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Dear Friends:

This year marks several milestones for East End Hospice – 35 years since our hospice certification, 30 seasons of Camp Good Grief, and the 10-year anniversary of the launch of our Kanas Center for Hospice Care. Over the years, we've grown from a modest, volunteer-led effort into the region's leading hospice provider, with more than 100 professional staff members, trained volunteers, and countless friends and supporters, including you, our Summer Gala donors.

While much has changed, we remain fiercely independent, committed to putting patients before profit and keeping care decision-making local. Your support for our annual Summer Gala is critical to our efforts. Thank you for joining us tonight. With your help, East End Hospice cares for more than 800 patients annually, supports thousands of caregivers and loved ones, and provides grief and bereavement counseling to 300+ community members.

The statistics are impressive to be sure, but there are people behind those numbers. Lives are being lived and made better with your help. Every single patient is assigned a nurse-social worker team dedicated to their well-being, and that team goes beyond managing pain and symptoms to ask about values, hopes, and dreams. From there, we set out to make these things a reality. Walks on the beach, family portraits, a tie-dye party for a pediatric patient—we hope to spark joy and create treasured memories to carry forward.

Our annual Summer Gala is East End Hospice's largest fundraising event. More than 500 friends and supporters will gather on Second Neck Lane to celebrate East End Hospice, and countless others will help make the evening a success. Together, we are ensuring that our community continues to access the region's highest-rated end-of-life care.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about East End Hospice. Encourage them to visit our website, follow us on social media, or attend a fundraising or community education event. If someone you know has questions about end-of-life care, please tell them to contact us at 631.288.8400. Each of us here tonight believes in the importance of this work. You are our best advocates and the key to raising awareness of our services in the community.

Thank you for helping to celebrate 35 years of independent, not-for-profit hospice care. I am thrilled to join you tonight and am ever grateful for your support for East End Hospice.

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for joining us at our annual Summer Gala and for your continued support of East End Hospice. This year marks the 35th anniversary of East End Hospice's certification. In 1991, we cared for 24 patients. Today, we are the region's highest-rated and only independent, not-for-profit hospice, offering expert care and compassion to more than 800 patients, their caregivers, loved ones, and friends each year.

Some of you have been ardent supporters since our very start. For others, this may be your first Summer Gala. What unites us all is a deep appreciation for East End Hospice's services: home hospice across 450+ square miles, inpatient care at our Kanas Center for Hospice Care, and grief and bereavement programming at the Zinberg Family Bereavement Center. Your support for our annual Summer Gala makes our care possible and available to all at no cost.

Each of you contributes to tonight's success. We are deeply grateful to the Jeffery Family for hosting us once again, and to the Otis Family and the team at Otis Ford for providing off-site parking. Nearly 500 EEH friends and supporters will gather tonight on Second Neck Lane thanks to the incredible efforts of our Summer Gala committee. Their countless hours and enthusiasm help make this event a success and strengthen support for East End Hospice.

Tonight, we present our Dorothy P. Savage Good Samaritan Award to the Gwen L. Kosinski Foundation. The Foundation honors Gwen's memory through efforts to advance brain cancer funding and support those navigating a brain cancer diagnosis. We applaud the Foundation's efforts and are grateful for its support of East End Hospice, our patients, and their families.

Our annual Summer Gala is East End Hospice's largest fundraising event. Your support is vital to our care for the community. Thank you for joining us and investing in East End Hospice's commitment to improving lives across Eastern Long Island.

Your generosity tonight directly supports our mission and the patients and families we serve. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Halstead

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Peter C. Halstead
Chairman

Peter is a residential real estate appraiser. He retired after a 30+ year career as a commercial pilot and captain. He previously served in the U.S. Navy as Lieutenant Aviator. He and his wife, Michelle, an East End Hospice volunteer, enjoy cooking, traveling and spending time with their children and grandchildren. They reside in Remsenburg.



Pete Meyers
Vice Chairman

After working in health care investment banking for 18 years, Pete served over 11 years as CFO of several pharmaceutical companies, most recently Slayback Pharma LLC. Pete now serves on two corporate boards: Immutep Limited (a publicly traded, development stage biotechnology company) and Yamo Pharmaceuticals LLC. He is also the Chairman and President of The Thomas M. Brennan Memorial Foundation. He enjoys playing hockey and spending time with friends and family. He divides his time between Westchester and Southampton with his wife, Trish, an East End Hospice volunteer, and their two children.



Michael Merlo
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Mike is the former Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer at Signature Bank. He is the former Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of New York Institute of Technology and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. He and his wife, Gerri, an East End Hospice volunteer, divide their time between Westhampton Beach and Naples.



Elizabeth Webb Rowe
Secretary

Betsy's connection to East End Hospice goes back decades to the earliest fundraisers for the nascent organization. She and her brothers were privileged to have benefited from exceptional EEH end-of-life care for their mother, Verity O'Brien, in 2006. Betsy volunteers with numerous East End and New York-based nonprofits. She enjoys working for her community, traveling and spending time with her husband and their two adult children. She is a proud fourth generation "Remsenburg-er" who now divides her time between New York City and Quogue.



Gabrielle Bamberger

Gay heads Gabrielle Bamberger Public Relations, where she has developed PR plans and programs for a broad range of for-profit and nonprofit clients. Gay serves on the Board of The Center for Fiction and enjoys traveling and spending time with friends and family. She divides her time between New York City and East Hampton.



Hon. John Czygier, Jr.

Judge Czygier is Senior Counsel with Lewis Johs Avallone Aviles LLP; his practice areas include Trust and Estate Administration and Litigation. He was appointed Judge of the Surrogate's Court of Suffolk County in May of 2001 by Governor George Pataki following twenty-five years in private practice. He was elected to that position in November of that year, and re-elected in 2011, serving until his retirement from the bench in 2018. He has served in various leadership roles for the Surrogate's Association of the State of New York and as Chair of the Hofstra Law School Distinguished Alumni on the Bench. He lives in Remsenburg.



R. Zachary Epley

Zach is the Chief Operating Officer of Seafeld Center, an alcohol and substance abuse treatment facility in Westhampton. He is the varsity baseball coach at Southampton High School, President of the Southampton Little League, Vice President of the Board of Directors of Southampton Youth Services, and a member of the Board of Education of the Southampton Union Free School District. He, his wife, Brittney, and four young children live in Southampton.



**Lora
Giampetruzzi**

Lora is a Partner at Snowhawk and serves as the Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for the firm. Prior to joining Snowhawk, Lora was Senior Vice President, Assistant General Counsel at Warburg Pincus. Lora lives on Long Island with her husband Gary and their four children. Lora invests in a lifestyle centered around overall wellness; tennis is her favorite sport to play when she is not on the sidelines cheering her children on as a hockey/lacrosse mom.



**Melissa
Kanas**

Melissa is the Director of Trial and Appellate Litigation of The Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County. She has worked as a public defender for various organizations, including the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Legal Aid Society of New York City, and the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. Melissa enjoys the beach and spending time with her family, friends, and four rescue dogs. She lives in Remsenburg.



**Paul
Mendelowitz,
MD, MPH**

Paul practiced internal, pulmonary and critical care medicine for over a decade before moving into hospital administration as chief medical officer at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck, NJ. He spent 11 years as a health informaticist for CVS/Aetna/ActiveHealth. He was a member of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners for ten years and president for two years. Paul lives in Westhampton with his wife, Susan, a nurse and former president of Bergen Regional Medical Center. They have three children and seven grandchildren.



**Anthony
Meyers**

Tony volunteers for several East End charities, including Southampton Hospital. He retired in 1990 after a career on the NASDAQ trading desk. He enjoys playing golf and spending time with his wife, Nannette, an East End Hospice volunteer, his six children and their families. He lives in Southampton.



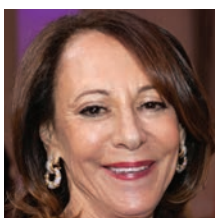
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Patel, MD**

Dr. Patel is a pulmonologist and critical care practitioner with Eastern Suffolk Pulmonology and Peconic Bay Medical Center. He is on the Board of Directors and volunteers for Operation International, providing expert medical care to those in need worldwide. Dr. Patel enjoys spending time with his wife, Shoba Patel, MD, and their two sons, former Camp Good Grief volunteers. He lives in Quogue.



**Sally
Richardson**

Sally Richardson is Publisher at Large of the Macmillan Publishing Group. She was previously, chairman, president and publisher of St. Martin's Publishing Group among other roles in her more than fifty-year career with Macmillan Publishing Group. She divides her time between New York City and Remsenburg.



**Jacalyn
Weinstein**

Jackie is a founding Chair of EEH's Salon Luncheon. Since its beginning 24 years ago, it continues to be the only EEH fundraising event that solely benefits Camp Good Grief, where she is a volunteer. Jackie is a licensed social worker. Prior to her social work career at Mount Sinai Hospital, Jackie was active in a family-owned wholesale and retail sporting goods business on Long Island. Jackie enjoys spending time with friends and family. She lives in New York City with her husband, Marty.



MISSION

East End Hospice is dedicated to improving lives across Eastern Long Island through expert care, comfort and compassion for terminally ill patients, caregivers and grieving families.

ABOUT

East End Hospice is Eastern Long Island's only independent, not-for-profit hospice and Long Island's sole five-star hospice, according to CMS. Our care covers 450+ square miles, including the Townships of Brookhaven, East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton, and Southold, and Fishers Island. Licensed professionals and trained volunteers care for more than 800 patients, support thousands of caregivers, family, and friends, and provide grief and bereavement services to 300+ people annually.

East End Hospice provides medication and equipment, nursing visits, personal care performed by hospice aides, emotional support and help with practical matters, patient wellness programs, volunteer services, patient respite, and spiritual guidance and pastoral care. EEH also offers grief and bereavement support, including individual and group therapy and special programs. Programs and services are available to all at no cost.



Mary C. Crosby, RN, MPH, CHPN
President & CEO

Mary has served as President & CEO of East End Hospice since 2019. She has an extensive background in clinical care, healthcare research and project management. She previously held positions at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the United Nations. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York. Mary was born and raised in Southampton, NY. She returned to the region in 2014, joining East End Hospice as a hospice nurse and later as nurse manager of EEH's inpatient facility, the Kanas Center for Hospice Care. She holds degrees from the College of the Holy Cross, Columbia University and New York University's School of Nursing. Mary, her husband, and their two sons live in Southampton, NY, where she is an EMT with the Southampton Village Ambulance.



Louis J. Avvento, MD
Medical Director

Dr. Avvento has been the Medical Director of East End Hospice since 1990. He oversees individual plans of care for each hospice patient in consultation with their primary care provider. Dr. Avvento is an oncologist with New York Cancer & Blood Specialists. He is the former Director of Palliative Care at Peconic Bay Medical Center and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. Dr. Avvento is board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology and Hospice, Medical Oncology and Palliative Care. Dr. Avvento attended New York University and received his medical degree from the University of Rome.



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EAST END HOSPICE 1991 SOCIETY

The 1991 Society celebrates and honors those who generously include East End Hospice in their charitable estate plans.

Named to reflect the year of East End Hospice's certification, the Society allows East End Hospice to publicly thank those who thoughtfully invest in EEH's future.

If you have named East End Hospice as beneficiary of your will, life insurance policy, charitable trust or similar plan, please share your intentions with us, so that we can recognize your commitment to improving lives across Eastern Long Island.

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THE GWEN L. KOSINSKI FOUNDATION

The Gwen L. Kosinski Foundation (GLK Foundation) was established in 2002 in memory of “JoGwen” Lattanzio Kosinski of Sag Harbor, New York after succumbing to a two-year battle with brain cancer (Glioblastoma) at the age of 48. Today, over two decades later, Gwen’s strength, compassion and spirit continues to inspire the Foundation’s mission to fund brain tumor research and support the brain tumor community here on the East End and nationwide. The hope of the GLK Foundation is that one day, the diagnosis of high-grade brain tumor does not automatically translate into a terminal disease, yet yields a prognosis that is treatable, even curable with an elevated quality of life.

Founded by Gwen’s late husband, John Kosinski of Bridgehampton, the Foundation was initially created to turn loss into purpose. John led the Foundation with passion and dedication for two decades before his sudden passing in 2022. Today, John and Gwen’s legacy lives on in the work of their children – Jaime, Joe, Jack and Jordan, along with many other family members, friends, colleagues and supporters, who continue to carry GLK’s mission forward. Now entering its 25th year of service, the GLK community continues to share its long-standing purpose: To honor Gwen’s memory through compassion, service, and supporting brain cancer research innovation.

For over two decades, the GLK Foundation has partnered with leading research organizations dedicated to advancing brain tumor treatment and care, including, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (Los Angeles), Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (NYC), Dana Farber Cancer Institute (Boston) and the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) (Boston). The Foundation’s partnership with the NBTS is particularly significant as they serve as an integral part in their Defeat GBM (Glioblastoma)



Research Collaborative. This is a flagship initiative aimed at overcoming this highly aggressive and treatment resistant form of brain cancer.

On the advocacy side, the GLK Foundation works hand in hand with the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) to acquire federal funding for brain tumor research, awareness and care for its community. The GLK Foundation, the NBTS and advocates around the country are currently working to acquire co-sponsorships from congressional leaders to bring the BRAIN ACT, a landmark piece of legislation to the floor. If passed, this bill will increase government funding to expand the following: 1) clinical research trials 2) accelerated drug discovery and biomarker testing to combat Glioblastoma 3) increase information sharing

and collaboration between research institutions and 4) support quality of life care for brain tumor patients, caregivers and survivors. Additionally, advocacy teams are asking Congress to officially recognize May as Brain Tumor Awareness Month and July 16th as Glioblastoma Day.

Locally, the GLK Foundation's efforts extend far beyond research. The Foundation provides patient-caregiver grants to community members facing challenging times while undergoing a brain tumor diagnosis and treatment. The GLK Foundation has also long supported East End Hospice, including Camp Good Grief (CGG) and its adult bereavement programs. Jordan Kosinski was once a camper and later a counselor at CGG, two experiences that greatly healed and shaped her after the loss of her mother. Additionally, the GLK Foundation awards an annual scholarship to a graduating senior from Pierson High School (Gwen's alma mater) pursuing studies in a health-related field. The Foundation's hope is to inspire future generations of researchers, scientists and medical professionals who will one day find a cure for this disease.

Over the many years, the GLK Foundation's fundraising events have included the Minds Over Matter 5k Run (2003-2009), racing America's Cup boats in Sag Harbor's Charity Cup Challenge, and riding for Memorial Sloan-Kettering's Cycle for Survival, an event that has raised over \$300 million dollars for rare cancer research. The GLK Foundation's premier event is the Annual Gwen L. Kosinski Foundation Memorial Golf Tournament, which takes place each September at Noyac Golf Club in Sag Harbor. This year, the



Foundation will celebrate the 25th anniversary of that special event. To date, the GLK Foundation has raised over one million dollars to help propel their mission forward, but there is much more work to be done.

In 2026, the GLK Foundation is deeply honored to be recognized by East End Hospice as the recipient of the Dorothy P. Savage Good Samaritan Award, recognizing the Foundation's longstanding commitment to compassion, community service, and support for families across the East End and beyond.



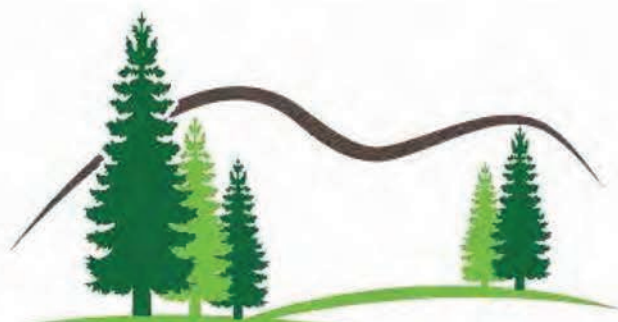
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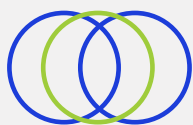


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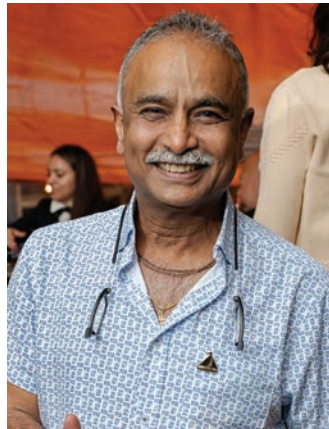
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When I tell people that I volunteer for hospice in people's homes, the typical response is "Oh, I could never do that. It's too emotional for me and I wouldn't know what to say." I think they believe that the patient is in pain and maybe crying as well. I am lucky to have been with four patients over a few years, and I can say that none of the four were in any pain at all.

This is the blessing of being under hospice care-pain management is so efficient that my visits are a pleasure to me as well as the patients I've been with. I very quickly become a family friend, someone to talk with and listen to. "You had a motorcycle? What was that like back in the day?" And off we go for a half hour's talk.

I'm 82 now, so I come from roughly the same generation as my patients, and we never run out of topics, some of which are mine and some the patient's. I am also a voracious reader, so I bring in facts and stories from the books I've read recently.

One of my contacts knew a great deal about the Civil War and the Revolutionary War and he got me reading books he suggested, which we then discussed. With one gentleman we would chitchat for an hour or so and then he would say, "I can't talk any more. What have you got for me?" And I needed to tell him things he could think about, like that the Earth turns at a thousand miles per hour at the equator, or a spoonful of forest soil has more life in it than there are stars in the Milky Way.

I am both listener and teacher and I come prepared for my visits. I rate my volunteering for East End Hospice as the most important activity in my life. The relationships are powerful and the memories are eternal. I've been privileged to touch human lives in a positive way.



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CAMP GOOD GRIEF: LASTING IMPACT

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Thank you for attending the Summer Gala and for supporting the organization that has profoundly impacted so many families, including mine.

On December 16, 2013, our lives were forever changed. After a short but hard-fought battle with lung cancer, my husband Jason passed away. He was 42 years old, and our daughter Megan was just three.

The months that followed were incredibly difficult. I was grieving while trying to hold our lives together and figure out how we would move forward. Even though we were surrounded by love, I could see that Megan's sparkle had dimmed. She carried a quiet burden and seemed different from the other children around her.

While Megan and I were both grieving Jason, we were on very different journeys. As her mother, I was heartbroken for her and wanting desperately to help her heal. When my mother learned about Camp Good Grief from a friend, I reached out as soon as Megan turned four.

From her first day at Camp Good Grief Megan was welcomed with open arms. She came home every day excited to share everything she had done and the friends she had made. What stayed with me most was when she said, "Mommy, I'm not alone."

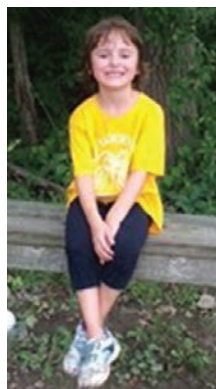
At camp, Megan found her community. As she played the drums, created art, learned to canoe, and laughed with friends throughout the week, I could see her sparkle returning brighter each day, as though a weight had been lifted. As a parent, I felt immense peace and gratitude knowing she was in a place that was helping her heal and giving her tools to navigate her grief.

When camp ended, Megan wanted to give back. She began asking friends to donate to Camp Good Grief in lieu of birthday gifts and continues to support the camp each year. Today, she is a Camp Good Grief volunteer, helping other children the way she was once helped. I have also continued to give back through monthly donations and, like you, by supporting the Zinberg Family Bereavement Center.

Our story is just one of many. For nearly 30 years, Camp Good Grief has supported grieving children and their caregivers by providing a week of connection, joy, healing and therapeutic support at no cost to families. The compassion, empathy and dedication shown by the staff and volunteers make it a truly magical place.

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A PLACE OF PEACE AT THE END OF LIFE

HOW THE KANAS CENTER FOR HOSPICE CARE HAS SERVED OVER 3,000 PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ON THE EAST END

by Michelle Trauring, features and residence reporter, The Express News Group

Mary Crosby stood in the lobby of the Kanas Center for Hospice Care, waiting for her next patient to arrive—a young woman in her early 40s who was battling an aggressive form of cancer.

When a nurse wheeled her through the doors, the patient looked around, took a shaky breath and started to weep. It wasn't because she was in pain or because she knew she had lost her fight. She cried because she finally felt at peace, Crosby said—because she understood she would ultimately die here, in this beautiful place.

"We all ran to her because we weren't sure what was happening," she recalled, "and she just said, 'This is exactly where I need to be. Thank God I've arrived.' And she was so relieved. Over the past decade, the Kanas Center for Hospice—a state-of-the-art facility folded into the landscape on Quiogue—has offered inpatient, end-of-life care that focuses on the psychological and spiritual needs of every patient, rather than the disease itself, explained Crosby, who is the president and CEO of the parent organization East End Hospice.

"When we opened it, there was always that trepidation of, will patients want to come here?" she said. "Will we have enough referrals to make this whole adventure worthwhile? And that's absolutely been the case."

The Kanas Center is the only facility of its kind in the region. Since it opened its doors in 2016, the staff has cared for over 3,000 patients and their loved ones, though that reach is even larger, Crosby said. She noted that every death touches an average of eight people, resulting in a community-wide ripple effect felt across the East End.

"We live in a very death-phobic culture and when you work in hospice, it shifts your entire perception—and death feels so much like a part of life," Crosby said. "All the fear is gone because we've come face to face with it thousands of times, and it becomes such a part of life."



A LABOR OF LOVE, DECADES IN THE MAKING

The concept for a hospice center began percolating among staff, volunteers and supporters in the early 2000s, long before Crosby joined East End Hospice as a field nurse in 2014. Spearheaded by then-president and CEO Priscilla Ruffin, who was also the organization's founding director, planning stages for the 11,000-square-foot facility were well underway—and Crosby could already imagine what it would mean for the South Fork and beyond.

"For me, personally, when I worked as an oncology nurse, I'll never forget watching someone who did not want to be resuscitated die in a hallway on a gurney," she said, "and it really stuck with me because I knew there had to be a better way to care for people at the end of life—especially for those patients who can't be home on hospice."

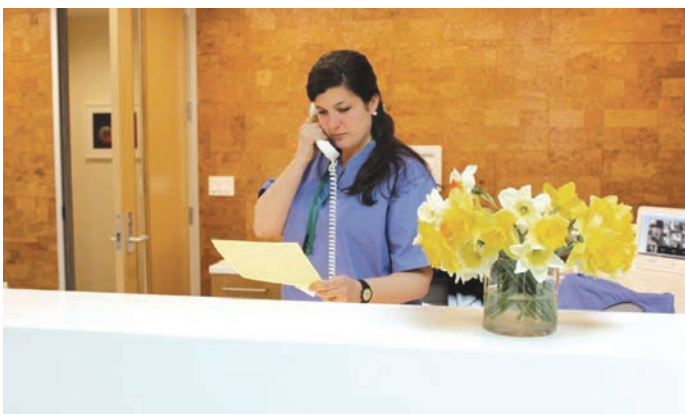
In recent years, hospitals have been discharging patients with more medical complexities than ever before, leaving involved tasks to family members or caregivers without much support. It created a "terrible dichotomy" Crosby said, "where we did not have the ability to keep a patient at home, but we didn't have an alternative space or place for them other than the hospital."

"We knew we were missing this whole segment of our community," she said, "of people who were dying in the hospital who really didn't want to be in the hospital."

That is where the idea for the Kanas Center came in.

"It's pretty clear that the need was there," Crosby said. "It was just a matter of getting the community support and the philanthropic donations to be able to build it and do it."

Over the course of a decade, thousands of donations poured in, ranging from \$5 to the \$2 million given by philanthropists John and Elaine Kanas, for whom the building is named. It fueled a capital campaign that raised the nearly \$8 million needed to build the center.



"At the time, it was obviously a privilege to be able to write a check like that," Elaine Kanas said, adding, "When we look back 10 years ago, we just say, 'Well, we made the right move.'

"In early 2015, dozens of staff members and volunteers signed their names to the steel frame's final girder, which remains exposed and visible from the building's attic to this day - a testament to the fortitude it took to realize their goal both financially and otherwise."

The Kanas Center did not come without its share of pushback from concerned neighbors, Crosby recalled. They worried about ambulances, lights and sirens as patients arrived at the facility, which is a common misconception about hospice care, she said.

"I think once people realized that that's not the case, and they saw how nestled into the landscape the building is and how quiet it is, those concerns were quickly diminished," she said. "We find that most people don't even know that the Kanas Center is there unless they come here for a patient."



Before the facility was finished, Farrah Etsch visited the incomplete building as part of her interview for a unit nurse position. There were no floors and no siding, just the bones of what would come—where she would find her professional home as, now, the director of nursing and quality.

"The shell and the layout were just beautiful," she said. "We knew where it was going to go."

On March 14, 2016, the Kanas Center for Hospice Care welcomed its first patient, who had been home on hospice and needed extra support, Crosby said. Her team came with her—and stayed with her until the end.

"It was beautiful. And we knew instantly," she said. "We knew instantly that what we were doing was really special and very needed, and it just took off from there."



Set on 6 acres of wooded land bordered by the Aspatuck River, the natural light-filled Kanas Center features eight patient suites, each equipped with a private bath, patio, sitting area and accommodations for family and friends to spend the night, should they choose. The grounds also include multiple gardens and walking paths, with benches for rest and contemplation.

When Betsy Rowe realized where it was being built, it struck a chord, she said. It was just a block from where her mother once lived—and the home where she died, with an East End Hospice team by her side.

"This is life-giving, even if it's related to death," she said. "It is life-giving to both the patient and the family. It does verge on joyous, knowing that the person is comfortable and happy."



HOSPICE IN PRACTICE

Every day, a team—comprising physicians, hospice aides, social workers, bereavement counselors, chaplains and other specialists—cares for the patients at the Kanas Center. They range from babies, just several months old, to the elderly, according to medical director Dr. Louis Awento, and receive around-the-clock nursing care and medications while feeling like they're at home.

Some family and friends decorate the rooms, while others let the facility's natural beauty shine.

The Kanas Center has been a model 'outpatient' residence that has been a standout in the community for the level of care they provide—that is unmatched by any hospital," Awento said. "When Joann Hackett saw an advertisement in The Southampton Press that the Kanas Center was seeking volunteers, she immediately knew she wanted to be involved, she said. She felt she had something to give.

"I had walked with a lot of people who passed away," she said. "So it didn't frighten me, and I saw it as a time of really incredible connection with another human being, so extraordinarily special and not something to look at in a scared way or in a negative way."

She would become the very first volunteer at the Kanas Center and, to this day, works a weekly shift on Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m. If they're open to it, she chats with patients and their loved ones, striving to offer comfort, distraction and a sense of normalcy.

In the past, she has sat with an older man and just held his hand while they talked. In a different circumstance, the patient was no longer responsive, but his wife and sister were there, she said, so she made them tea and crackers, and they talked about gardening, birds and the outdoors.

"It's a little relief valve that goes off from the intensity of it," she said. "These are the most intimate times in your family's life. I consider it to be a privilege to be able to be in a family's life at that time."

While the work is undoubtedly challenging, the most rewarding part is seeing the relief in someone's eyes, whether it's the patient, a family member or a friend, Crosby said. It reminds her why she does this work.



Even as head of the organization, she insists on taking the occasional shift at the Kanas Center and working alongside her tight-knit staff.

"A lot of people build it up to be something in their mind that it's really not," she said of bearing witness to a person dying. "And when you are working in this space and you're seeing the beauty and the peace and all these beautiful moments between family members and the things that people say when they're dying to each other, and the moments that happen, it's so meaningful that it really fills people up."

THE FINAL ACT

The Reverend Robert Griffin is unafraid to walk into a room where someone is dying. Sometimes, that's not even the person he is there to see. It could be a spouse or a parent, a sibling or a friend—and he quickly assesses what they, or the patient, needs. He may offer religious or spiritual guidance, answering questions about what happens next. He may listen to stories or past regrets. He may answer more practical questions, like how to plan a memorial.

But most importantly, he is looking at the patient and their family as people, not as the medical issue at hand.

"Flashes of people will float back to me sometimes," he said. "Maybe I don't quite remember their full name, but their face will come back to me. It's not that I'm dreaming about it, but something about them will float back to me, and I guess maybe I hold a bit of that."

He also tries to instill a sense of hope, which is what Stephanie O'Neill felt while her mother, Donna Broniecki, was a patient at the Kanas Center last March, despite the circumstances.

"I'm an only child," O'Neill said. "I asked my mom, 'What do you want to have at the end of life?' And my mom was like, 'I want to be comfortable. I don't want to experience pain. I don't want to be afraid.' And that's what they were there for—and they were there for me, too."

"Broniecki fell asleep at home before leaving for the Kanas Center and did not wake up, her daughter said, so she never got to see it for herself. But O'Neill did. She got to know the staff, who helped her mother around the clock.





They demystified the process of death and reframed it as a part of life. It was soothing, peaceful and comforting, she said, and on two separate days, a bald eagle landed outside her mother's room.

"I could not get over the professionalism yet the caring nature of every single person there, whether they were cleaning the place, or whether they were coming in to sing," she said. "It was just amazing. I can't put it in words as to how special it was."

The average length of a stay ranges from a few days to about a week, Crosby said. Patients have asked for a wide range of final requests, from a Taylor Swift party to a lobster bake to one last sip of brandy or a visit to the beach.

One man's lifelong love of horses led two miniature ponies -Sweetie and Christmas-to his bedside. Another woman mentioned to Etsch that she had always grown tomatoes, so the administrator brought in her own plants from home.

She has even reached out to an estranged son or daughter on a patient's behalf, in an effort to rekindle connection.

"It's a lot of small moments-and I think that's what people don't always understand," she said. "They think death is some sort of big event when, really, it's quiet oftentimes, and peaceful and beautiful, and you're just holding space and making sure that people have what they need to be comforted in that time." "In 2018, Etsch was caring for a man whose daughter was pregnant. He wasn't going to live until the birth, and no one knew the gender except the daughter's doctor.

"They gave permission for the [doctor] to speak to me and for me to tell him the sex of the baby - only him - and so I did," she said. "He was at the point where he was almost unable to at least reciprocate that he understood. But he looked at me, he squeezed my hand and he smiled, so he knew."

"And it was a girl," Etsch said.

"When you come into this world, the first team that you meet is your labor and delivery team," she said. "When you leave this world, some people leave it alone, and there should be that labor and delivery team with you at that point-and that's hospice. It is maternity for the next."

THE ROAD FORWARD

Looking ahead, East End Hospice as a whole is bracing for impact, Crosby said. The Baby Boomer generation is aging, she said, and as hospitals continue to discharge patients quickly-because health insurance companies are reticent to reimburse them for long lengths of stay, she said-they will need a place to go.

"When a person reaches a certain point, then they'll need hospice," she said. "We're here and we're always evolving and growing and changing our services to meet that need, but I do think the volume is going to significantly increase in the years to come."

Every year, the Kanas Center needs to raise \$3 million to stay afloat, Crosby reported, in addition to the reimbursements that come from Medicare and other health insurance. Those cover about 70 percent of the budget.

The rest comes from philanthropic donations, Crosby said.

"It took a community of supporters to make it happen after it opened," Elaine Kanas said, "and so those 3,000 families that had their needs met in their pain and suffering really have the community to thank for keeping a place like this going as an independent hospice."

"It's not going to survive if people don't continue to support it," she said.

Rowe, whose grandparents hosted the inaugural fundraising gala for East End Hospice, has been a board member since 2013, seven years after her mother was supported by a hospice team. She recognized the importance of hospice then and has served as a staunch advocate ever since, noting that while the majority of hospice organizations are for-profit, East End Hospice invests all of its proceeds back into patient care-"and that makes us stand out," she said.

"We have a burden in that it is about death, so it's something that many people are reticent to talk about and to address-and to support, frankly," she said. "But it's part of the circle of life. We have birthing centers at the hospitals and, in the end, this is a way that a patient can really shine at life and go out in peace."



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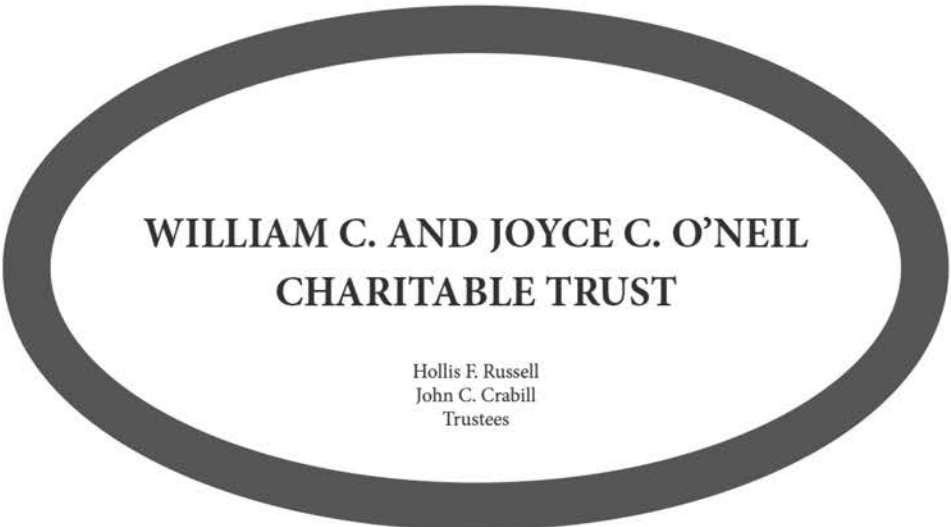
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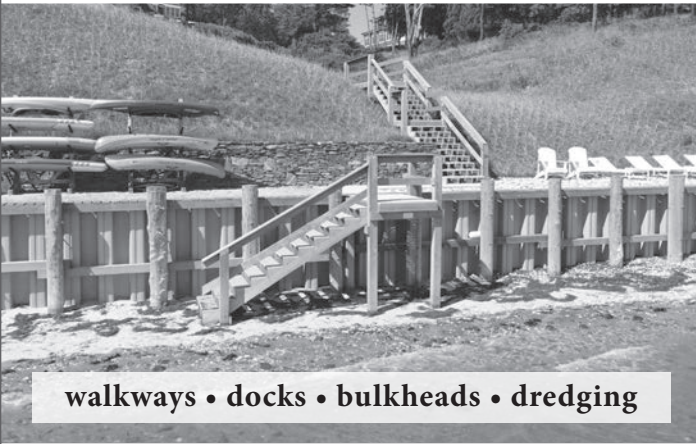
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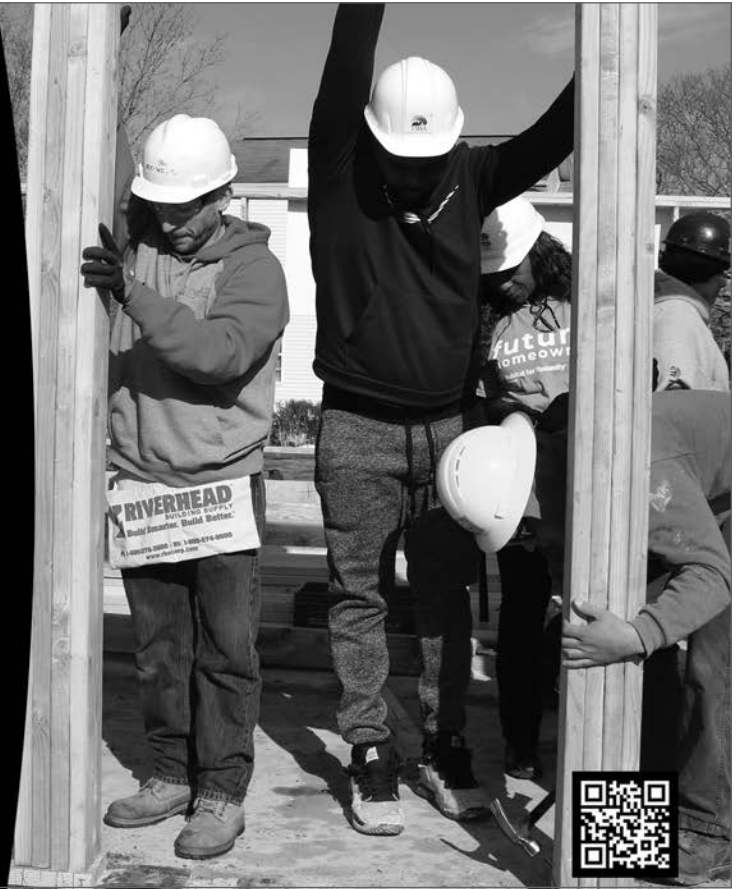
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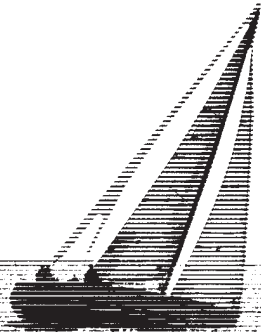
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