

You gave Joe a home!

Thanks to you, Joe had a reason to smile.

Last July, Joe was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. He and his wife, Donna, sold their home to pay for his cancer treatments but after 13 weeks, Joe's doctors recommended hospice.

His hospice team began making their visits to his motel room in September. Donna said what they were all thinking, "nobody should be on hospice in a motel room."

Joe's last wish was that his family could move out of the motel and into a home where his family could live when he was gone.

Donna said, "It killed me to watch him suffer physically from the cancer and mentally worrying about what me and our son were going to do after he died."

But, our great donor community came through and gave Joe a new home.

Joe died peacefully on December 21st surrounded by his family knowing that they were going to be alright.

Thank you for rescuing Joe and his family.



Camp Voyage: giving kids a reason to smile

Camp Voyage is a one-day camp for families with children ages 6-15 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Elara Caring friends and family and anyone in the community who would like help coping with grief are invited to attend.

Camp will be held on June 24, 2023 at the Howell Nature Center in Howell, Michigan.

For more information, please call: 517-348-9688 or email dburke@elara.com

An Artist's Gift to Hospice!



Your gifts have given Jayme's art materials that help him bring joy to the hospice community in a unique way.

The ECHF provides Jaymes with canvas and art materials which he uses to paint portraits for hospice families. Jaymes will artfully recreate a photo or brings a memory to life through an artistic combination of two or more photos. These works of art provide meaningful memorial gifts.

Molly, a family member of an Elara Caring patient, explains why this gift is so meaningful to her, "Of all the pictures I have of my parents, I chose their wedding picture as my father's greatest love of his life was my mother and he made sure all five of us children knew that. My parents were each other's best friend demonstrating to us what dedication and commitment truly means."

In addition to creating memorial paintings, Jaymes also creates paintings for hospice patients who are celebrating milestone moments like anniversaries or birthdays. He is currently working on paintings for patients who are celebrating their 100th birthday this year.

Thank you for helping Jaymes bring this unique gift to our patients and their families.

If you are interested in a memorial painting, please contact: lnielsen@elara.com or 517-745-4520.



Who doesn't love a party? There has been a lot to celebrate lately in Toledo, OH. Thanks to you, Evelyn celebrated her 102nd birthday with her Elara Caring hospice team and residents at the facility where she lives.

Evelyn's birthday party was chocolate themed because as she says, "chocolate is her favorite color." She enjoyed chocolate cake and a gift of chocolates which made the day a very memorable birthday.

Thanks to you, Loren & Luella got a special Disney themed anniversary celebration with their hospice team. While the couple would have probably preferred to be at Disneyland, they were grateful to still be together to enjoy this milestone anniversary together.



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