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ANGELA HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS MIKE & JANE CUBA NAMED
"VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR" BY LEADINGAGE MICHIGAN.



Livonia Care Center great room, was enjoyed for many years. When it could no longer be refurbished, Carol and Larry once again felt called to give. The idea of a saltwater aquarium was suggested, and they graciously embraced it.

Angela Hospice's CFO, Mark Hibbard — now affectionately known around the Care Center as our "Chief Fish Officer" — was called on to bring the vision to life.

A saltwater aquarium hobbyist for more than 30 years, Mark didn't hesitate when asked if he could help. What started as a donor wish to honor their parents quickly became a passion project for Mark. With careful planning, he designed and installed the stunning 180-gallon marine-reef aquarium.

"I still enjoy the process of creating a new aquarium," Mark shared. "When I was asked if I could help fulfil the donors' request, it was certainly rewarding to have a part in providing something so special for Angela Hospice."

Today, brightly colored tropical fish weave in and out of living coral. Gentle lighting reflects off the water's surface, and the steady sway of the reef creates a quiet, calming rhythm for its viewers.

In moments when words are hard to find, the natural beauty of the aquarium offers something soothing. The display is truly commemorative, dedicated to the memory of loving parents, Alice and Leon, with heartfelt gratitude for care received.

Because of donors like Carol and Larry, compassion continues to ripple outward in unexpected and beautiful ways.



CAROL SNAPP-BRINTON AND HER BROTHER, LARRY SNAPP, STAND BESIDE THE BEAUTIFUL FISH TANK THEY DONATED IN MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS.

waves OF COMPASSION

When Carol arrived at the Livonia Care Center with her mother, Alice, Alice looked around and said, "This place reminds me of a cruise ship!"

It was 2012, and Alice would go on to call Angela Hospice home for the next year and a half — something Carol acknowledges is rare in hospice care. During her stay, Alice celebrated two birthdays.

"She kept requalifying," Carol shared, "She accepted everything and was so content."

Each week, Carol would bring her mother to Mass. She remembers the kindness of the hospice team, and how much her mother enjoyed talking to Sister Giovanni, Angela Hospice's founder. On pleasant days, Carol would wheel her mom through the beautiful grounds, taking in fresh air and peaceful surroundings.

When an insurance issue threatened her stay, Alice made her feelings clear: "I'm not going anywhere!" Luckily, she was able to remain at Angela Hospice — comfortable, cared for, and at peace.

Carol never forgot the compassion her mother received.

"Mom had such good care from the CNAs and nurses," she said. "I wanted to give back."

Carol began volunteering in the Care Center, helping patients with their breakfast and supporting the nursing staff, from 2013 to 2020.

After Alice's passing, Carol and her brother, Larry, wanted to create something lasting in their parents' memory, something that would bring comfort to patients and their families.

Their first gift, a beautiful waterfall feature in the

walking together AT LIFE'S MOST SACRED MOMENTS

ANGELA HOSPICE SPONSORS SHARE THEIR REASONS FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION



What inspired the Felician Sisters of North America to partner with and support Angela Hospice?

The Felician Sisters believe that how we care for people in their most vulnerable moments reveals who we are as a faith community. Angela Hospice embodies this belief through compassionate, respectful accompaniment of individuals and families at the end of life. Inspired by Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska's call to uphold human dignity, the Sisters recognize Angela Hospice as a ministry that honors life with love and reverence, even as it draws to a close.



How does Angela Hospice reflect the Felician Sisters' commitment to dignity, compassion and care for the whole person?

For the Felician Sisters of North America, ministry is rooted in accompaniment — being present with compassion, dignity and love, especially at life's most vulnerable moments. That shared commitment is at the heart of the Sisters' partnership with Angela Hospice, whose mission reflects a deep reverence for life and care for the whole person.

Angela Hospice offers holistic care that addresses physical, emotional, spiritual and relational needs. Through attentive presence, listening and family support, the hospice affirms the sacred worth of each person and honors the fullness of their life journey. Angela Hospice reflects the Gospel call to be present and to remind each person that they are never alone.



CATHOLIC FUNERAL
& CEMETERY SERVICES

Why does CFCS support Angela Hospice?

As a ministry of the Catholic Church, Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services of Detroit shares its Catholic foundation with Angela Hospice, and is like-minded in its dedication to serving families throughout the Archdiocese through charitable outreach and programming. CFCS is proud to partner with Angela Hospice in providing educational programs, such as our upcoming Grief Support Workshop on April 18 (see below).

How does Angela Hospice's mission align with your values?

Angela Hospice's care for people at the end of their lives, as well as their support for grieving loved ones, mirrors our own commitment to caring for the needs of our faith community.

CFCS's mission is to provide guidance and wisdom on end-of-life services. Just like Angela Hospice, we hope that by educating families about their options, we can help empower them to make the best decisions for their family.

FOUNDATIONS OF GRIEF

Saturday, April 18 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Church of the Transfiguration, Southfield

This Catholic grief support workshop will offer guidance and understanding for those mourning the loss of a loved one, reflecting on the many ways grief may be experienced — emotionally, physically, and spiritually — while honoring the sacredness of each person's journey.

A facilitated grief-sharing session will follow, providing a prayerful space to remember, reflect, and accompany one another in faith. Participants are invited to share, listen, or simply be present, trusting in the Church's promise of consolation and eternal life.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: 248.350.1900 OR 734.285.2155



If you've ever wondered how you might honor a loved one while also blessing the families Angela Hospice serves, we would love to speak with you. Tribute and memorial gifts, whether large or small, create lasting touches of comfort throughout our programs. Call our Community Outreach and Philanthropy Office at 734.464.3478.



navigating NEW ROADS

In 1997, just three years after Angela Hospice's Livonia Care Center opened its doors, Jim Jeziorowski met someone there who would change his life forever.

Having completed his internship as a hospice social worker, Jim was considering returning to the field. Genie Favazza was exploring the idea of volunteering as a clown to bring cheer to hospice patients. As it turned out, Genie decided not to volunteer, and Jim went on to work with troubled youth instead of hospice patients. But their meeting at Angela Hospice was a fateful one – or maybe rather a *faithful* one.

Just two weeks prior, Genie had traveled to Rome to sing at the Vatican with the St. Mary's Church choir. While she was in Rome, she threw some coins in the Trevi fountain and made a wish.

"She was hoping to meet somebody," Jim explained. "And two weeks after she got home, she met me."

Jim proposed to Genie on a beautiful October day as they made their way through Michigan on a road trip.

"The sun was out, sky was blue — just bright blue. And the trees were all sorts of colors, you know... reds, greens, yellows, auburn, rust colors. They were just so beautiful," Jim recalled. "I wasn't planning on asking her, but the time was right. Something was telling me, 'Go ahead, go ahead!'"

Jim got down on one knee and pulled out a poem he had written and tucked in his pocket. He proposed and Genie of course said "yes!" When they got back into their car, "I Got You Babe" by Sonny and Cher started to play: a perfect soundtrack for the beginning of their life together.

Sadly, after 25 years of marriage, Genie was diagnosed with brain cancer, and Angela Hospice once again became part of their journey. About six months after her diagnosis, Genie passed away on December 5, 2025.

"The grief is...it's the loneliness, I guess," Jim said. "I feel lost. It's like somebody plucking you up and taking you to somewhere you've never been before, and saying, 'Well...good luck.' That's how I feel."

Jim is taking a proactive approach to his grief, attending workshops, reading books on grief, and talking to others who understand.

One of the people who is helping him work through his grief is Angela Hospice Grief Counselor Meg Halstead.

Funded by generous donations, Angela Hospice provides up to 13 one-on-one counseling sessions for the bereaved families of those in our care.

"It's been comforting," Jim said of his grief counseling. "Meg offers good insights."

Writing has been helping Jim, too, although Genie had been his muse. But when the mood strikes him, he'll put on meditative music and let his fingers move across the keyboard.



WHEN JIM MET GENIE SHE WAS SO VIBRANT AND LOVELY, HE NEVER WOULD HAVE GUESSED SHE WAS 13 YEARS HIS SENIOR.

"It relieves some of the anxiety," he said. In addition to the counseling services Angela Hospice offers to patient families, donor support enables a variety of grief workshops, support groups, and educational grief presentations, all available free of charge for anyone in the community who is grieving.

Every day, people throughout our community find themselves navigating unimaginable loss. They are parents, siblings, spouses, neighbors — all learning how to move forward while carrying heavy sorrow. For those in our community, compassionate support can make all the difference.

If you would like to be part of someone's healing journey, to ensure no one has to grieve alone, please consider making a donation today. Your generosity allows us to continue the counseling, workshops, and outreach programs that bring comfort, understanding, and hope to those, like Jim, who need it most.

Please visit angelahospice.org/donate to offer your support.

WRITING AND THE GRIEVING MIND:



"Telling stories is how we make sense of our world. When we are grieving, storytelling can be an essential tool to help us process — whether it's journaling, poetry, free-writing, etc. The act of writing is one of transmutation; we take that tangle of thoughts and feelings and, through storytelling, turn it into something coherent. Whether it's a note-taking app on your phone, a Word document on the computer, a dedicated notebook, or scribbled on the back of a receipt — journaling gives us a container outside of ourselves in which to put the story of our love and loss." — Meg Halstead, LLMSW, Grief Counselor

UPCOMING EVENTS



CARING PROGRAMS
MADE POSSIBLE
THROUGH YOUR
SUPPORT

Friday, May 1 • 10-11 a.m.

Walking Together

Our walking group returns! Taking place every Friday, May through September. Movement and supportive community are good for those who are grieving, and this group offers both. All are welcome.

Thursday, May 7 • 6-8 p.m.

Mother's Day Memorial Candle Workshop

Pour love, memory, and intention into creating a candle that represents your unique connections to your loved one, and explore opportunities for remembrance. Registration required.

Tuesday, May 12 • 10-11 a.m.

Healing Roots Gardening Group

Join us in designing and cultivating a garden on the Angela Hospice campus. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, May through September.

Wednesday, June 10 • 6-8 p.m.

Birdhouse for Dad

Participants will decorate a birdhouse as a personal tribute, symbolizing love, shelter, and the lasting presence of their dad's care. Registration required.

For more information, additional programs, or to register, call Grief Care at 734.464.3277 or visit angelahospice.org/grief-support-events/

PROTECTING YOUR TREASURE

FREE ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Planning for the future is one of the most meaningful gifts you can give your family. Join us May 6, 5:30 p.m., at our Livonia Care Center for Protecting Your Treasure, presented by attorney at law and Angela Hospice board member, Esther Acosta.



You'll learn how to maintain control of your assets today and ensure they are placed in trusted hands when the time is appropriate. Whether you're just beginning to think about estate planning or need to update existing documents, this workshop will provide practical guidance and peace of mind.

One recent attendee shared:

"I walked into Esther's workshop thinking I had a pretty good handle on estate planning, but I quickly realized how much I didn't know. She explained everything in a way that was clear and empowering, not overwhelming. I left feeling more confident and aware of practical steps I can take to better protect my family and our assets."

To register visit angelahospice.org/events or call 734.464.3478

LIFE CAN BE HEAVY, BUT LAUGHTER LIFTS YOU UP!



This is the idea behind Angela Hospice's upcoming comedy night. Laughter Lifts You Up is a lighthearted friends' night out, benefitting charitable programs for Angela Hospice's patients and families.

Comedian Brent Terhune will perform, and auctions and raffles will add to the fun. Tickets are \$115 per person and include a plated dinner, dessert, and beverages. To purchase tickets, call 734.464.3478 or visit angelahospice.org/LLYU.

This event "lifts up" not only those currently in our care, but also families and individuals receiving our grief support services, and those who will turn to Angela Hospice in the future. Invite someone you care about and join us for this meaningful event!

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 • 6-10 P.M.

Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, Livonia



To read a poem from Jim or listen to a radio show he hosted in honor of Genie, visit our blog, angelahospice.org/angela-blog



In gratitude...

Dear Angela Hospice,

Thank you. Words alone cannot express the gratitude and peace you have provided for our family. I first heard about Angela Hospice when my mother, Kathy, was at St. Mary's hospital. We had spent the last three months in and out of the hospital, rehab, home, repeat. A total of eleven moves in three months. Then the social worker suggested we visit Angela Hospice and get a tour. The moment we walked in the door **I knew my mom would be at home here.** When I was greeted at the front door and talked with the social worker I knew this is what we needed. You provided my mom, who three months prior was able to walk independently and enjoy the outdoors, the ability for me **to fulfil my now bedbound mom's wishes to go outside again.** When I was told during the tour that we could take the bed outside, I teared up. I felt relief that I could provide joy to my mom during this stressful time.

The outside grounds are the most beautiful, **upkept, lovely, tranquil grounds.** I was in awe of the beauty each time I went for a much needed walk to clear my mind and provide me with peace. The amazing and tranquil waterfall in the front was a great spot for my mom to hear the water sound. The beautiful courtyard with tranquil water features and comfortable seating provided my mother with hours of outside enjoyment that I would not have been able to provide anywhere else with all her health issues. I couldn't imagine I would be able to sit outside with my mom enjoying her meal, breathing the fresh air and listening to the birds. **Thank you for providing us with this special place to enjoy our moments together without a worry.**

Thank you **all the staff, nurses, techs, and aides that were so compassionate** and extremely caring to all of us. You made the transition there effortless and we felt at home. I was able to bring some special pictures and put them up to make the room even more homey. I was able to spend the night with my mom and not worry about anything but spending quality time with her, thank you. Hats off to the **amazing kitchen staff.** My mom loves good food and so enjoyed eating her meals that at one point she asked for seconds. Our room was always amazingly clean. The big, beautiful windows provided myself and my mom much enjoyment watching all the amazing nature outside. Thank you to all the people who donated the lovely trees, plants, birdfeeders and houses. It gave us so much happiness everyday looking outside. Thank you to all the volunteers. The **spiritual counselor, companions, healing touch therapy, aromatherapy, the therapy dogs were very much appreciated.** The meals on Wednesday nights were so nice and very delicious. The talented volunteers who put together the stunningly beautiful flower arrangements that just brightened up her room.

My mom was able to go down in her bed and look at all **the beautiful fish in the aquarium** and listen to the lovely music provided by the very talented piano players. Thank you for providing me and my mom our own **personal concerts.** The music was for everyone but it made us feel like it was just for us. The only complaint is my poor waist from all the delicious cookies provided in the great room.

Thank you to everyone at Angela Hospice for all the amazing work you do.

My mother's transition was peaceful. I truly believe everyone at Angela Hospice helped provide my family with this. This place will always have a special place in my heart. You are very fortunate and blessed for all your amazing workers and volunteers.



LAURA PERRINE WITH HER MOTHER,
KATHY PEASE.

Thank you,
The Pease Family



NOW AT WATERFORD

For decades, personalized memorials on our Livonia Care Center grounds have allowed families to honor their loved ones with a lasting tribute. Now this popular program is available at our Waterford Care Center as well. Bronze butterflies and copper plaques can now be purchased and installed at our Waterford Care Center, creating a special way for families to memorialize someone they love. Copper plaques start at \$270, and bronze butterflies start at \$900. All memorials purchased support the caring work of Angela Hospice.



To learn more about Angela Hospice's commemorative memorials, call Pat Squires at 734.521.0488.

"Families find dedicating a memorial to be so meaningful, because they know it means that their loved one will always be remembered." – Pat Squires, Donor Relations & Operations

You can also order online at angelahospice.org/commemorative-giving

SIDE BY SIDE in service

COUPLE CELEBRATED AS VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Mike and Jane make an extraordinary team, whether they are baking cookies for patients and their families or sewing and cutting fabric side by side in their home. Their generosity extends quietly, without expectation of recognition. But Angela Hospice was honored to nominate them, and elated that they were chosen, for the Volunteer of the Year Award from LeadingAge Michigan.

"For many years, Mike and Jane Cuba have given the most meaningful gift of all — their time and compassion," shared Lead Volunteer Coordinator at Angela Hospice, Lora Troiani. "Together, they embody the mission of Angela Hospice, serving with dignity, kindness, and heartfelt dedication."

Jane's journey began in 1995, inspired by gratitude. After Angela Hospice cared for her father in his final days, helping him stay in the home he built and loved, Jane felt called to give back "for a year." Thirty years later, she continues to volunteer, proving that true compassion becomes a way of life.

"For many patients, their families have heard their stories a hundred times," Jane said. "I haven't heard them, so I get to be truly, genuinely interested."

That genuine interest transforms every visit into a moment of connection, reminding patients that their lives and stories still matter.

Inspired by Jane's example and guided by his own quiet creativity, Mike, a lifelong crocheter, decided that if Jane could knit lap blankets for patients, he could crochet them.

As Mike recalled, "I've never yet run into somebody that's not incredibly grateful for the stuff coming in."

Over the years, Mike and Jane Cuba have served in many ways, representing the very best of what it means to serve: humility, steadfast and wholehearted devotion to others.



JANE CUBA

VOLUNTEER TALENTS:

- Sewing & knitting
- Baking
- Patient visits & companionship
- Helping at Angela Hospice events

WHAT SETS JANE APART:
kindness, humor, and humanity

VOLUNTEER SINCE 1995



MIKE CUBA

VOLUNTEER TALENTS:

- Crocheting
- Baking
- Teaching Tai Chi
- Serving on the Ethics Committee

WHAT SETS MIKE APART:
thoughtfulness, creativity, and respect

VOLUNTEER SINCE 2011

For information about joining the compassionate volunteer family at Angela Hospice, we invite you to learn more about the opportunities available. Please visit angelahospice.org/volunteer to explore how you can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.





Angela Hospice Home Care, Inc. is dedicated to provide comprehensive, compassionate, and Christ-like care to adults and children in the communities we serve.

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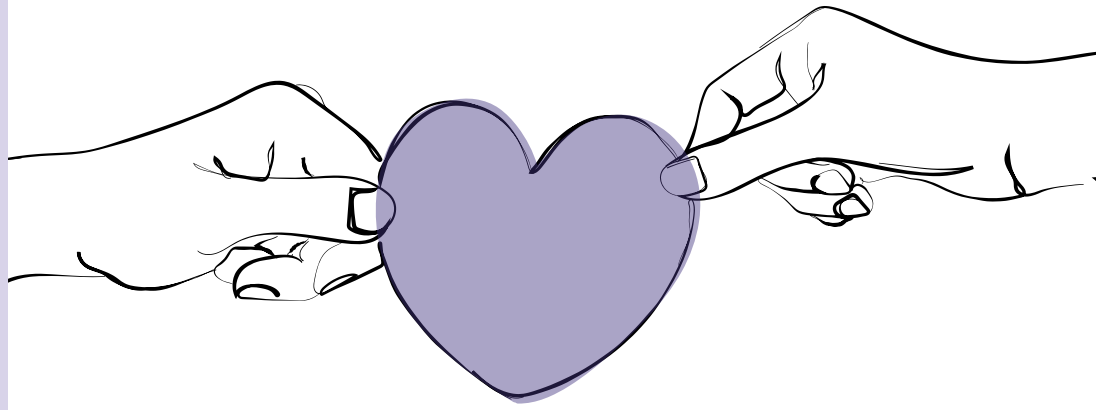
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CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE: CONSIDERING CASHLESS GIFTS

While many supporters choose to give through traditional monetary donations, we would like to share another meaningful way to give: cashless gifts.

Cashless gifts are charitable donations made through assets such as:

- Appreciated stocks
- Mutual funds
- Donor-advised funds (DAFs)
- Qualified IRA distributions
- Artwork or collectables
- Or other noncash assets

Rather than writing a check or donating by credit card, these types of gifts can provide significant tax advantages to donors while making an equal (or even greater) impact on the mission of Angela Hospice.

When appreciated assets are donated directly to a nonprofit, donors may avoid paying capital gains tax on the increase in value. In many cases, they may also receive a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the asset (according to IRS guidelines). This makes giving not only generous but financially wise.

For example: a donor may plan to make a \$1,000 gift to Angela Hospice. A traditional \$1,000 cash gift is always appreciated. However, if that donor instead contributes \$1,000 worth of appreciated stock that has grown in value, they may avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation and still receive the full charitable deduction. They could then use the \$1,000 in cash they had originally intended to donate to repurchase stock shares or invest in other ways.

The result?

1. Angela Hospice receives the same generous support.
2. The donor potentially receives greater tax efficiency.

It is one more way that thoughtful planning can bless both the giver and the families we serve.

If you would like to explore whether a cashless gift may be right for you, we encourage you to speak with your financial advisor or contact our Director of Strategic Partnerships and Growth, Jennifer Dale, 734.953.6009, for more information. We would be honored to assist you or answer any questions you may have in making a gift that reflects both your generosity and your charitable ambitions.

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