

**Upcoming Events**

**June**

Nurse Assistant Week  
**7th- Night of Hope Gala**



**July**

2026 Pet Peace of Mind  
 Calendar Kickoff

4th- Independence Day

**August**

Board of Directors  
 Appreciation

**Growing through Grief  
 Support Groups:**

**Open to anyone  
 in the community!**

Mondays: 10:00 am - noon.

Tuesdays: 3:30 pm - 5 pm.

The meetings will be at the  
 Hospice of the Ozarks  
 Administration Building.

3rd Thursday of the month from  
 2 pm - 4 pm at Kirby & Family  
 Funeral Home 717 Central Blvd,  
 Bull Shoals .

**call: 870-508-1771**

**2025 Board of Directors**

**We greatly appreciate  
 your dedicated service!**

**Joe Dillard - President**

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**Art Stone - Secretary**

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**Barbara Mallett**

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**Estella Rhoades**

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**For information on  
 upcoming events visit:**

**[hospiceoftheozarks.org](http://hospiceoftheozarks.org)**



**Hospice, a reflection of a history and a vision for the future**

Hospice of the Ozarks (HotO) is 46 years old in Baxter and Marion counties. This is an amazing feat considering hospice care is only 51 years old in the U.S. As a not-for-profit, 501 © 3 organization, in the early years lead by volunteers with a vision and commitment, we continue to live and serve with the same dedication and passion. Throughout our history, men and women have stepped up with determination and discernment to ensure our area had strong and compassionate support during some of the toughest months of and individuals and/or family's life. In 1979 Dr. Carolyn Wilson, put together a group of dedicated volunteers to care for our community's seriously ill and their loved ones. As the organization strengthened, Dr. Wilson became the first Medical Director and Executive Director of HotO.

In 1986, HotO became affiliated with Baxter Health as a subsidiary of Baxter Regional Medical Center and began a partnership and to support to one another. The HotO Board of Directors and staff developed the first and only inpatient unit serving Baxter and Marion counties called the Hospice House. Opening on December 5, 2005, **this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Hospice House, and we are excited to announce we will host an Open House and encourage our community to stop by and see this beautiful 12-private room facility later this year.**

In 2019, a brand new administration building for HotO opened on Burnett Drive adjacent to the Hospice House. This building includes medical equipment storage, and working space for all professionals and volunteers serving others through the in-home hospice care program.

In 2025, the landscape for hospice care providers in Arkansas was threatened by proposed legislation that would open the door for state-wide provider saturation, but thanks to many dedicated individuals in Baxter and Marion counties and throughout Arkansas, the legislation was defeated for at least the next two years.

As I reflect on the 13 years I have been at HotO, I am in awe of the countless individuals who have contributed with their time, resources, dedication, vision, passion and strength. To say we are humbled is an understatement, while at the same time; we acknowledge the power of like-minded people coming together, leaving a legacy for generations to come.



In Our Mission's Service,

*Doug Wood*



**20  
 YEARS**

This year, the Hospice of the Ozarks Hospice House will have been the crown jewel to the Twin Lakes Community for 20 years! We are incredibly humbled by the many people who made the Hospice House a reality and privileged to care for the many precious souls who have traveled through our doors. We want to ensure future generations benefit from the Hospice House for many years to come and just like 20 years ago, we are asking our community to help. As with any structure, wear and tear can take its toll over time. A new roof had to be installed recently due to damage, but many more improvements are needed both exterior and interior, including flooring, fixtures & cosmetic updates and modernizations.

We are seeking financial gifts to support this important need. Your contributions will enable us to provide support and fill a great need for patients and their loved ones. We THANK YOU for your contribution and EVERY gift matters!

**TO MAKE A DONATION:**

Pay online at: [www.hospiceoftheozarks.org](http://www.hospiceoftheozarks.org)

Or please Scan the QR code:

Mail a donation, add memo: "Hospice House 20th"

**Hospice of the Ozarks (870) 508-1771**

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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

In April we celebrated our incredible volunteers by coming together for an abundant potluck, bursting with home-cooked goodness. Many of our staff joined to share in this family meal and also to express how much they appreciate the volunteers' unwavering commitment to hospice. Every volunteer who serves, brings something essential to the table and makes it possible for us to continue to serve the Twin Lakes area as the only not-for-profit hospice. There were milestone awards given out in acknowledgment for years of service and most hours worked in 2024.

**If anyone is interested in volunteering at Hospice of the Ozarks and joining this outstanding team of people, contact Deanna our Volunteer Coordinator- 870-508-1771**



## Camp Willow

Even on a rainy, cloudy day, Camp Willow shined with hope and healing. Our spring session brought together a record number of families who honored their loved ones with courage, love, and shared memories. All those present embarked on a heartwarming journey by engaging in a range of meaningful activities and crafts, while also enjoying some fun and games.

If you know a child who has experienced the death of a loved one, please share Camp Willow with them and their family. It's a space for support, remembrance, and connection. Mark your calendars for the upcoming camp this fall **Saturday, Oct 4th** and help your child embark on a journey of healing.



**Our mission: To improve the quality of life for individuals and their families in the last phases of an incurable illness and in times of grief.**

### **Our annual Pet Peace of Mind Calendar Contest is about to commence!!**

Get those fluffy favorites groomed and glamorous because from July 10th - 24th all you pet lovers can upload a digital photo of your beloved companion to appear in the 2026 wall calendar. Voting will be held between August 1st to August 15th. Entry fee is \$5 per photo (this also counts as your first 5 votes).

**The Pet Peace of Mind Program is dedicated to keeping people nearing their end of life and their precious pets together for as long as possible.**

**For more information, keep your eyes peeled on our social media and visit our website. July will be here before you know it!**

