



Tapestry



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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.

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From the Heart of the Director.....

Spring is about here! As is our 24th Anniversary of the opening of Journey Home. As I review this past year, I am in awe of how blessed we are at Journey Home. We have successfully survived the scourge of COVID, although a little worn around the edges. Most of us have suffered its wrath and thank goodness, all have survived. Kudos to all who worked hard to protect our precious home through their mask wearing, not coming in sick and being diligent about hand washing and disinfecting in our home. This kudos goes out to families of our residents as well as our staff and volunteers.

The generosity of the community is refreshing and the support from past residents' families and our own volunteers has left me even more grateful. We look forward to continuing to have fundraisers to keep up this wonderful momentum. We also look forward to reaching out to educate the community on our care. I am so excited to welcome back Nursing students from St. John Fisher and to welcome students from the Harley School. Our goal is to open up more opportunities to other students in the medical field. People from Journey Home are willing to come out and talk to your organization, your business, your club, your church in our town and surrounding towns. Please feel free to contact us.

JH has welcomed many new wonderful volunteers and we are grateful for the loyalty of our many returning volunteers. Barb, our new volunteer coordinator is doing a great job of putting together some new support groups and refreshing some of our old groups. Our staff remains consistent and supportive. I am most grateful for their continued support of our home and of me personally.

We continue to treasure our home health aides—Mary, Taisha and Sharda, beyond words. As of our reopening after COVID, we have lost the financial and aide support that the hospice agencies had given us for 21 of our 23 years. At this time, we are private paying them which has increased our budget in a huge way. If you would like to make a special donation to this particular cause, it would be most appreciated.

My awareness of our home became prevalent while I was on a Caribbean cruise with my best friends. While I explored and enjoyed nature at its finest, including the sun, I grew more and more grateful for the gifts our home provides to the community. The natives were welcoming with shouts of welcome in their language and waving. We at JH work hard to make people feel welcome not only with shouts and waves but with a quiet smile, a gentle touch and often through shared tears. Know we are proud, and happy, as well as humbled, to continue this much needed care to the dying.

In Peace,

Tracey Jagla, RN,BSN

*Director of the beautiful little home on the corner of
Long Pond and Vintage Lane!*



Volunteer Corner

As we find ourselves in the Spring of 2023, I wanted to update you on the various committees that work so hard to help around Journey Home. It would be wonderful to strengthen the core number of people who help with all these endeavors. **If you are interested in joining any of these opportunities, please leave a message for me at 225-1240 or send me an e-mail at journeyhome994@gmail.com.**

- ♦ Phone Calls: Once a week calls are made to Resident Care Volunteers to fill empty weekend slots. Volunteers work once every 5 or 6 weeks depending on the number of committee members.
- ♦ Cleaning: The common areas of the house are cleaned once a week. Volunteers work once every 4 or 5 weeks depending on the number of committee members.
- ♦ Baking: This committee currently has about 12 members. They take turns supplying “sweet treats” for us and stews/soups for the freezer at Journey Home. This is very helpful when our residents are still able to enjoy food. Again, the Committee Chair sets up a rotation suitable for each volunteer.
- ♦ Fundraising: We need people who have ideas, contacts, and/or time. We meet monthly to plan and build our options. We need your ideas and participation. Help us put the “fun” in fundraising.
- ♦ Gardening: The Day of Caring will take place in early May. Once that clean-up is completed, we will need to take care of our gardens. Are you able to help with these tasks? This committee doesn’t currently have many participants and we definitely could use your help!
- ♦ Maintenance: If you are handy with repairs/maintenance, please consider helping us at Journey Home. Some jobs are routine (ex. twice a year) some more “on demand.” Your expertise would be put to good use.
- ♦ Thank You Note Writers: Stationary, addresses, and stamps are provided. We need your help to write notes thanking people for donations, etc. The sentiment for the notes is provided too.

Thank you for ALL you already do for Journey Home. Please consider one of the committees listed above to help make the work go even smoother. “Many hands make like work.”

I hope your spring is filled with health and happiness.... and the beauty that the season brings.

Barb Elam
Volunteer Coordinator

For all who donated to our \$9.94 or More Campaign this year, we humbly *Thank You*. Your continued generosity helps us to continue the gentle care we offer here at Journey Home.

Looking Through The Window...

There’s a sacredness about the house. Everyone is quietly moving around, checking on the resident, sitting by her side, aware of a journey that is about to end on earth and start in heaven. There is not a solemnness but rather an air of comfort, expectation, an air of peace. Paula is so loved by all of us at Journey Home. She has gifted us with a special love in return. Elaine melts before us and yet remains strong, a very special journey we witnessed here.

What’s all this in the corner of the dining room? Sue A., one of our nurses, has set up a collection station for food to be shared with The Peoples Place in the city. It is overflowing! Sue is always setting up ways to help the unfortunate, those in need... much like the loving care she gives our residents, who also are in need. We are blessed and we are called to share.

The basement windows are hard to see through, but I can make out a small group of people gathered. The



board is meeting. There’s laughter among friends, there’s pensiveness, there’s people working hard to make things happen. Mostly there’s relief as they discuss the goodness shown to Journey Home this year, post-COVID. Another year is before us to love and care.

Debbie M., our volunteer hairdresser/barber, is in Sandy’s room cutting her hair. They are laughing and conversing as if nothing is wrong. This is just a day like any other. Such a pleasant sight to see.

Ellen, dear Ellen. Her kids have been traveling in daily from Sodus to be by her side. Such a beautiful family to see.

Ellen was a retired nurse, its always nice to care for one of our own.

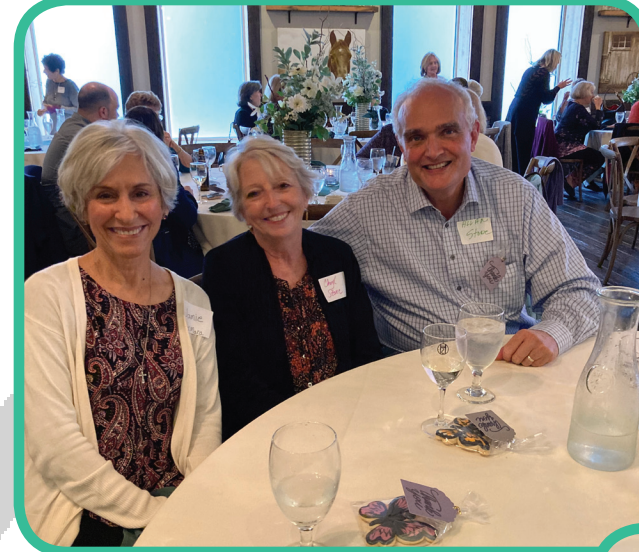
Ellen number two came a short few weeks later. She, too, was a retired nurse, actually a hospice nurse. Her beautiful family came from farther away, too. Three young girls and their families embraced moments of joy, bound together by the loving bond mom made for them. A gift returned many folds. An honor for us hospice nurses to give back to someone who shared our passion and mission for many years.

Jean and I laugh as we recall that she has come to the front door frequently to drop off paper goods. She bought her bed with toilet paper and paper towels! Who knew?!

Each resident, each family, tells us a different story of how they come to be at Journey Home. We honor each story and each person on this precious journey called life.



SHOWING OUR GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE WHO GIVE OF THEIR HANDS AND HEARTS AT OUR VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON 2022



Journey Home's 23rd Annual Golf Classic

JOURNEY HOME'S 28th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, August 7, 2023
Ridgemont Country Club
3717 W. Ridge Road
Rochester, NY 14626
Registration Form

☐ Platinum Sponsor @ \$1,200 (4 Golfers)

☐ Gold Sponsor @ \$600 (2 Golfers)

☐ Silver Sponsor @ \$300 (1 Golfer)

☐ Bronze Hole Sponsor @ \$125

☐ Program Sponsor @ \$50

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(Please check the appropriate boxes)

☐ Golf, lunch & hors d'oeuvres @ \$150/person

☐ I'm unable to participate. Enclosed please find my donation to Journey Home, Inc.

Please reserve my player position(s)

☐ Positions @ \$150 each (or as per above)

Name (team captain): _____

Phone #: _____

Other members of my foursome are:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Please make check payable to Journey Home, Inc.

In a separate envelope, please mail this completed registration form along with your check to the address below by, **Friday, July 14, 2023.**

Journey Home, Inc.
Attention: **Golf Classic**
994 Long Pond Road
Rochester, NY 14626



A Day of Golf & Fun

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Registration &
Box Lunch (course side)

12:00 PM - Four Person Scramble Shotgun Start

4:30 - 5:30 PM - Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
(cash bar)

Any questions? Please contact:

Warren Hasman at
warrenhasman@gmail.com



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

~ Testimonials ~

We would like to thank you for your kindness, love and gentle care given to our Mom as she made her "journey home."

Thank you for your patience with us as we found trust in your process when caring for loved ones on hospice. It was a gift to us to have that time with Mom, to love her and enjoy her company while knowing she was being cared for so lovingly.

Remember what Mom said the day she arrived at Journey Home, "I think I'm going to like it here."

Words can't express my gratitude for everything the Journey Home Family did for my sister, especially during her final hours. The support you provided to me was simply priceless and won't be forgotten.

Thank you all for sharing your precious time and energy with our family in our greatest time of need. You hold a special place in our hearts for caring for our beloved mother. Your empathy and kindness mean more to us than you will ever know.

Our family cannot thank you all enough for the care and compassion you have shown our family during our father's final days.

We can never express the thankfulness we feel for you and the staff at Journey Home for giving us a comfortable and caring journey.

I am truly grateful to you for the wonderful care and kindness you gave my aunt. Journey Home is such a special place. Thank you for making us feel welcomed. My aunt left us in November. I miss her greatly. She was happy at Journey Home and at peace. Many blessings to you~our angels on earth.

Mom was the "warp" of our family, the vertical foundation yarn in the woven fabric of our lives.

Mom often did not stand out like the bright, colorful "weft," the horizontal threads that pass over and under the warp.

Mom was always there, quietly holding us together while our colors shone through.

We love you, Mom



Save the Date

Pizza Fest Coming in the Fall
Check our website for
up-to-date information



Visit our website at
www.journeyhomegreece.org
to make a PayPal donation
with your credit card.

United Way #2212



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The Staff & Board of Directors of Journey Home
wish everyone a healthy, happy Spring & Summer!

Journey Home's Wish List

- * Gift cards from BJ's, Wegmans, Tops, Home Depot, Lowes, Office Max or Walmart
- * Stamps—regular and post card
- * Bath & Body Works Hand Soaps, Body Wash and Lotions
- * Paper goods—towels, toilet paper & tissues
- * Tall kitchen garbage bags
- * HE laundry detergent
- * Unscented dryer sheets
- * Extra Long Twin Mattress Pads
- * Extra Long Twin Sheets
- * Cleaning supplies
- * Antibacterial Liquid Soaps
- * Hypo-allergenic Baby Wipes
- * Swiffer wet jet pads, Liquid Cleaner & Dusters
- * White Copier Paper
- * K-cups of coffee and tea