

The Kanas Center for Hospice Care

The dream is coming true!

July 25, 2014 was a milestone in the history of East End Hospice, because it was the day that ground was broken for the long-dreamed-of Inpatient Facility on Meetinghouse Road in Quogue. Among those present were Southampton Town Supervisor Anna Throne-Holst, Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Jr. and John and Elaine Kanas, whose two million dollar contribution made a forward leap possible. Mr. Kanas praised the tenacity of

EEH President and CEO Priscilla Ruffin, who stayed the course and convinced him that the project was a worthy one. Mrs. Kanas, who described herself as “the emotional half of the couple,” voiced the hope that it will be a place where “each person will feel peace and solace, and the healing that sometimes comes in this life and sometimes in the next” – a sentiment that brought many in the audience to tears.

The event took place on a beautiful day, reminding architect Roger Ferris of his first visit to the site ten years ago. He recalled being struck by the bucolic setting, which put him in mind of Walden Pond and resulted in a design that will be “a new template for hospice design in this country.” The architectural



renderings, which were on display, conjured a quietly beautiful campus of light-filled, one-story buildings that are connected by

the structure is coming to life. Over time, the slabs of concrete and pillars of steel will be transformed into the new Kanas Center for Hospice Care – a haven providing physical and emotional support to patients who are unable to receive Hospice care at home. Within this peaceful setting, the skilled, caring

staff and volunteers of East End Hospice will welcome the people you care about at the time of their greatest need, serving them with

the professionalism and compassion that have been our hallmarks in treating what is now



breezeways and surrounded by gardens and woodlands along the Aspatuck River.

over 10,000 patients.

As the building process continues, there is a need for additional gifts, and we ask you once again to please be as generous as you can. We hope that you will also ask your friends and neighbors to join with you in making this dream a reality. When the doors open next year every donor and volunteer who has contributed to the project can point to the building and say with pride, I am a part of this.



Within weeks of the ground-breaking, excavation began on the site, clearing the way to install the preliminary steel framework and pour the concrete foundation. The building's footprint has become clearly visible, and day by day,



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East End Hospice's Camp Good Grief Summer 2014



Recognizing that everyone experiences loss, East End Hospice created Camp Good Grief, a weeklong bereavement day camp for children who have lost a family member or friend.



This past summer, over 171 campers interacted with other children who have had similar experiences on the beautiful grounds of Camp De Wolfe in Wading River. They learned that they are not alone and that their feelings are normal. Skilled bereavement staff members plan and lead each day with care, and are assisted by carefully trained volunteers.

The camp has grown to serve children of all ages, and is offered with no fees for its young participants.

Camp Good Grief continues to stay to true to its mission – to bring together children who are experiencing grief, in a caring and supportive environment. Camp helps the children acquire the language needed to express the confusion of feelings associated with grief and bereavement, as they begin the process of integrating the loss into their everyday lives.

“Yes, Camp Good Grief was a positive experience for me and my children. It helped them make sense out of their feelings – and helped give them the ability to tell this to me.”

CGG Parent



**Camp Good Grief 2015
will be held August 24-28
at Peconic Dunes Camp
Southold, New York**

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