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LIFE-ENHANCING CARE

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Your generous gift makes a difference in the care and lives of future patients and their families.

Here are just a few of the ways you can make an impact:

- Include Samaritan in your will or estate plan.
- Become a member of the Circle of Caring with a gift of \$100 or more.
- Place a Commemorative Paver at The Samaritan Center at Voorhees.
- Designate Samaritan to receive Memorial Gifts in lieu of flowers.

All contributions remain in the local community, benefiting your family, friends, and neighbors right here in South Jersey.

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Dignity, Respect, Comfort

MARY'S FINAL DAYS SURROUNDED BY HER DAUGHTERS

Mary Gullo was a two-time cancer survivor who lived a full life devoted to her family and faith. At age 93, doctors discovered that Mary's blood count was very low. Her cancer was back.

With an advanced directive in place, her daughters Carol and Mary Beth knew what their mother wanted. Mary chose comfort. Carol and Mary Beth chose Samaritan. "The Samaritan Center in Voorhees was beautiful and quiet. Everyone was so kind and gracious," they said.

Not only did the staff members treat their mom with dignity and respect, but they cared for Carol and Mary Beth, too. "The staff were instinctively there for us without being intrusive or overwhelming," they recalled.

Two staff members the sisters will never forget are Gary Schmidt, spiritual support counselor, and Charity Jones, music therapist. Gary prayed at Mary's bedside. Charity sang the hymn "In the Garden," which was one of her favorites.

After a week's stay at the Center, Mary's family said, "We are so grateful for the care we received from Samaritan. She couldn't have been in a better place."

Carol and Mary Beth asked all those who cared for Mary to make a donation to Samaritan in lieu of flowers. Collectively, these donations can do so much.

Photo: Mary Gallo and Peter, her husband of 60 years.



More Services to Help You in More Ways

YOU KNOW US FOR HOSPICE CARE. WE NOW OFFER SO MUCH MORE,



Now, we have more services to help more people in more places. If you know of someone who could benefit from these life-enhancing services, refer them today. We will offer them the same quality, compassionate care that we have shown your family, friends, and neighbors.

PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

For anyone living with serious illness. Care is provided in your home, nursing home, assisted living, hospital, and in an office setting.

PRIMARY CARE AT HOME

For anyone who has at least one medical condition and is homebound. Care is provided in your home, nursing home, or assisted living community.

Launching New Advanced Cardiac Care Program

We are proud to announce that we're offering an Advanced Cardiac Program in collaboration with the American Heart Association (AHA) and National Partnership for Hospice Innovation (NPHI). We understand that the up-to-date, evidence-based treatment guidelines from NPHI and the AHA are lifelines to our patients — and that is what we are all about – doing what is best for our patients and their families.

Cardiovascular complications contribute to roughly 40% of all COVID-19-related deaths. Do not put off seeking care for your heart failure.

– Dr. Joshua Crasner, Virtua Cardiologist and Samaritan Board of Trustees Member

Heart Failure Question & Answer

WITH DR. JOSHUA CRASNER

Joshua M. Crasner, DO, is a board-certified cardiologist with Virtua Health and a member of the Samaritan board of trustees. See what he has to say about heart failure and Samaritan's new Advanced Cardiac Program.

Q: What is one thing everyone should understand about heart failure?

A: Once a person is diagnosed with heart failure, they will need the resources to manage this condition for the rest of their life. It is still very possible to live a long time with quality, comprehensive care.

Q: How can someone living with heart failure benefit from this program?

A: With Samaritan healthcare providers ensuring that all of their care is coordinated, people can stay at home where they are most comfortable and avoid frequent emergency room visits and costly hospital stays.

Q: If a person living with heart failure already sees a primary care doctor and/or cardiologist, why would they benefit from having a Samaritan physician as part of their care team?

A: Samaritan's healthcare providers specialize in symptom and pain management. They can offer an added layer of support to help improve their quality of life, helping them live their best life every day. Also, they can help them identify and document their goals of care, which empowers them and gives them a say in care.

Q: What does Samaritan offer that makes them different?

A: Samaritan provides holistic care that addresses spiritual and emotional needs as well as physical. Care is provided by a team of doctors, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, home health aides, spiritual support counselors, and volunteers.

Q: With so many healthcare providers in the area focusing on heart care, why choose Samaritan for heart failure?

A: Samaritan is the only healthcare provider in New Jersey partnered with the AHA and NPHI. Also, Samaritan has been recognized by Strategic Healthcare Programs for achieving an overall caregiver and family satisfaction score that ranked in the top 20% of all participating healthcare organizations. Finally, The Joint Commission recently re-accredited the organization. This demonstrates that Samaritan provides quality, compassionate care to patients and their families.

Learn more about Samaritan's Advanced Cardiac Care Program

SamaritanNJ.org/Heart



Bathrobe or Ball Gown: Samaritan Hosts Its First-Ever Virtual Gala

Approximately 100 guests joined us online for our first-ever virtual Celebration of Life Gala, presented by Holman Enterprises, that raised more than \$142,000 in charitable support. The money raised from the event benefits seriously ill patients and their families, as well as those grieving a loss – right here in South Jersey. As a not-for-profit provider, support from generous donors enables us to offer more services to more patients and their families.

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Join us, **The Richardson Family Dealerships**, and the region's corporate leaders as we DRIVE FORE! A Good Cause on June 28, 2021.

Support our charitable mission of service to the community while connecting with old friends, meeting new ones, and enjoying the game of golf. Sponsorship opportunities are available now!

For more information, you can visit SamaritanNJ.org/Golf or contact Katelin Spooner at (856) 552-3239 or KSpooner@SamaritanNJ.org.

New Board Members

Samaritan welcomes two returning members to our board of trustees: Rhonda Cates and Roy Fazio.



Rhonda is director of HR financial administration at the University of Pennsylvania.

Roy, returning for his fourth term on our board during the last four decades, is a retired staffing executive.



The board of trustees is comprised of a growing, diverse group of community leaders and are among a 600-member volunteer base. A group of dedicated volunteers started Samaritan 40 years ago and remain the heartbeat of our organization.

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Request a Samaritan Speaker

You know how our services can help patients and all those who care about them. Help us spread the word.

If you belong to a community- or faith-based organization and would like to have one of our experts share information with them on hospice care, palliative medicine, advanced directive planning, caring for the caregiver, or another topic, please email info@SamaritanNJ.org. We are now offering virtual education sessions to keep all those we serve safe and healthy.



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*Because of your referrals, volunteer time,
and generous donations, we are the largest
hospice provider in the state of New Jersey.
Thank you!*

Volunteer



Volunteers are finding creative ways to support Samaritan. There are many ways that you can help Samaritan from your home. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sharon Wenner at (856) 552-3238.

Grief Support



Our Center for Grief Support continues to support the community through support groups that are now being offered online. Visit our website for a variety of groups, dates, and times.

Highlighting the Role of Palliative and Hospice Care during Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the way everyone in healthcare delivers care, including hospice care and palliative medicine providers. As hands-on medical experts, we quickly adapted to social distancing safety measures to protect the health and safety of all those we serve.



We quickly changed our process for in-person visits. We also began offering telemedicine visits, online grief support groups, and video resources to provide virtual care and support to patients and families. In addition, we began daily screening and regular testing of our staff.

From the beginning of the pandemic, we saw an increase in palliative and hospice patients. Many patients who came to our inpatient centers had been alone, without any visitors in hospitals or rehabilitation centers. With added safety precautions, we were able to allow families to visit patients.

For all of us, whether we've needed to access healthcare services or not, the pandemic has reminded us that it's important to plan ahead. Make arrangements that empower you to have a say when you may not be able to speak for yourself.

To request a copy of *Five Wishes*, a legal advanced directive document, visit our website.