



A Word from our President and CEO

Loving What I Do – It’s the Why That Matters

In a recent conversation with my husband he commented, “No matter how busy you are with your job, you always love what you do.” This accurately sums up my almost 29 years with Columbus Hospice of Georgia and Alabama – and how lucky am I!

So what makes my job so satisfying? I have a clear understanding that the work of this organization changes lives – every day – in ways large and small. Since 1979, Columbus Hospice has cared for those with terminal illnesses in the Chattahoochee Valley and beyond. Team members, including the Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers, understand and support our mission of caring for our community, including those who do not have insurance coverage.

Over this past year, you might have heard of our Care Campaign. This fundraising campaign has already raised \$880,000 toward uncompensated care for 2023, yet the need is projected to be around \$1.5 million by the end of December. Donations, grants, and fundraisers from the Care Campaign provide funds so that no eligible Columbus Hospice patient will be turned away from care due to a lack of insurance, inadequate insurance coverage, or benefits that run out when care is still needed.

One exciting addition to the Columbus Hospice campus is The Legacy Brick Circle. Besides providing a beautiful and accessible way to remember special people and special events (memorials, in honor of, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, retirement – whatever is important to you), The Legacy Circle proceeds will go to the Care Campaign, directly to patient care needs. Sales just started, and when complete, \$1,233,000 will be raised. Still available for naming opportunities are a \$25,000 center tree, 4 benches at \$10,000 each, 8x8 brick pavers, and 4x8 brick pavers. With a purchase, you might also add a mini-brick to keep for yourself.

Columbus Hospice is the only non-profit, independent hospice in the Columbus and surrounding area. We have the only local inpatient hospice facility, although most of our patient care is provided in homes and long-term care facilities in our 16-county coverage area (including 5 counties in Alabama.) We know how important high-quality, accessible, innovative, expert hospice care is, and Columbus Hospice of Georgia and Alabama is proud and honored to care for you and your family. And now you know why I love what I do!

If you would like to donate to Columbus Hospice, please visit columbushospice.com/donate to make a tax-deductible contribution.

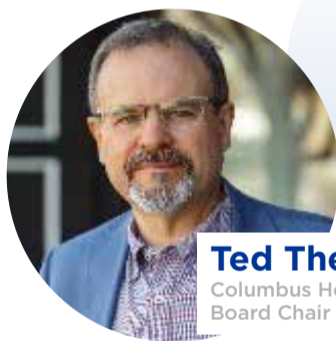
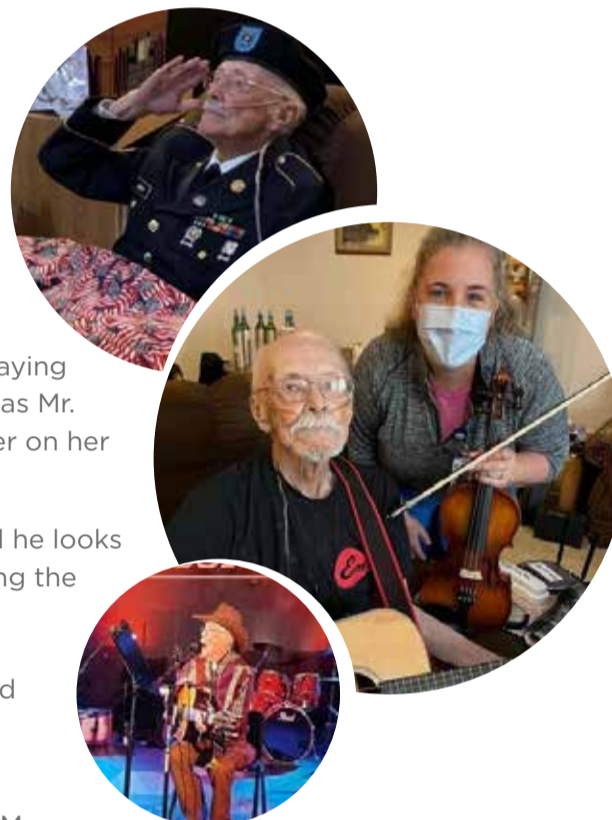
Patient Spotlight: Mr. Orrin L. Abbott

94 year-old Mr. Orrin Abbott was a WWII Veteran and discovered his musical talent after his military retirement. He has performed for years at Everything Musical, where he is loved and considered a legend.

Debbie Spencer, RN, Mr. Abbott’s hospice nurse, began playing the violin at age 8. As the stars aligned, she was assigned as Mr. Abbott’s nurse, and they have been playing music together on her weekly visits to him ever since!

Mr. Abbott attributes music with “keeping him going,” and he looks so forward to Debbie’s visits. Hospice focuses on enhancing the quality of remaining life, rather than focusing on the life-limiting illness. We are proud to care for Mr. Abbott, and we applaud Debbie for sharing her music with him and demonstrating the Columbus Hospice philosophy of care so wonderfully!

On another occasion, we shared a powerful moment with Mr. Abbott and his family when volunteer and veteran, Judson Gee, performed a Veteran Pinning Ceremony to honor Mr. Abbott’s incredible military service. During the ceremony, the patient asked to play a song and performed for the staff and family who were present. Columbus Hospice is proud to honor our veterans.



Ted Theus
Columbus Hospice
Board Chair

Board Member Spotlight:

It’s a privilege for me to serve as Board Chair as Columbus Hospice has meant so much personally to my family. My wife Brenda and I have two adult children, and we recently celebrated the birth of our first grandchild. I have practiced law in Columbus for the past 33 years. In my spare time, I enjoy doing anything outdoors particularly fishing, gardening, and birdwatching.”

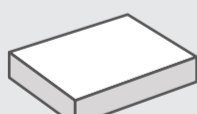
Exciting & New!

Columbus Hospice is proud to introduce our Legacy Circle! Please come by and see the changes in front of our building! On October 6, 2023, we officially launched our Buy-A-Brick program! Bricks may be purchased in memory, in honor, or for any occasion! Visit columbushospice.com/legacy-circle to purchase your brick(s), bench, or tree, and become a part of the foundation of Columbus Hospice...literally!

MAKE A LASTING MARK AND SUPPORT COLUMBUS HOSPICE

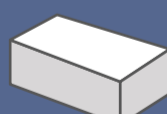
Buy a custom-engraved Brick, Bench or Legacy Tree as a tax-deductible donation to Columbus Hospice. Your support will go directly to the organization’s mission of providing hospice care for all, regardless of ability to pay, while allowing you the chance to honor someone important to you. While the organization cares for insured patients, it also has not turned away an eligible patient without insurance in 44 years. Help us to continue our non-profit hospice mission by ensuring that all people have access to our high-quality, expert care.

Bricks are available as memorials or gifts for all celebratory occasions, such as anniversaries, birthdays, graduations and more.



8”x8” BRICK
\$500

*UP TO 6 LINES OF TEXT



4”x8” BRICK
\$250

*UP TO 3 LINES OF TEXT



**MINI BRICK
OPTION**
\$15 each

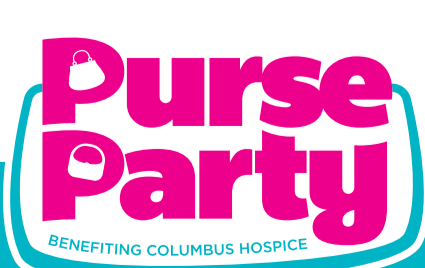
Available with purchase of 8x8 or 4x8 bricks

MORE INFORMATION

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Holiday Hope - Integrating Grief and Loss During the Holidays

If you are navigating your first holiday season without a loved one, or of you are affected by grief in any way that makes the holiday season difficult, we invite you to attend this free event. RSVP to Lauren at 706-256-0315.



It’s finally coming back so mark your calendars!! After seven years, we will have a Purse Party this year!!! Come see our wonderful models showing off beautiful, designer bags, on which you can bid in our LIVE AUCTION! Tickets will be available later this year, and will include two drinks and hors d’oeuvres! There will be a cash

bar, as well! If you’ve never been to this event, just ask around!! You can also shop til you drop at the silent auction and bargain table! This year, all proceeds for Purse Party will benefit patients who are uninsured or whose insurance will not cover their care. We can’t wait to see you there!