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# HELPING HANDS

## Samaritan to Open Area's First Free-standing Hospice Center



The planned Samaritan Center at Voorhees is slated to open next year.

### The Samaritan Center at Voorhees Projected 2016 Opening

#### BENEFITS

- Capacity to serve more than 1,100 patients and families annually
- A positive community resource and presence
- Fulfillment of Samaritan's charitable mission
- A natural environment

#### FEATURES

- Approximately 30,000 square feet
- 18 private rooms
- Each six-room patient wing includes a country kitchen, dining room, family room, and children's alcove
- Gardens within view of every room
- An inviting lobby and reception area
- A 98-seat community education center, located apart from patient wings
- A meditation chapel, counseling rooms, and conference space
- A main office for our physician group, Palliative Medical Partners

As Samaritan celebrates its 35th anniversary, we are embarking on an important journey – one that will help thousands of people in our region as they face one of life's most difficult challenges.

We are creating Samaritan's first – and South Jersey's only – free-standing inpatient hospice. **The Samaritan Center at Voorhees** will provide compassionate end-of-life care for people whose pain and symptoms require a higher level of round-the-clock support.

*“From your first turn into the property, every aspect of the new Center will be designed for comfort and tranquility, while also being highly functional.”*

— Mary Ann Boccolini  
President & CEO

## Samaritan Marks 35 Years of Service

In 1980, a group of grassroots volunteers realized their dream to create South Jersey's first hospice. From the streets of Moorestown to the halls of Congress, they forged this new concept into a federally mandated benefit, and improved the lives of millions.

Founded in a Moorestown church basement and later moving to a nearby house, Samaritan has grown dramatically over the years. We now serve a 2,200 square-mile region from multiple sites: our headquarters in Marlton, Resource Center in Somers Point, Inpatient Hospice Center in Mount Holly – and soon, our planned Samaritan Center at Voorhees.

The dream demanded nurturing, and people – whom many call angels – answered the call. These angels care and are cared

for. They share their time, their talents, their expertise, and their support.

Our Family of Services has grown to meet our community's ever-changing needs. Our name also changed to reflect our diversity.

Thanks to our generous community, we continue to embrace moments, stir hope, create memories, and foster dignity through the gifts of our programs and services.

We have remained true to our founders' charitable mission: to comfort the sick, the dying, the grieving, and the frail. Together, we are creating a more compassionate community in which to live!



#### IDEAL LOCATION

- Tucked off of Route 73, it's the best of both worlds – a secluded, wooded setting that feels “away from it all,” yet offers easy access to major roadways
- Close proximity to parts of Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Atlantic counties
- Within 10 miles of five acute-care hospitals

More information:  
[SamaritanNJ.org/voorhees](http://SamaritanNJ.org/voorhees)

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## The Motown Gala - A Groovy Affair!

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From left: Samaritan President/CEO Mary Ann Boccolini, Circle of Excellence Awardee Mindy Holman of Holman Enterprises, Inc., Samaritan Board Chair Liz Thomas of Thomas/Boyd Communications, and Guest Emcee Rick Williams of 6abc Action News

Snow and ice didn't stop more than 300 guests from dancing the night away at Samaritan's Motown Gala. Thanks to our guests, committee and board members, sponsors, advertisers, and donors, Samaritan grossed more than \$200,000 to support our programs and services that receive no reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance.

More photos inside!  
For complete photo gallery, visit [SamaritanNJ.org/gala](http://SamaritanNJ.org/gala).

## Samaritan Receives Prestigious Award from U.S. Military



NJ ESGR's state chair Don Tretola (center) presents the prestigious Seven Seals Award to Samaritan President/CEO Mary Ann Boccolini (right) and Board Chair Liz Thomas of Thomas /Boyd Communications

Samaritan received the U.S. Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's (ESGR) Seven Seals Award. The award cited Samaritan's excellent outreach to veterans and our achieving a Level-Four status in the national *We Honor Veterans* program supported by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Samaritan is one of only five hospices in New Jersey to have achieved four stars, this highest designation.

The Seven Seals Award is the broadest and most inclusive award given by ESGR in recognition of significant individual or organizational achievements or initiatives that support the ESGR mission to promote cooperation and understanding between military service members and civilian employees.

For more information: [SamaritanNJ.org/veterans](http://SamaritanNJ.org/veterans)

## Food for Thought – and Remembrance

*Daughters share grief, hope, and moms' favorite recipes*



Janet Curley (seated first from left) and other participants in Daughters without Mothers grief support group with bereavement counselor Nona Dawson-Land, MSW, LSW, CGT (back, fourth from left).

share our mom's story and our loss. The following sessions then focused more on us, as daughters, and how we could move through our grief."

For Janet, the grief group was the last in a series of Samaritan services she and her family received.

When Helene, "an old oncology nurse," decided it was time for hospice care, she chose Samaritan. Janet appreciated the hospice team's focus on both patient and family, and the way they respected her mother's wishes.

"Even though I am a nurse," said Janet, who has a doctoral degree in nursing, "I am not a hospice nurse. I appreciated the pastoral and spiritual support, and having medical back-up and guidance, knowing I could call at any time."

After her mom passed, Janet moved permanently to New Jersey to be closer to her sister, who has disabilities. "Samaritan's grief support helped me deal with multiple losses – the loss of my mom, of my home in Virginia, my job, a relationship. Samaritan has helped me as I create my new life here."

It was a sentiment echoed by other group participants as they gathered, remembered, and said, "Bon appétit!"

For Janet's tribute and Helene's recipes, please visit [SamaritanNJ.org/foodforthought](http://SamaritanNJ.org/foodforthought).

For the upcoming support group schedule, visit [SamaritanNJ.org/support-groups](http://SamaritanNJ.org/support-groups).

It was the last of eight sessions of the Daughters Without Mothers\* grief support group. With Bereavement Counselor Nona Dawson-Land, MSW, LSW, CGT, the eight women had journeyed together through grief and rallied through mutual support. Now, they prepared to celebrate their moms by sharing the foods they most associated with them.

"Nona encouraged us to share our best food memory – to spread Mom around, so to speak," said Janet Curley, who lost her mom Helene in February 2014. Nona then collated their shared recipes into a keepsake, copier-printed *Cooking with Our Mothers* cookbook.

Janet Curley's mom was such a good cook, that she submitted not one, but three recipes. She also felt inspired to

include a one-page tribute to Helene. In it, she reminisced, "My mother's rule was you did not have to like it, but you had to try it. Thus, with little effort she found ways for three young girls in the 1960s and 1970s to like spinach (in a salad with mushrooms, avocado, and an anchovy dressing), eat raw cauliflower with gusto (by serving it with a dip I still get raves about), and chicken livers (in pâté)."

She said, "When I cooked for friends and my extended family, the words, 'It's Helene's recipe' would have people trying new things and often loving them."

Janet praised the group's slow, steady progression toward coping with loss, and its focus on looking forward. "During the first session," she said, "Nona encouraged us to

\*The Samaritan Center for Grief Support receives no reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid, or commercial insurers. Center services, including support groups, are made possible through the generous support of our community.

## The Motown Gala – Thank you!

Despite blizzard conditions, this wonderful evening radiated warmth. New this year: Live creation and auction of *Celebration of Life* painting by Camden artist William Butler. Twenty-one "investors" (many pictured below) pooled their resources, bid \$10,250, and donated the art back to Samaritan to hang in our new Inpatient Hospice Center at Voorhees.



Gala Photos Credit: LuRey Photography

From left: Liz Thomas, John Gillespie, Frank Cardile, Bob Hoey, Mark Baiada, Mike Kotzen, Orsula Knowlton, Mark Hodges, Mary Ann Boccolini, Bob Kennedy, Rhonda Cates, artist William Butler, Mindy Holman, Jewelle Sutherland, Chris Chekouras, Jim Wujcik, Ed Hutchinson, Ken Depew, emcee Rick Williams – Donors not pictured: Mike Bozek, Bill Haines, Roy Fazio, Rob Curley, and Frank Monaghan



Mary Ann Boccolini (right) presents Mindy Holman with Samaritan's 2015 Circle of Excellence Award



Our tireless Gala Committee Co-Chairs (from left) Dianna Geist, Rhonda Cates, and Jim Wujcik

## Hospice Tips from Consumer Reports

*New guidelines help families make best decisions for end-of-life care*

As our aging population continues to grow, more of us will need to make complex care decisions for ourselves and our loved ones. So, how can a family be assured that they are choosing a quality hospice program?

The October 2014 issue of *Consumer Reports* tackled this timely question. We're proud to report that Samaritan met or exceeded this independent, trusted source's six criteria.

Consumer Reports	Samaritan	Samaritan Fact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not-for-Profit</li> <li>20 Years Experience</li> </ul>	<b>YES!</b>	South Jersey's first and largest hospice, celebrating 35th anniversary in 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24/7 Hospice-Certified Physicians and Nurses</li> </ul>	<b>YES!</b>	Six physicians board-certified in hospice & palliative medicine; dedicated on-call staff for timely response on nights, weekends, holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palliative Care</li> </ul>	<b>YES!</b>	Samaritan's Palliative Medical Partners physician practice offers consultations, care, and supportive decision-making for the pain, symptoms, and stresses of serious illness from diagnosis through hospice care at end of life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inpatient Center</li> </ul>	<b>YES!</b>	Inpatient Hospice Center in Mount Holly offers 12 private beds; groundbreaking for a second Center will take place this spring/summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities</li> </ul>	<b>YES!</b>	Hospice care is delivered wherever our patients live in the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicare-Certified</li> </ul>	<b>YES!</b>	State-licensed, Medicare/Medicaid-certified, and voluntarily accredited by The Joint Commission



From left: Virtua Voorhees Nursing Services Director Patricia Bowen, RN, author, psychologist, therapist, and radio host Dr. Dan Gottlieb, and Samaritan Chief Medical Officer Dr. Stephen Goldfine

## Sharing Expertise

Samaritan was a proud co-sponsor with Virtua of *Relationship-based Care at the End of Life*, a recent continuing educational workshop for healthcare professionals.

Chief Medical Officer Stephen Goldfine, MD, joined expert presenters from Virtua and The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Dr. Dan Gottlieb, host of WHYY's *Voices in the Family*.

Dr. Goldfine presented the interactive program *Timely Conversations*, about the importance of discussing end-of-life wishes around the kitchen table during non-crisis times, rather than in the ICU.

For a *Timely Conversations* presentation at your community or work group, please visit [SamaritanNJ.org/think-talk-act](http://SamaritanNJ.org/think-talk-act).