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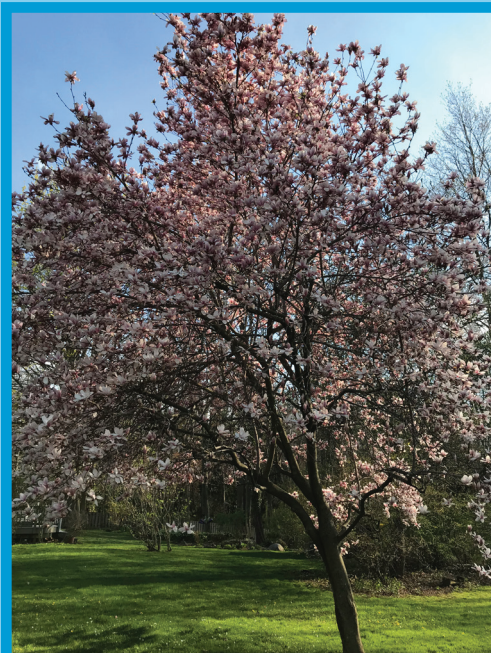
Spring 2020

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.

Journey Home, Inc.

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www.journeyhomegreece.org



From the Heart of the Director....

Joe arrived at Journey Home the morning of the coronavirus being declared to be in Monroe County. My phone started ringing at 630 a.m. Joe was welcomed and lovingly cared for for the next 7 days. We were all walking on eggshells for the week. Everything was so uncertain. Yet caring for Joe was so easy.

Being the special place that Journey Home is, I was not surprised when all of the volunteers and staff came in each day to care for Joe and his family. The hardest part was having to limit visitors and not being able to hug. The volunteers diligently cleaned the house with disinfectant wipes so much that our supply of sanitizer, gloves and soaps began to diminish. It paid off as all of us were kept healthy.

Conversations were heightened as we tried to foresee the future and how we would deal with our precious home. So much was at stake with protecting our volunteers and their families. The decision to pause our care came to us the day Joe died on March 18th.

The hardest thing I have done in my 20 years of ministry was closing the doors of Journey Home for an undetermined amount of time. It was suggested we keep the house closed for a week before cleaning. Our dear Mary and her son, Justin, deep cleaned the house, made the beds with fresh sheets and made sure everything was ready to welcome our next resident. It feels so long since life was shared in our home.

How often do we wish to have just one extra day to “hang around” in our own homes? Wanting to spring clean, do necessary chores, garden, nap or watch movies? Who knew we would be doing this for months, vs. days? Who knew it would be so hard to do “just that !”

We are all weathering the storm for the most part, with social distancing, wearing of masks, Instacarting, etc. There has been much drama, many fears but also many treasured moments. Think of the wealth of kindness we have seen; the pouring out of care for one another; the creativity of celebrations; doing things we have forgotten to do. How vanity is not an issue—we all look overgrown and silly in our masks! Nonetheless, Spring has still sprung, Easter dawned and although our hearts are torn apart, our souls remain intact.

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From the Heart of the Director..... (cont.)

We at Journey Home look forward to a new beginning of sharing hands and hearts with people on the delicate journey of life. I've certainly learned a lot in this time of working at home. My faith in God and people has deepened. My desire to love more deeply, to be more mindful of the gifts around me and a new awareness of how much I need and treasure my JH family.

We pray you will join us in solidarity through your thoughts, prayers and support as we move forward.

Under the direction of our Medical Consultant, Joe Finetti, MD, our Board of Directors, our Nurses and staff with the help of the Hospice Agencies, and in solidarity with the other Hospice Homes, we hope to open soon!

Know that you, our family, friends and supporters are remembered fondly and my greatest wish for you is Peace!

Peace,

Your Director, Tracey

....It's the heart afraid of breaking, that never learns to dance
It's the dream afraid of waking, that never takes the chance
It's the one who won't be taken, who cannot seem to give
And the soul afraid of dying, that never learns to live....

From "The Rose," Amanda McBroom



Gene But Not Forgotten, Forever In Our Hearts

Francesco L'Abbate
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Volunteer Corner

As both the Journey Home Volunteer Coordinator and a volunteer, I miss seeing and interacting with all of you. Providing loving care to our residents is a privilege that I know fulfills us all.

The love and care I both witness and receive from all of you is immense. Being deprived of seeing you I realize how much I miss our JH family.

I so look forward to the day when we can ALL return and see each other's smiling faces—perhaps we will even be able to hug one another again. Wouldn't that be wonderful!

Like so much else, new orientations and new volunteer training are on hold. Once we have a clear path forward we will be in contact.

To all of you who have touched or been touched by Journey Home in some way, know that you are loved and appreciated.

Peace,

Cathy Miller

Volunteer Coordinator

Looking Through The window...



As I gaze through the front door window, it appears so empty. The red light is blinking from the security system and a lone light is on. Once in the house, it is so quiet. Dust settles on the furniture and the couch pillows are firm and lifeless. The beds are made in each room, waiting to welcome the next resident.

It is amazing that there are no messages on the phones. Canisters of disinfectant wipes are about the house and the poor plants are drooping. Great opportunities await, cleaning, sorting and rearranging. Alas, I cannot do anything today, its just too sad to look through the window right now—tomorrow is another day.



Where would we be without our volunteers?

This year we have been blessed with several volunteers from the past returning to pick up where they left off. MaryAnn DiRaddo, an old friend and a fellow volunteer, retired from her nursing job and joined us again. Several others have gifted us with their presence as caregivers and support caregivers. Cindy Mros came back after a short hiatus. My heart broke when I heard of her passing away this March; she was only 52 years old.

Sue Perkins returned with a special new volunteer—her service dog—“Ace.” He brings us all such joy, as does Sue! It is fun to watch Ace bounding out of the car and running to the front door. Then off he runs to lay under the volunteer desk awaiting his orders. The residents love seeing him, reminding them of their own pet at home.

Mary Jo Whalen volunteered with us for 17 years on Tuesday evenings. Besides her gifts of hands and heart at the house, she offered her time to pick up goodies from the Mt. Read Wegmans each week. The families, residents and other volunteers always wanted to work around the time Mary Jo would be at the house to enjoy the bakery items donated by Wegmans. Martha DiPaola graciously took over the sweets ministry when Mary Jo stepped down due to an unfortunate cancer diagnosis. Her diagnosis was devastating and she lost her battle with cancer. We were honored to have welcomed her to Journey Home; she shared with us her final days. A humbling and difficult journey when it is one of our own. Mary Jo is and always will be, one of our many treasures and will be dearly missed by all.

“Piece be piece, tearing my heart, yet my soul remains intact”.



Opportunities to Continue Supporting Journey Home

Often times people make a donation requesting a specific item be purchased vs. the gift going to operational cost. In normal times this is not a problem—until now. Our greatest need at this time is operational costs due to COVID-19. We need to rebuild our funding for running our home. We chose to help our nurses and staff through this crisis while still maintaining the physical needs of our home.

One option you might want to consider is our **Partner Pledge Program**. We initiated this program some 20 years ago to help fund the multiple costs of running a comfort care home. Choosing this program allows one the opportunity to give a smaller amount each month vs. one large sum. We ask you to consider this option. Monthly payment stubs are available as well as receipts at the end of year for tax purposes.

We share with you the hardship of 2020. Please know even the smallest of amounts is huge to us. May your hearts be blessed in this journey we call life!

So please consider joining our **Partner Pledge Program** in June or July this year. Thank you!



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



Specific Areas In Need

We are in need of replacing most of the ceiling lights in the house. Currently, we will be working with Illuminating Expressions on Ridge Road West.

Also we plan to replace a few windows around the house. We will be working with American Custom Exteriors/Interiors on Maiden Lane for this project.

Any assistance toward these projects is greatly appreciated.



Journey Home during the COVID-19 Pandemic



You can help Journey Home by purchasing an engraved brick to be placed in our memorial walkway that will become a permanent part of our Memorial Garden.

It is a great way to preserve for countless years to come, the memory of your relative or friend and to do so in a place of quiet and solitude next to our creek.



You can purchase one (or more) 2-line bricks for \$50.00 each. Please visit our website (www.journeyhomegreece.org under "Garden Walk") or use the order form below.



Memorial Walkway and Garden

Journey Home Inc.
Buy-A-Brick Program
Order Form:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Write your inscription here. You can inscribe 2 lines of text, up to 15 characters per line. Count spaces as characters.

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Acknowledge To: _____

Fill out the form below and send with your check to:

Journey Home, Inc.
994 Long Pond Road
Rochester, NY 14626
(585) 225-1240

Please make your check payable to:
Journey Home, Inc.
Your check is your receipt

Single brick,
\$50.00
2 lines

Double bricks
\$100.00
4 lines



Fundraiser at the Blue Barn

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tasting Room on 928 Manitou Road

Hilton, NY 14468

For \$25.00 you can delight in a "Flight" of Blue Barn Ciders,
pizza and cheese and crackers. Cash Bar available

Warren Paul will be returning to entertain us with his music

We are *hopeful* this event will take place. All are welcome!



Here are a few important people who help
us care for Journey Home:

Comfort Windows & Doors

Magic Seal LLC

ABC Carpet Cleaning

Sign Impressions

Spiderman Pest Control Services Inc.

DR Lawn Cutting Service

Nick Pandina-Pandina Enterprises, Inc.

CTL Landscape-Dan Kretchmer

Green Acres Farm and Nursery



Journey Home's 25th Annual Golf Classic

Hello friends of Journey Home. We hope you and your families are safe and well. We plan on hosting our 25th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, August 3, 2020 at Ridgemont Country Club. We are optimistic there will be lunch and golf. The dinner remains up in the air, pending any CDC guidelines at that time.

We would like to send our sincere thanks for your past support. Please mark your calendars if you are able to join us again. We will be forwarding more information, and a brochure to past participants as it becomes available. The information will also be on our website.

*Warrem Hasman
Tournament Chairman*

*Come enjoy a memorable day of golf,
good times and camaraderie,
while raising money for a great cause!
Get a group of your friends together & join us!
We really appreciate your support!*



United Way #2212



Make a donation through United Way to Journey Home Inc. by choosing **Donor Option #2212**.

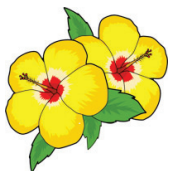
To designate Journey Home as your donor choice agency, obtain a donor designation form through your campaign coordinator. Write "Journey Home" and number **"2212"**. Then return the designation form with your pledge.

To make a payment on-line, you may go to:

- uwrochester.org
- Click on the "Donate" button and complete the form
- Choose "Add Agency" and fill in the Agency Name and Code **"Journey Home 2212"**
- Add dollar amount in the box on the right.

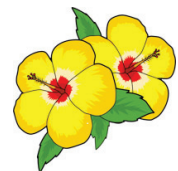
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*"No seed ever sees the
flower."*

Zen



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your credit card.**





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WishList

- ▶ Paper goods & cleaning supplies
- ▶ Gift cards from BJ's, Wegmans, Home Depot, Lowes or Walmart
- ▶ Stamps—regular and post card
- ▶ 2-pocket folders
- ▶ K-cups (tea & coffee)
- ▶ Resident care items: body wash & lotion; brushes & combs; toothbrushes & toothpaste
- ▶ Tall and small kitchen garbage bag
- ▶ Ziplock Bags (all sizes)
- ▶ HE laundry detergent
- ▶ Unscented Dryer Sheets
- ▶ Clorox spray for bath and kitchen
- ▶ Sponges
- ▶ Lysol spray/Deodorant Sprays
- ▶ Swiffer wet jet pads, Liquid Cleaner & Dusters
- ▶ HP8710 ink for our copier machine
- ▶ Officejet Pro 952 ink for our printer



*The Board of Directors and Staff wish everyone a
Healthy, Safe Summer!*

