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## Exciting News!

### May brings Mayo Name Change!

We have exciting news to share with you! **Effective May 23, 2011**, Northwest Wisconsin HomeCare and Northwest Wisconsin Supportive HomeCare will join Mayo Clinic Health System. As a result of this collaboration, we will have new names.

Northwest Wisconsin HomeCare's new name will be **Mayo Clinic Health System - Home Health & Hospice**.

Northwest Wisconsin Supportive HomeCare's new name will be **Mayo Clinic Health System - Supportive Homecare**.

Our new names align us with Mayo Clinic Health System and Mayo Clinic, enabling us to respond to a changing regional marketplace and evolving health care reform. We also will be more strongly positioned to meet the changing and growing needs of our patients. Soon, we will be a part of an integrated system of care that is accessible for patients throughout their lifetime, reinforcing our long-term commitment to local, community-based care.

**Please note, our name change will not affect phone or fax numbers. They will remain the same.**

We are very excited and look forward to continue working collaboratively with Mayo Clinic Health System and Mayo Clinic. ♥

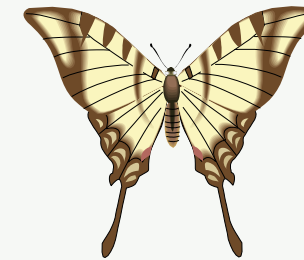
## Northwest Wisconsin HomeCare Mission Statement...

Northwest Wisconsin HomeCare is committed to providing the best quality, professional, personal and supportive care to people of all ages in the place they call home.



## Gather, Remember and Share...

The Spring Remembrance Services were held in April at the Barron Electric Cooperative in Barron and the Central Office in Hallie. With a theme of butterflies, and recognizing the beautiful re-creation of grass, leaves and flowers, we remembered Hospice patients who had died over the past year or so.



Using poetry, music and the sharing of memories, we honored the lives of

loved ones. Tears and laughter flowed freely as the people gathered offered emotional and spiritual support to one another in coping with grief. A chance to view the Hospice quilts on display and homemade goodies rounded out a wonderful afternoon of family members, strangers, and colleagues, now become friends, coming together, to remember, and share.



Each day is a new adventure. I also enjoy the team spirit I feel of working together for a common cause, caring for our patients in the place they call home.

~Words to Share from  
NWHC Employee



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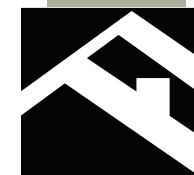
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## Holes For Hospice Hospice Golf Outing Wednesday, June 15th

# Save the Date



The 16th annual NWHC Golf Outing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Whitetail Golf course in Colfax. This annual event serves as a benefit for the Hospice program. Individuals enjoy 18 holes of golf, a cart and steak dinner for \$80, of which \$25 is tax deductible. To sign up for the event, call Kathy at (715) 831-0106 ext. 80228.



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Memorial **donations** can be a meaningful and lasting way to keep the **memory** of a loved one alive. We thank each and every one of you for these special gifts. These “tributes of love” were received between Sept 1, 2010 to Feb 28, 2011

**Memorials**

**Harris W Ash**  
Joan Ash

**Jean K Aylieff**  
Leatrice Dirks  
Anonymous

**Cynde Bauer**  
Dr & Mrs Christopher Poss

**Laura Beguhn**  
Anonymous

**Edward Walter Bjornson**  
Nancy Bjornson  
Frederick & Carole Hunter

**Joel Bjornson**  
Nancy Bjornson

**Linda Bobo**  
Anonymous

**Myrtle Bollinger**  
Arnold & Arleen Prissel

**Jim Brahan**  
Dr & Mrs Christopher Poss

**Irene Bremel**  
Anonymous

**George Burt**  
Anonymous

**Charles "Chick" Bush**  
Randy & Wendy Richards  
Dr Charles & Rebecca Ihle  
Anonymous

**Mary Campbell**  
Anonymous

**Earl F Christenson**  
Albert & Paula Ziehme  
Stan & Jean Brettingen  
Beatrice Daniels  
Gregory & Susan Johnson  
Donald & Beverly Larson  
Mark & Vicki Reed  
Roger & Yvonne Sorenson

**Virgil Clemenson**  
Richard & Janice Clemenson

**Anna Marian Cochrane**  
Dr Richard & Susan Cochrane  
Carl & Dianne Cochrane  
Dr John & JoAnne Evans  
Mark & Sally Hinders  
Jean Walker

**William Cote**  
Richard & Diana Christianson

**Esther Cowles**  
Anonymous

**Everett Curtis**  
Daniel & Darlene Mikulanec

**Berdean Curtis**  
Daniel & Darlene Mikulanec

**Donnalee Danovsky**  
Anonymous  
David & Pat Schultz

**Darrell Doers**  
Sharon Doers

**Robert J Farber**  
David & Lynn Deneen  
Susan Barber-Lindquist  
Patricia Farber  
Mr Thomas Hall & Ms Julie Kunkel  
Herbert & Joanne Hoehn  
David & Mary Hoffe  
Seymour & La Vonne Larson  
Wayne & Lisa Larson  
Naureen Selz  
Larry Sibley  
Michael Siker

**Mary Fraser**  
Anonymous

**Patricia Frisinger**  
Anonymous

**Judith Geissler**  
Anonymous

**Leonard J Grecco**  
Martha Grecco

**Walter Leonard Greenwalt**  
Charles & Mary Lou Major

**Geneese M Hageness**  
Donald & Patricia Brenn

**Margaret T Haug**  
David Haug  
Steven & Bonnie Haug

**Kaye Heinrichs**  
Geraldine Loppnow

**Donny Henrich**  
Gene & Darlene Johncheck  
Randall & Sarah Forehand  
James Gabriel  
William & Debra Henrich  
Russell & Donna Maas  
Anonymous

**Edith L Hovey**  
Michael & Bonnie Isaacson

**Maurice J Howe**  
Jean Fuhrman

**Wally Hunstad**  
Margaret Hunstad

**Kenneth Imm**  
Anonymous

**Virginia M Jentlie**  
Glenn & Kathleen Holman  
Robert & Cheryl Marx  
Natalie Miller  
Cleo Scharlau  
Noel Smith  
Warren & Naomi Woods

**Steve Johnsen**  
Shari Norrish

**MaryAnn Johnson**  
Lloyd Johnson

**Margaret Johnstone**  
Donald & Diane Peavey

**Joseph Kearns**  
Anonymous

**Florence M Krueger**  
Shirley Kistner  
Shirley Stark

**George J Larson**  
Lois Larson  
Anonymous



**2009 Hospice Remembrance Quilt Tour \***

*Remembering the patients served through the Hospice Program of Northwest Wisconsin HomeCare*

\* The schedule may vary due to special activities relative to memorial services, holiday gathering and national home care/hospice month.

**April**  
Osseo  
Luther Midelfort Oakridge  
13025 8th Street

**July/Aug**  
Bloomer  
Luther Midelfort  
Chippewa Valley  
1501 Thompson St

**May/June**  
LE Phillips Senior Center  
1616 Bellinger St  
Eau Claire

**Sept/Oct**  
Barron  
Luther Midelfort Northland  
122 East Woodland Ave

**June/July**  
Chippewa Falls  
Luther Midelfort  
Chippewa Valley

**Nov/Dec**  
Mondovi  
Luther Midelfort Oakridge  
611 1st Ave



The newest Hospice Remembrance Quilt contains over 300 names of those patients served by the NWHC Hospice Program in 2009.

**2010 Hospice Remembrance Is Another Work of Heart**

For many years, the staff of The Hospice Program of Northwest Wisconsin HomeCare wanted to do something special to remember the many patients who had been served through the hospice program.

After much deliberation and planning, the decision was made to remember our patients by stitching their names into a quilt. The quilt was to be called “The Hospice Remembrance Quilt.”

The hospice patients names are stitched into the quilt chronologically, based on the date the patient received hospice care. Each year a new quilt has been stitched in remembrance of Northwest Wisconsin HomeCare hospice patients.

This year, the 'Sew Happy Quilters' quilt group is designing, piecing and quilting the



2010 Hospice Remembrance Quilt.

This quilt will be unveiled in December at the Annual Holiday Gathering. Families of patients served by Hospice in 2010 will be invited to this Remembrance Service, and to see the unveiling of the quilt with their loved ones names.



**Volunteers—Thank You For All You Do!**

Submitted by Bonnie Baskett-Harvey, Supervisor

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is celebrated April 18-24 and it is a wonderful time to say a great big thank you and share sincere appreciation for all of the time, talents and genuine caring provided by our hospice volunteers. Their efforts to provide a listening ear and supportive presence to our patients, allow an overwhelmed caregiver well-deserved time to themselves, the numerous hours given to fold, address, and send mailings to bereaved family members, and the hours given to support our much needed fundraising efforts... **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**

Below are many of the kind words and complements shared with our volunteers from our hospice staff and families...

... has been a wonderful asset to our hospice team. She is willing to accept most any new patient regardless of the situation, request, or location. Comments that I have heard from those that she visits "What a wonderful person" "I sure look forward to her visits" "She sure can work!"

... has given time to patients and is open to new or changing assignments. For patient, MS, it was Janet's visits that she most looked forward to.

... is a wonderful asset to the hospice team. She has been exceptionally appreciated at Monroe Manor where she was often visiting multiple patients and doing filing. Visits with HH were also much appreciated by family so they allowed caregivers time away if needed.

... was willing to do a late afternoon visit to offer family a reprieve – and this all happened last minute while she was out of town. ... her kindness and flexibility was appreciated!

With short notice, a visit scheduled which enabled the caregiver to go to a family party.

... is always willing and flexible when scheduling volunteer visits. Keep up the good work. ... clients

appreciate your dedication to the volunteer program.



He is very business like with his paper work and this scheduler appreciates his good communication skills and dedication to his patient.

... always flexible in scheduling visits with clients. ... communication skills are appreciated when working with scheduling and clients to meet client needs.

...communicates well with schedulers and clients to deliver her best services to the volunteer program.

... assisted with a last minute volunteer request with a simple "sure" I don't have anything else to do... Thank you for your willingness to serve our patients/caregivers so well as a volunteer. I appreciate your selflessness! You are wonderful!

Thanks for you care and concern, we appreciate all you do to make our hospice program a success.



I love volunteering at NWHC because of the people contact. I love the interaction. The people I have volunteered for have given me so much. It is wonderful to learn of peoples life journeys. Just talking with patients and their families is very rewarding.

~Words to Share from  
NWHC Volunteer

**Memorials and Donations.....continued**

**Gertrude Lofgren**  
Lawrence Lofgren  
Anonymous

**Doris Losby**  
Dean Arnold

**Peder Lystig**  
Anonymous

**Mary Markquart**  
Anonymous

**Carol Ann McMiller**  
Anonymous

**David Miller**  
Anonymous

**Keith W Mueller**  
Carol Mueller

**Marjorie Myren**  
Kathleen Myren

**Donald Newville**  
Shirley R. Olson

**Kalista Noeller**  
Dr & Mrs Christopher Poss

**Janet Kay Olesen**  
Sylvia Olesen

**Victoria Akit Ostenso**  
William & Gail Kurtz  
Robyn Perrin  
John & Kathryn Atanasio  
Gunter & Edeltraud Bork  
Mario Canziani  
Sarah Dempsey  
Sarah Donnellan  
David & Maureen Flanagan  
Jeffrey & Tommie Lou Judson  
Kathleen G. Kolvites  
Mark & Sharon Malzberg  
Greg & Linda Wright

**Jerome J Pabich**  
Barbara Altmann  
Theodore & Lucille Salwach  
Bartingale Mechanical, Inc.  
Peter & Jane Beste

**Jerome J Pabich cont'd**  
John & Vicki Carlson  
Dr Richard & Susan Cochrane  
Catherine Feldt

Gary & Jody Graham  
Keith & Marcey Hageness  
James & Karen Hoeft  
Peter & Patricia Koupal  
Dr Paul & Linda Kuehn  
Cynthia Larson  
Navitus Health Solutions  
James & Ruth Odriscoll  
David & Susan Sanda  
Darrell & Mary Sather  
Victoria Schmid  
Donna Shager  
Patrick & Staci Simonett  
The Corner Store  
Patrick & Patricia Watkins  
WellDyneRx  
Glen & Elizabeth Weyenberg  
Edward Woletz

**Bernolt 'Bernie' William Palas**  
Jerene Mortenson  
David & Eileen Doerring  
Marvin & Arlene Goldstein  
Dick & Karen Hebert  
Gary & Joyce Palas  
Pro-Steel Inc. Sheet Metal Division  
Robert & Susan Simon  
Jacquelyn Sparrow  
Herbert & Faith Stern  
Richard & Judith Tilton

**Lyle Peterson**  
Anonymous

**George Pfielsticker**  
Dorothy Pfielsticker

**Elaine K Pohlman**  
John & Mary Pohlman

**Clarence Poppe**  
Bonnie Poppe  
Anonymous

**Jim Poss**  
Dr & Mrs Christopher Poss

**Harlan A Radue**  
George & Shelly Ibach

**Michael Rihn**  
Anonymous

**Douglas Walter Robarge**  
Kirk & Nanilee Robarge  
Kent Robarge

**Mary Rucinski**  
Dr & Mrs Christopher Poss

**Dale Rud**  
Ray & Cindy Reiherzer

**Walter Rusch**  
Carol Rusch

**Kenneth F Schober**  
Donna Schober

**Jean Shiffer**  
Anonymous

**Carol Sie**  
Ray & Cindy Reiherzer  
Yvonne Thorson

**Margaret A Smith**  
Judith Smith

**Frances Sporri**  
Rausch & Steel Inc

**Edward Staron**  
Frances Staron

**Gary Steiner**  
Ray & Cindy Reiherzer

**Thomas Stokes**  
Anonymous

**Ernest Sykora**  
David & Pat Schultz

**Lorene C Wachter**  
Martin & Joan Ambros  
Mary Bement  
Mary Fallow  
Stephen & Judith Hawkes  
Nancy Howard  
Randi & Laurie Osberg

**Yvonne Wangen**  
Anonymous

**Dr James E Willard**  
Ruth Willard

**Shirley E Williams**  
Steven Williams

**David Winter**  
Anonymous

**Janet Mae Winters**  
Jane Miley

**Beverly Woodford**  
Anonymous

**Katherine Wuorenma**  
Anonymous



*Celebrate the memory of a loved one by giving a gift to hospice.*

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your donation payable to  
NWHC  
PO BOX 2060  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

## Surviving the First Mother's Day Without Your Mom

By Peggy Love, [Yahoo! Contributor Network](#)

The first Mother's Day without your mother is not a pleasant experience. Whether you lost your mother nearly a year ago or just recently, this approaching holiday has no doubt been one that you are dreading, and, for many, it may be one you wonder how you'll make it through. Here are a few suggestions that might help make this day easier.

Most mothers want their children to be happy, not sad, and remembering the things that your mother did, especially when you were younger, to make an important day to you festive can hold a clue to how she might want you to celebrate this first Mother's Day without her.

If your mother had a number of special dishes she prepared for family and friends on holidays consider trying your hand at making one or several of those dishes in her honor. If you have siblings who live close by or who will be visiting during this time, you might want to make it a 'Pot Luck in Honor of Mother' event, one in which each sibling brings something that is reminiscent of those special times that were highlighted by your mother's special recipes.

Since everyone doesn't necessarily cook, some may want to bring items that are reminders like red and white checkered table cloth if it's a picnic, or a particular type of wine that your mother enjoyed serving. The goal is to celebrate her and the beautiful memories she helped you, as a family, create.

Another way that you might honor her is by remembering others who may be missing her presence along with you. If she had served on a special committee at church, or was a volunteer at an outreach center, or had a favorite charity, doing something in her name that will be a reminder to those she cared about of her beautiful life, would be a means of keeping her memory fresh and vibrate. You might want to put together, in her honor, fruit baskets, or purchase a few small denomination gift cards that you can give out to the underprivileged, or host a small

coffee and continental breakfast for others who might not have anyone to celebrate this Mother's Day with. The idea is to shine a light on the beautiful life your mother led and to allow those she touched to celebrate her life with you.

*finding extra special ways to honor her can help to ease that burden*

More private methods of spending this first Mother's Day without Mother is writing her a long letter in which you share with her all the things you would have shared with her had you been able to talk to her since she left. Choose a really special paper and a favorite pen and pour your heart out. When you are through, roll the paper up like a scroll, tie a beautiful piece of ribbon around it, and put it in a private place for safe keeping. You might want to make this a ritual that you'll repeat each Mother's Day in the future. Often times, after a while, you may want to retrieve your scroll and read its contents, but, for many, it is just a cathartic way of communicating your feelings, while honoring your loved one at the same time.

The first Mother's Day without mom is difficult, but finding extra special ways to honor her can help to ease that burden.



## Words to Share...

NWHC receives cards and letters from caregivers and family members of hospice patients served by NWHC. Below is a sampling of the kind words shared by family and friends of patients served by our hospice program...

*NW Home Care-  
My thanks to the wonderful care you gave to Yvonne. It was a long and bitter fourteen months. I don't know how I could have managed without your help on several matters. Yours is not an easy job—to be so caring and helpful yet maintaining professionalism. My son was an RN Open Heart recovery specialist. He left me a last message before dying quite young.  
"When you hear of my death do not shed a tear. I now know the secret you still know the fears"  
Very Sincerely, G.D.*

*Northwest Wisconsin Homecare,  
Thank you for the flower and care you provided to my mom and family. Each staff we worked with was kind and compassionate. We really appreciate that. I am enclosing information for singers that sign for hospice patients. Mom Loved them. They came and sang to her 3 times. Maybe you can pass their info along to others?  
Thank you-The R.B. Family*

*Northwest WI HomeCare  
How can we ever thank you enough, for all your help and guidance in these last few months? There are no words! Just know that we will never forget your kindness!  
Family of V.R., C., K., M., & M.*

*Dear Hospice Team:  
Christine, RN, Nancy, AnneMarie and Sandy, (plus a sub or two)-  
It is now nearly four weeks since Doris died—it was such a thoughtful card you wrote to us, and we thank you too for the rose the day of the memorial service.  
Feels like our acquaintance with you kind folks was cut short by our being out of state at the time of Doris' death!  
We are so grateful for the good care you gave to her and to us during those few weeks at Oak Gardens. Thank you so much!  
The work you do is so valuable to our whole community. May you be blessed.  
S.B, T.B. & Family*

