



**Our Mission Statement**

Journey Home is a Comfort Care Home. Our goal is to provide guidance and support to individuals and their families as they journey through the dying process.



## ***From the Heart of the Director.....***

**L**ife is all about touch!  
It's about handshakes, pats on the back, a kiss on the cheek, holding the hands of someone you love and of someone who is dying.

Today, under these foreboding clouds as we suffer through the winter blahs and watch the sadness in our world, think of all of the lives you have touched and who have touched you!

It became so evident to me as we married off our beautiful "little girl" this June 23rd. I witnessed how sacred touch was as Michael and Terese proclaimed their love for each other and how Michael lovingly held her in his arms during their first dance. I felt the love between my son, Jeremy, and his wife, Juli, as they came down the aisle together. They have been married 5 years now. I, too, felt blessed as John and I held hands during our daughter's ceremony; a touch I have treasured for 37 years.

More recently, I experienced the deep love between my dear Aunt Kathy and her husband, Dick, as they held each other, both playfully and dearly. I had always noticed what a special, loving relationship they had. Uncle Dick was in the hospice unit at the VA in Bath, NY where he died just three days later.

Touch goes both ways. The greatest joy our volunteers and staff have is in the touching and caring of our residents and their families. Meeting the needs of these gentle lives within our home. Our residents come to us sad, struggling and vulnerable. They also come full of stories and wisdom to share. It must be so difficult for our residents and their families to say goodbye; to somehow embrace the final touch of their loved ones and to hold it forever in memory. Watching and sharing in our residents' journey touches us deeply as well. From this gift of their lives, we embrace our own families and friends with an awareness of being touched and how we can further touch others.

I am humbled by the love and support our community has shared with us over these past 20 years. This has allowed us to reach and touch the lives of just under 500 people and their families on their "journey home."

Thank you for allowing our home to continue its ministry to the dying and for filling our "pot of gold" with your talents, your treasure and your time. May the joy you share come back to you double during this most beautiful season of love and of touch!

*Merry Christmas,*  
*Tracey*

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## Teaching Moments from an Old Hospice Nurse...

I had the wonderful fortune of having Journey Home send me to the International Palliative/Hospice Care Conference in Montreal this past October. An incredible week-long conference which only occurs every two years. What an awesome gift to be surrounded by like-minded folks from all over the world! We had guest speakers from the UK, Africa, Spain, France and beyond. We listened to and shared with the Indian Chief from the Mohawk Nation in Quebec, The Dali Lama's translator for 30 years and a Priest who globally teaches people on meditation. We learned new ways to make food taste better and how to puree beer battered fish and chips! I learned new and old techniques on meeting the physical care needs of our residents and look forward to teaching our volunteers. I learned a little too much about the use of Cannabis with the dying and I even brushed up on my French! While there, my husband and I found some new beds and I am excited to note that we received an anonymous donation to buy said beds!

There are so many changes going on due to health care, physician assisted death, money and a change in society when it comes to volunteering and having the time to do so. The whole world is suffering similar issues and approaches it differently. Very unique ideas floated around and we all came to the conclusion that somehow we will fight to keep the right to die comfortably, in a home or home like setting at the forefront. I left inspired, a little nervous about the future and also energized to come back to JH and move ahead with some new ideas and a fire in my hospice soul. So watch out world, we at Journey Home are here to stay and plan to minister to as many people as possible for many years to come.

Thank you to my awesome Board for allowing me take the time to rejuvenate, for paying my way and for your continued support of me both personally and professionally.

*Tracey Jagla, RN, BSN*

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Jeanette Osinski  
Wilma Nettleton  
Ronald Fey*

We are always in need of new volunteers. In addition to Resident Care, we need Support Care. These volunteers help with cleaning, fundraising, phone committee or maintenance.

We will be having our next orientation sometime early in 2019. Please call the house at 225-1240 with any questions and leave a message for me and I will get back to you.

*Peace,*

*Cathy Miller*

*Volunteer Coordinator*

We are also grateful for the many new volunteers who have joined our team this year. You are all awesome and you are the reason we can continue this fine care! Heartfelt thanks to all.

### Volunteer Loss

After almost twenty years of working and sharing together, we become keenly aware of the struggles we each face. It's hard to imagine anything worse than the loss of a loved one, especially a spouse or a child. We at Journey Home become family. We remember in a special way Lou Moneta who lost his battle with cancer recently. Lou's wife, Sandi, is one of our past nurses. Norma Phelan lost her husband as well. Norma gifted him with allowing him to stay home and cared for him there. Steve Corcoran was the husband of our dear and faithful Tuesday morning volunteer, Debbie. And with great sadness the loss of Joe G.'s son to the opioid crisis. We carry the losses with you and embrace you all in prayer and special wishes for healing. Peace.

# Looking Through The Window..

**L**ook at Wilma, all bundled up, sitting in front of the fireplace. One day its 50° and the next 85°. She still insisted on the fireplace—we were roasting!

The guys from American Customs Exteriors and Interiors are in the Creekside bathroom pounding away and renovating the shower and floor. Wilma doesn't seem to mind. At one point we had to move her to the other side so we could start the blue room renovation. What a trooper Wilma was! And what beautiful new bathrooms this group has given us. We are overjoyed!

The Guys of J&M Painting are doing such a superior job. They are respecting our home and not only beautifying us but cleaning up after themselves. Nice to have young people around who do such a good job.

As I look outside the picture window, I see a wonderful group of people cleaning up and storing away things for the winter. This awesome group from the Greece Baptist Church come and help every October.

There's Cathy and our volunteers in the basement, putting together batches of our friendship soup. A fundraiser made with loving hands and light conversation.

And oh, that poor guy in the basement. He is working hard at replacing the pumps that send our sewage elsewhere. He is from AP Plumbing putting in new macerator pumps to help us not get "clogged up" any more. What a messy, smelly job and what a great guy for doing it.

Dan Kretchmer of CTL Landscaping is out there in the rain and cold, installing an extension to our Memorial Brick Walkway. Thank goodness, for we were running out of space. Chuck Stiles will lay new engraved bricks next Spring. Thanks to Lou D'Amato for the generous donation to extend our walkway in memory of Mom and Dad.

Al of Maral Electric is out there putting lights on our new sign. Journey Home is lit! What a wonderful addition as we light the way for persons on the road of life.



Doug Russell is out there racing around on the mower, mowing the lawn before the wind and rain kicks up again. He keeps us looking good.

Journey Home is so blessed to have had the help of wonderful people and their businesses in our Greece Community and surrounding area. With all of the work they have done, we are grateful and appreciative for their offering us their services with discounted rates. I so enjoy looking through the window at all of the gifts surrounding us in and out of our home! Thank you!

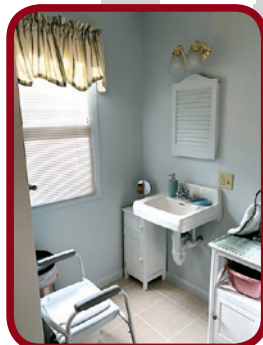
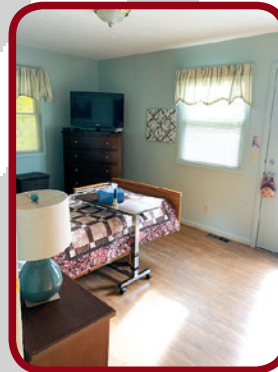
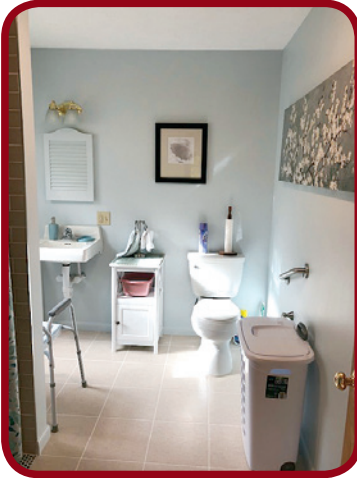
## A Memorial for Wilma

*My life is but a weaving  
Between my God and me.  
I cannot choose the colors  
He weaveth steadily.  
Oft' times He weaveth sorrow;  
And I in foolish pride  
Forget He sees the upper  
And I the underside.  
Not 'til the loom is silent*



*And the shuttles cease to fly  
Will God unroll the canvas  
And reveal the reason why.  
The dark threads are as needful  
In the weaver's skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned  
He knows, He loves, He cares.  
~attributed to Corrie Ten Boom*

Both of our Resident Bathrooms have been recently remodeled. A fresh coat of paint has been applied to almost every room in the house. We are ready to welcome and care for families in need.



The crews from Wegmans Ridgemont and Ortho Clinical Diagnostics were back this year for the United Way Day of Caring. They did an awesome job of getting our house ready for the Spring/Summer Season. Thanks for your continued support!



Thank you to Members of Lakeshore Community Church who came and spent a day this Summer during their Love Week weeding and cleaning to keep our grounds looking beautiful.



## Journey Home Partner Pledge Form

Yes, I would be honored to become a "Partner." Please mail me my personalized reminder slips.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to make a monthly pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete & mail form to:  
Journey Home, Inc.  
Attention: Partner Pledge Program  
994 Long Pond Road  
Rochester, NY 14626

Through our Partner Pledge Program, you can give any amount each month and support us throughout the year! It's the gift that keeps giving! Any denomination is accepted, appreciated and fully tax deductible. A \$10/month pledge = \$120/year or \$25/month = \$300/year. Fill out the form and we will mail you personalized reminder slips for you to mail in with each payment throughout 2019. Thank you!

**United Way #2212**



Visit [uwrochester.org](http://uwrochester.org) and choose **Donor Option #2212** to designate Journey Home as your donor choice agency.

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### This holiday, make a difference while you shop

Shop for holiday gifts and supplies at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon donates

You shop. Amazon donates.  
[amazon.com](http://amazon.com)  
amazon smile



Stop in to Journey Home to pick up your Friendship Soup Jars while they last. Each jar is \$6.00.



Special thank you to those who graciously donated to our **\$9.94 or More Campaign**. Because of you we can put a nice amount into our operating fund to continue the gentle care we offer here at Journey Home.

**PayPal**

Visit our website at [www.journeyhomegreece.org](http://www.journeyhomegreece.org) to make a PayPal donation with your credit card.

## Save the Date

Come celebrate our 20th Anniversary with us on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019.

We will be at the Greece Marriott for a cocktail party followed by a silent auction of baskets and then a performance by the infamous Cindy Miller!

Come raise a glass and cheer us on for the next 20 years! More details to follow in the early Spring.



# We Need Your Help!

- ▶ Per-Diem Nurses to help cover on-call and hours at Journey Home. Need to be a Licensed Registered Nurse with recent clinical experience. Hospice experience is preferred or at least a knowledge of. Need a big heart and caring hands and willing to work some weekends and holidays. People interested are asked to become a volunteer first, so as to understand how the house is run and then work toward a position. Thank you for your consideration and desire to work in a very special place with very special people. Inquiries and or resumes can be sent to Tracey Jagla, RN, BSN, Director of Journey Home (585-225-1240).
- ▶ A new flat screen smart TV (46-52 inches) for use in the basement family room to facilitate in servicing, orienting new volunteers and other training uses.
- ▶ We are starting a Capital Campaign Fund towards the need of replacing our roof. The goal is to be able to afford a tear off and reinstall within the next two years. We have received our first generous donation from an anonymous donor to get us started. Join us in raising the roof of our home.
- ▶ We are in need of new blinds in the resident rooms. After 20 years, they are starting to wear and not work well. One of the beauties of our home is the view. It allow the residents the experience of being one with the outside.
- ▶ We need people willing to help shovel our walkways and decks. How about taking a turn? We have a snow blower for the walkways and a snow plow service for the parking lot. If you are an early riser who is looking for something to keep fit, something to do, don't mind the cold and have a good heart, why not sign up for a few days once every few weeks. Boy and Girl Scouts are welcome.

## Special Donations & Grants to Journey Home \$500.00 & Above

- ▶ *Louis D'Amato, Esq.*
- ▶ *Greece United Methodist Women*
- ▶ *Janis T. Tomei Endowment Fund at the Rochester Area Community Foundation*
- ▶ *Joseph E. Brown Fund Rochester Area Community Foundation*
- ▶ *Michael Loughborough*
- ▶ *Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester, NY, Inc.*
- ▶ *Elizabeth McCabe*
- ▶ *Elizabeth Morrow*
- ▶ *Deacon Joe & Natalie Placious*
- ▶ *Harold Redmond*
- ▶ *JoAnn & Matt Verhulst*

Thank  
you

Congratulations!

Here are the winners of our Cash Raffle held on June 5, 2018:

- 1st Place—Vivian Borreggine - \$2,500
- 2nd Place—Joe DiCecco - \$500
- 3rd Place—Joey Danzig - \$500

Thank you to all who purchased and participated in our Raffle

## Last Year's Golf Tournament



Journey Home's 24th Annual Golf Classic  
Monday, August 5, 2019

Ridgmont Country Club  
3717 W. Ridge Road  
Rochester, NY 14626





994 Long Pond Road  
Rochester, NY 14626

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The Board of Directors,  
Volunteers & Staff of  
Journey Home thank you for  
your wonderful support. Merry  
Christmas & Happy New Year!



### ***Journey Home's Wish List***

- \* Gift cards from BJ's, Wegmans, Tops, Home Depot, Lowes, Office Max or Walmart
- \* Stamps—regular and post card
- \* Copier paper—white and pastel colors
- \* Bath & Body Works Hand Soaps, Body Wash and Lotions
- \* Paper goods—towels, toilet paper & tissues
- \* Tall and small kitchen garbage bags
- \* Ziplock Bags (all sizes)
- \* HE laundry detergent
- \* Unscented Dryer Sheets
- \* Clorox spray for bath and kitchen
- \* Sponges
- \* Lysol spray/Air Freshener
- \* Swiffer wet jet pads, Liquid Cleaner & Dusters
- \* Two pocket folders
- \* K-cups of coffee and tea
- \* Hand towels
- \* Wash cloths