



Friends of
Oswego County
Hospice, Inc.

Winter 2008

Celebration of Life

2008 Membership Drive Underway; Regatta Set for June 7th

The 2008 Friends of Hospice membership drive is underway. The campaign began in November 2007 and continues throughout the year.

Membership levels are as follows:

Student/Senior	\$10
Associate/Individual	\$15
Family	\$20
Patron	\$35
Small Business	\$50
Corporate	\$250 and up

Members receive our newsletter, an invitation to the annual meeting and 10 percent off on Regatta merchandise. You can join now by mailing your contribution to the Friends' office.

The 9th Annual Hospice Cup Regatta and Walk/Run for Hope is set for Saturday, June 7 at the Oswego Yacht Club. You can support the Regatta by becoming a sponsor, buying a memory ad in honor of a deceased loved one or by joining us at the Sailor's Reception.

For more information on the Regatta and our other upcoming events, check out our website, www.friendsofhospice.org, or call 343-5223.

Your Contributions Support Hospice Patients

Donations to the Friends of Hospice from memorial contributions, fundraising events and memberships provide the extra resources that hospice patients and their families need to make their final moments as comfortable as possible.

In 2007, the Oswego County Hospice program served 163 patients for a total of 9,293 care days-the highest on record. Both admissions and length of stay in the program were higher than in 2006.

Friends continue to support patients and their families by providing special needs funds to cover extraordinary costs of care, sunshine funds to brighten their day with a gift, operate Camp Rainbow of Hope, maintain the Memorial Gardens and support the Hospice volunteer program.

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*Friends of Hospice
Annual Meeting
March 19, 2008
Springside at Seneca Hill
8:00 a.m.
Call 343-5223*

Friend's to Host Hospice Teleconference “Living With Grief: Children and Adolescents”

This year marks the 15th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference, The Hospice Foundation of America presents the distance learning program that focuses on the experiences of grieving children and adolescents, and methods to support them as they cope with their loss.

The local web cast of “Living With Grief: Children and Adolescents,” hosted by the Friends, is on Wednesday, April 16, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Oswego County BOCES in Mexico.

The program offers low cost continuing education credits (CEU's) for nurses, social workers, funeral directors, bereavement counselors, psychologists and others. A panel of educators, hospice professionals and physicians will share academic research with practical tools and tips to find the best methods of support for grieving children and adolescents.

The conference is free. Continuing education credits are \$25 per certificate online or \$35 via mail. To register (space is limited), or for more information on CEU's, contact Debbie Bishop at 343-5223 or oswegohospice@verizon.net.

Camp Rainbow of Hope : August 25 to 27, 2008

Camp Rainbow of Hope, a residential program experience for children ages eight to 12 who have experienced the loss of a loved one, will be held on August 25 through 27 at Camp Hollis in Oswego.

The all volunteer-run camp is a place where children can reach out to others who have had similar experiences, acknowledge their loss, develop coping skills and celebrate their lives and the lives of those they lost.

Certified nurses, social workers, teachers and camping professionals lead the program. Campers are teamed up with a teenage “Big Buddy” who is with them throughout the program.

There is no charge for Camp Rainbow of Hope. Parents/guardians of children ages eight to 12 can contact Debbie Bishop at 343-5223 for an application. Applications will be reviewed by the camp director and parents of eligible children will be notified by phone.

Adolescents age 15 and over are invited to volunteer as “Big Buddies.” Teens 13 and 14 can also volunteer at camp and learn how to become a “Big Buddy.” Adult volunteers are also needed to serve as cabin monitors, group leaders and kitchen staff. Contact Debbie for more information on volunteering.



Jim Arnold

New Camp Logo Unveiled

Thanks to Jim Arnold, local artist and illustrator for designing a new Camp Rainbow logo.

Jim is a graduate of G. Ray Bodley High School and SUNY Oswego.

Welcome 2008 Members, Thanks for Your Support

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Mission Statement

Friends of Oswego County Hospice, Inc., a not for profit organization, believes in the unique service provided by Oswego County Hospice. We are committed to supporting Oswego County Hospice in its efforts to assist terminally ill people and their families. We are dedicated to promoting public awareness, professional education of hospice philosophy, and financial support and fund raising to supplement public funds.

Calendar of Events

March 19...Friends of Hospice Annual Meeting, Streamside at Seneca Hill, Oswego

April 16... Living With Grief Teleconference, Oswego County BOCES, Mexico

June 7... 9th Annual Hospice Cup Regatta & Walk/Run for Hope, Oswego Yacht Club

*June 14... "Give it Your Best Shot for Hospice" Oswego County Golf Skills Challenge
Streamside Country Club, Pulaski*

*August 16... Allison Balcom Memorial Golf Tournament
Evergreen Hills Golf Course, Oswego*

August 25-27... Camp Rainbow of Hope, Camp Hollis, Oswego

Know someone who wants to be on our mailing list?

Do you want to be removed from our list?

Contact us at: (315) 343-5223 or oswegohospice@verizon.net