

HopeHealth Pride

HopeHealth recently earned certification in caring and supporting the LGBTQ community from two entities that focus on inclusive care of patients: SAGECare and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island.

“We have always prioritized person-centered support and care,” HopeHealth President & CEO Diana Franchitto said. “Now by partnering with SAGECare, we are demonstrating our strong commitment to providing the best care possible while making each patient feel comfortable being who they are.”

HopeHealth earned Platinum-level certification—the highest level—from SAGECare, an advocacy and services organization representing LGBTQ elders. SAGECare provides training and consulting on LGBTQ aging issues to service providers, in order to improve understanding of and provide better care to the LGBTQ community.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island’s Safe Zone program identifies healthcare practices that provide safe, affirming and inclusive care.

HopeHealth’s staff and leadership completed extensive training to better understand the needs, concerns and unique history of the LGBTQ community. These certifications represent a public commitment to better serving everyone in our community.



Get Ready for Camp BraveHeart!

HopeHealth’s summer children’s grief support camp, Camp BraveHeart, offers kids ages 4 - 17 a safe, supportive space to express their grief and find hope and healing.

Thursday & Friday, July 28 & 29, 2022
Hockomock Area YMCA
North Attleborough, MA

Thursday & Friday, August 18 & 19, 2022
Camp JORI
Wakefield, RI



For more information, contact the Grief Support department at CampBraveHeart@HopeHealthCo.org or call the Camp BraveHeart registration/information line at (888) 528-9077.

We Are Here For You

Wherever you are in your healthcare journey, HopeHealth is here to support you.

HopeHealth’s registered nurses are available 24/7 to answer any questions you may have. If you’re overwhelmed or have questions about care, we’re available around the clock to address concerns and provide support.

For questions about hospice, palliative, home care or dementia & Alzheimer’s services, or to make a referral, call us at (844) 671-4673 or email Information@HopeHealthCo.org.

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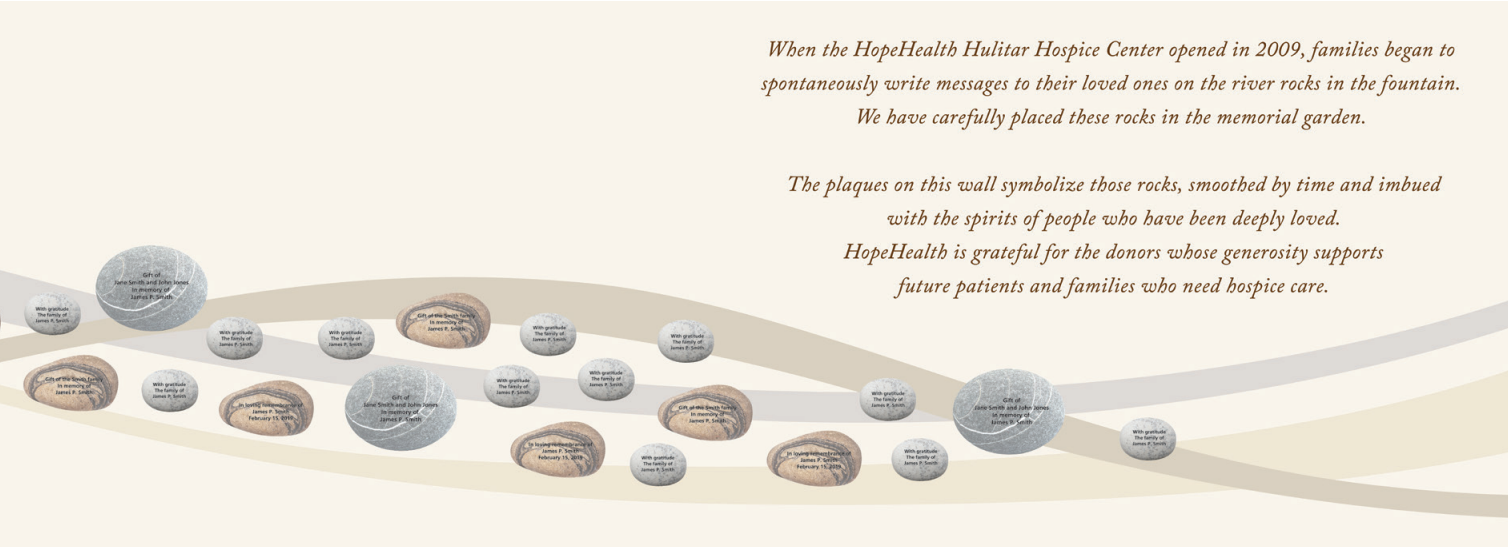


With Gratitude

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Inspired by the people who make HopeHealth’s mission possible

Introducing HopeHealth’s Wall of Gratitude



When the HopeHealth Hulitar Hospice Center opened in 2009, families began to spontaneously write messages to their loved ones on the river rocks in the fountain. We have carefully placed these rocks in the memorial garden.

The plaques on this wall symbolize those rocks, smoothed by time and imbued with the spirits of people who have been deeply loved. HopeHealth is grateful for the donors whose generosity supports future patients and families who need hospice care.

The Wall of Gratitude will be installed in the Hulitar Hospice Center’s family entrance.

For many years, the water feature in the family entrance to the Hulitar Hospice Center has attracted visitors with its beauty and serenity. Family members often write messages on the river stones in the fountain in remembrance of their loved ones.

Inspired by the stones in the water feature, HopeHealth has created a new memorial to honor loved ones who have passed away. The Wall of Gratitude, with stone-shaped plaques, will be a meaningful remembrance and focal point for family members visiting the Center.

The wall will be installed in the fall of 2022 and will be continually updated. Plaques come in three sizes:

Small (4")	\$2,500
Medium (6 ¾")	\$5,000
Large (8")	\$10,000

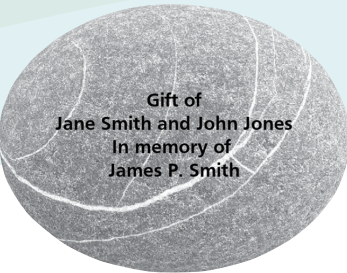
Proceeds from memorial gifts to the wall will support programs and services for hospice patients and their families.

The “stones” will be kept in place for a period of 10 years, after which time a family may renew their support or receive the plaque as a keepsake.

For more information about participating in the Wall of Gratitude, please contact Suzanne Fortier, Chief Philanthropy Officer, at (401) 415-4690 or sfortier@hopehealthco.org.



For years, family members have been writing spontaneous messages of love on the river stones in the Hulitar Hospice Center’s water feature.



The individual plaques on the Wall of Gratitude resemble river stones and offer an opportunity to remember a loved one.

Making a Gift from Your IRA



After retiring, Diane Fasching found she could make generous donations to HopeHealth and lower her taxable income by making gifts directly from her IRA.

HopeHealth Board member Diane Fasching has been an advocate of hospice care since the 1970s, when she helped found South County Hospice, which later merged with HopeHealth. The importance of her work on behalf of dying people was underscored when her husband, Jim Fasching, an Emeritus professor of chemistry at URI, was a hospice patient with HopeHealth.

Fasching retired recently from a long career with Gilbane Building Company and decided to review her philanthropic giving. "I'm now living on a fixed income, which I thought would limit my donations to the organizations I love," she said. But her accountant told her that she could give to HopeHealth directly from her IRA—and that making donations this way would lower her tax-deductible income.

Anyone 70 ½ or over is required to take a distribution from their IRA each year and these required minimum distributions (RMDs) may impact your tax bill. You can make a gift to a nonprofit organization like HopeHealth directly from your IRA—as long as you are over 70½—and the gift is not subject to taxes. While everyone's situation is different, this strategy can make a difference for some donors.

According to Fasching, "The great part is that there is no minimum donation requirement. HopeHealth is my number one charity, but I also make other more modest donations through my IRA. It really feels like a win-win to me."

Please contact your financial advisor or tax accountant to find out more about how you can make a donation to HopeHealth through your IRA.

Jordan Joins HopeHealth Philanthropy Team

HopeHealth welcomes Lauren Jordan as Leadership Giving Officer. With more than 15 years of fundraising experience at organizations like the Genesis Center and Gordon School, Jordan is excited to bring her talents to HopeHealth, where she feels a deep connection.



Leadership Giving Officer Lauren Jordan aims to help donors build lasting relationships with HopeHealth.

Jordan's father spent the final weeks of his life at the HopeHealth Hultar Hospice Center. "Thanks to their incredible care," she said, "my family was able to use those days to witness what it means to pass with dignity." With a passion for building lasting relationships, Jordan looks forward to connecting with HopeHealth families to ensure that HopeHealth will always be here for every family who needs our services.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date for HopeHealth's upcoming fundraising events to support patients and families:

HopeHealth Community VNA's Spring Break
May 18, 4:30 p.m., online at HopeHealthCo.Org/SpringBreak

Hosted by Maria Stephanos of WCVB Channel 5 Boston, this virtual event supports the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Program and includes an online auction at Auctria.Events/SpringBreak2022. Proceeds from the event and the auction benefit families caring at home for loved ones with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

Spring Break



HopeHealth's 20th Annual 5K Walk/Run for Hospice
August 7, 9 a.m. at North Attleborough Town Hall

Open to runners and walkers of all ages and fitness levels, this community day will support HopeHealth hospice patients in southeastern Massachusetts. Register at: HopeHealthCo.org/5kWalkRun

HopeHealth Hospice & Palliative Care 5k Walk/Run for Hospice



HopeHealth Invitational
September 12, 11:30 a.m. at Rhode Island Country Club

This perennial sellout event is a wonderful day of golf that supports hospice patients who are uninsured, underinsured or otherwise cannot afford the cost of care. www.hopehealthco.org/hopehealth-invitational/



For more information, or to support any of our events, please contact Jennifer Martin at (401) 415-4294 or JMartin@HopeHealthCo.Org.

Help for Caregivers of Dementia Patients

For families caring for a loved one with dementia or Alzheimer's disease, HopeHealth Community VNA's Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Program is "a godsend," said Attleboro resident June Cataloni. Since moving in with Cataloni and her family 15 years ago, both of Cataloni's parents have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. "My family has been caring for them 24/7," she said, "and we really needed someone we could trust for help and guidance."

The Catalonis found that support through HopeHealth. The Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Program provides respite care with reliable home health aides, caregiver education and access to important resources – all for free. "The team really bends over backwards to help families," Cataloni said, "because they know how hard caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be. And the bonus is the extra hands. It gives you back a little bit of your life."

HopeHealth Community VNA's virtual Spring Break on May 18 at 4:30 pm will raise funds to support families in our community who are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.



Two Grants Benefit Hultar Hospice Center

From an initial investment in HopeHealth's first inpatient center on Maude St. in Providence, The Champlin Foundation has been a longtime partner in compassionate end-of-life care for Rhode Islanders. The Foundation played a major role in 2009 in the purchase and renovation of the nursing home that became the HopeHealth Hultar Hospice Center on Providence's North Main Street.

In 2020 and 2021, respectively, the Foundation provided two grants totaling \$528,000 to enhance the expanded Hultar Hospice Center. The grants supported new elevators for the Center, as well as new furnishings for patient rooms. Chief Philanthropy Officer Suzanne Fortier said, "The Champlin Foundation has supported hospice patients and families for 30 years with thoughtful and meaningful grants. We are so grateful for their support."

