



# The Crossroads House Connection

## May 2010



### Our Mission

Crossroads House is a Comfort Home. Our goal is to provide comfort and support to individuals and their families as they journey through the dying process.

### Wish List

- Postage stamps (Forever stamps)
- Gift cards to: Office Max, Wal-Mart, Tops, K-Mart
- Vinyl Disposable Gloves
- Regular & Decaf Coffee
- Large Bags of Candy for Candy Machines (Peanut M & M's, Mike & Ike, Starburst, Reeses Pieces and Skittles)
- Tall kitchen garbage bags
- Mailing labels (Avery 5260/8160)
- Poster Size Card Stock
- Small corner desk
- Oreck vacuum cleaner
- Patio Furniture
- Disposal Baby Wipes & Body Wash
- Small Microwave Oven
- Labeler Tape for Brother Labeler (M-531)
- Large Armoire with shelving

### SPRING IS HERE

It's spring time and as I look around and see our beautiful flowers in the Crossroads House Memorial Garden begin to bloom, I feel so blessed to be the Director of Crossroads House in a community that supports and values our mission.

It is such a blessing that our community has taken "ownership" of Crossroads House and realizes how very fortunate we are to have a comfort home for the dying right here in Batavia, as many communities do not have this as a consideration for their dying loved ones. Comfort care is a unique concept that provides compassionate care to the dying in a home-like setting where the patient's and family's wishes are acknowledged and carried out.

As most of you know, we do not receive any medical insurance reimbursement or governmental funding. Our only income comes in the form of memorials, donations, and few grants and **A LOT of fundraising!** I always joke and say Crossroads House's middle name is "Fundraising" that's because 34% of our budget is income derived from fundraising. We are currently working on six fundraising events right now!

Perhaps you're wondering how you might host a fundraiser for Crossroads House; well it's really quite easy! If you're a part of a business, church family, youth group, Women's Club, etc. we encourage you to consider hosting a fundraiser of any size with proceeds to Crossroads House. Maybe you could serve on our Fundraising Committee and share your personal talents. We meet once a month on the first Wednesday at 5pm at Crossroads House. Everyone is welcome, we have a lot of fun and could benefit from any new fundraising ideas you may have.

Crossroads House has wonderful support from MANY area businesses and groups, and we *really* appreciate their dedication to our mission. We are hopeful that you would consider sponsoring a fundraiser in your area for Crossroads House so that we may continue our mission of serving the terminally ill in Genesee and Wyoming Counties.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Panepento RN, Director



**Congratulations to *First Presbyterian Church of Batavia* on their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We thank you for your continued support throughout the years.**



**Top** – Volunteers at the Vol. Appreciation Luncheon

**Bottom** - Clor's Chicken BBQ in March. L to R- Aubrey Falleti, Phillip Boyd and Cassidy Miller

**Right**- "Hogs with a Heart" Fundraiser in March. L to R- Jackie Thomas, Debbie Park co-owner of Stan's Harley Davidson, Dee Miller

## Upcoming Fundraising Events for Crossroads House

**June 4 and 5: Rosemary Donald's ESTATE SALE** 9:00 am to 4:00 PM. Sunday June 6; 10:00 am till 2:00 pm -- BAG SALE, purchase a bag for \$2 and fill it up. 8617 Seven Springs Rd, Batavia. . Refreshments are available All proceeds to benefit Crossroads House.

**June 5: Old Fashioned Hymn Sing** to benefit Crossroads House, 7 PM, Morganville United Church of Christ, 8466 Morganville Rd, Stafford, Admission is free. An offering will be collected. Refreshments to follow hymn sing.

**June 6: Pampered Chef Fundraiser** to benefit Crossroads House. Crossroads House will receive 25% profit from the sales plus \$5 for every cooking show booked! On deck of CH Noon-4 PM

**July date TBD:** Irish Night- featuring Irish music by Rich Conroy

**Aug. 1, 2010:** Crossroads House second Annual Motorcycle Ride in memory of Dennis Bateman sponsored by Stan's Harley Davidson. Please visit our website for downloadable brochure.

**August 8:** Alex's Golf Scramble

**Aug. 15: Growing for Crossroads House-** 1 PM – 3PM, BF Bungalow 1024 Tower Rd. Wyoming, NY. \$25 donations include a "lite" box lunch for two and \$10 credit toward purchase of plants etc.

**Aug. 19: Hesperus Lodge Golf Tournament**

**Aug. 20 and 21: Mega Garage Sale to Benefit CH** 9:00 am to 4:00 PM, Crossroads House Parking lot.

**Sept. 25: Musical Memories Concert** at City Church, Batavia, NY. If you are interested in supporting us by also placing a memorial ad into the program, please visit our website.

**Alex's Place coupon book is still available. \$40 gives you \$250 worth of discounts**

*Please visit our website for additional information regarding all of our upcoming events.*

**[www.crossroadshouse.com](http://www.crossroadshouse.com)**

**Musical Memories 2010:** 7 pm, September 25<sup>th</sup> at City Church, 210 Main E. Street Batavia. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available at Roxy's Music Store, Millennium Computers & Valle Jewelers beginning July 1. The concert hopes to raise \$16,500.00, enough money to provide one month of care for our terminally ill residents. Crossroads House provides care FREE of charge to our residents and their family. Last year's concert sold out, so plan to get your tickets early! This year's musical line up with special guest appearances promises to be a show stopper.

Ruth E. Goatsey, always wanted to remain in her home so we knew that she would never agree to living in a nursing facility. Mom was 87 years old, her kidneys and heart were failing. She was under Hospice care and they confirmed that it was no longer safe for her to live home alone. As her health continued to deteriorate, it became apparent to us that our family members could no longer appropriately care for her at home.

When our mother was medically determined to be in the last three months of her life, we contacted Crossroads House because we had heard so many wonderful stories and so our journey began. She was assessed by a member of the nursing staff and a date was arranged for her to enter Crossroads House. When we arrived she was met by staff and several beaming volunteers and was immediately made to feel at home while touring the house and we completed some paperwork.

Mom could look into the kitchen from her private room and watch staff and family members come and go. Being a few steps from the dining room door, she could join the volunteers there and participate in conversations and share stories. If our family was present or staying overnight, the staff and volunteers offered us privacy, yet were available to administer her medication, care for her personal needs and offered nourishment to our bodies as well as to our souls. Mom was always kept comfortable and pain free. If friends and family were away for a period of time, Crossroads House staff sat with Mom, shared conversation, read to her and held her close.

**Our family would like to graciously thank Crossroads House staff and volunteers and community members who contribute time, money, and support to residents and family members! You enabled us to "celebrate life" with our mother as she took her final journey home.**

Jacquelyn L. Swinarski teaches kindergarten in the Batavia City School District.

Denise R. Goatsey is an occupational therapist in the Elba and Pembroke School Districts.

### In Loving Memory

Crossroads House would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these residents whom we were so honored to have served:

**Barbara Webster**

**Lynda Negelty**

**Ruth Goatsey**

**Dolores Figlow**

**Walter Abrams**

**Carman McEwen**

**Richard Hoag**

**Betty Scibetta**

**Donald Kernutt**

**George Konieczny**

**Douglas Havens**

**Linda Gibson**

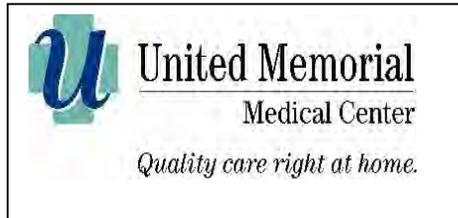
**Luva Pelkey**

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### **Crossroads House**

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Please check out our newly updated website. You will learn the history and mission of Crossroads House, view photos, read quotes from families, see our wish list and volunteer opportunities as well as links to area agencies that can also help you and your loved one.

**www.crossroadhouse.com**

I first became acquainted with Crossroads in January of 2010. My father-in-law Joseph Tabone, went there to find peace for his final time on earth. The care my father-in-law received was truly a blessing; they treated our whole family like royalty from the moment we walked in the door till the time my father-in-law passed away. I could not believe that such a place existed, but we found it. Upon arrival to Crossroads, we were greeted by an overwhelming amount of people so eager to help, making you comfortable, making coffee/tea for you, anything you needed they were there to offer it to you.

The aura of this house is calm, peaceful, and so full of love and compassion; I couldn't help but want to be there. I knew right away that I wanted to be a volunteer there, so I began the process. I haven't been there long, but I have enjoyed being a part of Crossroads, meeting some incredible people, caring for people who truly appreciate what you do for them. It is such a rewarding experience!

**Susan Tabone**

Family member and volunteer



**Flower Quilt**

Donated by the Quilt Ministry of St. Mary's, Batavia. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 each at CH or other fundraisers. Raffle will be held on September 25, 2010 at the *Musical Memories Concert* at City Church.

### **Crossroads House Candy Vending Machines**

Look for our new candy vending machines at area businesses! All proceeds of these machines go directly to CH. If you're a business owner and would like a CH Vending machine in your business, please call Crossroads House at:  
585-343-3892.

### **How to Leave a Legacy**

Did you know there are ways to support Crossroads House without writing a check? One of the most popular ways is to include us in your will. It's very simple to do. You can specify an amount or a percentage of your estate to be donated. Check with your attorney or financial advisor to get the exact language you need. And be sure to advise us of your bequest so that we may properly thank you for your generous support.

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**United Way Campaign Donation**

Please consider donating to CH through a designated United Way Pledge. We are greater Rochester United Way donor #2330. For Erie County United Way, please write CH as designated Charity.

**SEFA**

Crossroads House is approved for the 2009 Statewide SEFA Campaign. We are listed in the 2010 Directory or just write "Crossroads House" in the campaign area of the Pledge Form.

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My gift is \_\_\_\_ In memory of

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\_\_\_\_ I am interested in Crossroads House Endowment Program.

Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Information: Visa & MasterCard**

Please deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from my credit card **each month**. I can stop this immediately by calling Crossroads House Office at 343-3419.

Please deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from my credit card **once only**.

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Card 3 digit verification number from back: \_\_\_\_\_

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