



Upcoming Events

March

Social Work Month
 Physicians' Day

April

Admin Professionals week
 Volunteer Appreciation week
18th- Camp Willow
22nd- 5 Wishes Workshop

May

Nurse Appreciation Week

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 6TH 2026

A Night of
HOPE
Gala

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

The 2026 Pet Peace of Mind Calendar

-  For the 2026 calendar we had a record breaking 186 photo submissions!
-  We sold 516 calendars nation wide



For information on upcoming events visit: hospiceoftheozarks.org



Main Office: 811 Burnett Drive
 Hospice House: 774 Long Street

A Milestone to Celebrate

We recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Hospice House! There was a wonderful turnout at the event, including many who played a role during the development phase of the Hospice House.

This anniversary was not just a look back, but a reminder of what compassion can build and an inspiration for the decades ahead. Despite the obstacles, our legacy stands strong, our mission endures, and our vision for the future continues to grow. As the needs of our community continue to change, Hospice of the Ozarks stands ready to meet them with unwavering dedication and excellence as always!

"THANK YOU" to everyone who was able to attend the celebration but also to the MANY extraordinary people including physicians, nurses, aides, social workers, chaplains, volunteers, administrative staff, board members, donors, and community partners who have been part of this journey and played a role in shaping who we are today, we are deeply grateful!



Caregiver Support Groups

It has been over a year since we breathed fresh life into a once dormant care giver support group. I find this a fitting metaphor, because "breathing fresh life" into each other is exactly what happens within the walls of our conference room. Attending a meeting for the first time can be intimidating to think about, but I assure you that the reality you will find in our group is a soft, safe space to (as we say) "feel all the feels". Our support group has been a lifeline for some, buoying their head back above the surface and filling their lungs with air.

Each week we discuss the challenges that have presented themselves. It's not uncommon for caregivers to have similar struggles, and often sharing those burdens results in a few helpful ideas for the future. We've shared recipes, gardening tips, many laughs, and a few tears. Currently, we have the same number of men as women attending proving that illness does not discriminate. We have fun in our group, which is something that caregivers don't always find time for and we always end on a positive note. The very first care givers that dared to come, via zoom or in person, continue to faithfully attend as it has become a community that is walking this uncharted path together.

Anyone that is a caregiver can attend. You don't have to be on Hospice or Care Coaching services with us. You don't even have to live with the person that you are a caregiver for. If your loved one is in an assisted facility that doesn't negate that you continue to be a caregiver.

We meet every Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:00 pm in the Hospice Administration Building at 811 Burnett Drive, Mountain Home, AR. You can also join us on Zoom if you are unable to leave the person you are caring for. Download Zoom and open the app. Click join meeting. Enter Zoom Meeting ID: 853-1804-0500. If prompted for a passcode, enter 811. If you think this would be helpful to you, we would love to have you join us. For more information or assistance, please contact Carol Jackson at 870-232-0990 or Diana Tate at 870-508-1771.

The spring camp will be held **Saturday, April 18th from 9:00am-3:00pm**. Spring registration is due April 3rd. Attendees participate in arts, crafts, games and learning. The camp is for children ages of 6-18 and must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

If you or someone you know would benefit from the many grief and loss support services we offer, please contact our Bereavement Team at **870-508-1771**. ***"The camp was fun for me and my young boys. It brought us closer as a family & remembering our loved ones in meaningful and fun ways was wonderful"** -parent.*



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2025 In A Nutshell



Received a 5-star rating from Medicare!

\$5250 raised for Pet Peace of Mind Program!

562 families received bereavement support!

Our volunteers provided 7742 hours of service!

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.

Hospice of the Ozarks is hosting a FREE workshop with a panel of experts to assist you with completing the Five Wishes document. A complimentary copy will be provided for attendees.

Five Wishes is an advance directive that talks about your personal, emotional, and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP by April 15th to 870-508-1771 or by email at mbistey@baxterregional.org

FIVE WISHES
Workshop
April 22nd, 2026
12pm - 1pm



Hospice of the Ozarks
Administration Building
811 Burnett Drive - Mountain Home, AR

Our Giving Community

We would like to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to our gracious community of donors and partners for their continued support of our mission and purpose in 2025! From our Annual Gala to the End of Year Appeal, the generous response is truly humbling! The core of our 47-year history remains to serve and improve the quality of life for individuals & their families, including those with limited resources. No one is denied hospice care. Due to the generosity of many, we were able to offer over \$256,952 in charitable care to patients in 2025! On behalf of our patients and families, and the Hospice of the Ozarks Team, THANK YOU from each and every one of us!



Congratulations to our recipients of the 2025 Pat Steger Memorial Service Award! This distinction of exceptional service is through peer nominations.

From left to right:
Sonya Breckenridge, R.N.
Admissions Coordinator
Susan Diederichs, L.P.N.
Hospice House Nurse

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A NIGHT OF HOPE GALA

IN THE TWIN LAKES AREA FOR 2025!

Thank you for this honor and distinction, for your support and the trust you bestow upon us. With your blessing, we will continue to serve our community which is our mission, our passion and purpose.