moving and inspiring experience for all attendees. This event not only pays tribute but also contributes to the compassionate care offered by Serenity Hospice and Home.



Online Education

Angel Treasures - Winnebago

This month's education is on PACT Act Benefits Eligibility and How to Help Veterans Apply. You can view this webinar here:

<https://www.wehonorveterans.org/resource-library/webinar-pact-act-benefits-eligibility/>

Thank You, Winnebago

After nine years, our resale shop in Winnebago, IL., will close on July 2. We are grateful to the Village of Winnebago, our Winnebago volunteers and team members, and our supportive customers for your business, donations, and loyalty throughout the years.

Final day to donate items to the Winnebago location: June 6

Special clearance sale: June 30 – July 2

Discounts grow daily – 25% off on June 30, 50% off on July 1, and 75% off everything on our final day, Wednesday, July 2!

While we say goodbye to this location, our Mt. Morris and Dixon resale shops will continue to serve the community, and we welcome your donations and business.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

We hope to see you in the shop by July 2 for one last visit!

Mt. Morris Location: 201 E Route 64 • 815-734-0504

Dixon Location: 847 N Galena Ave • 815-677-9468

<https://serenityhospiceandhome.org/angels-treasures/>

