

# You Make Meaningful Moments Possible



FALL 2020

## Caring during COVID

Event lights not dimmed

2019 Annual Report

Get to know: *Teresa Souers*

Why I give

Visiting Nurse



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Visiting Nurse provides compassionate care to alleviate suffering and ensure quality of life for those affected by serious illness. We care for those who go on living as well. Our grief services are available at no charge for any adult who has experienced the loss of a loved one. We proudly serve these Indiana counties: Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, Jay, Noble, Wabash, Wells and Whitley.

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# Letter from the CEO



Dear friends -

It may seem strange to talk about gratitude during these tumultuous times. So why am I grateful today? It's because of the support Visiting Nurse has received ever since COVID-19 arrived and upended our world. Support from corporations, foundations and individuals just like you have helped provide Personal Protective Equipment so that

our frontline caregivers can continue to care for the most medically fragile residents of northern Indiana. These unbudgeted expenses were overwhelming to Visiting Nurse and the support we received from supporters like you allowed us to safely provide care to our patients.

I'm grateful, too, for our Hospice Heroes who continued to work during these difficult times to provide unbroken and compassionate care for the hundreds of people who rely on our hospice and palliative care, as well as grief support. We have instituted a new fund for these Hospice Heroes: the Employee Impact Fund will help our staffers continue their educations at no cost to them. You can donate with the enclosed envelope or online at [www.vnfw.org/donate](http://www.vnfw.org/donate).

As an organization we are also grateful for the partnership that took place with Family LifeCare earlier this year. Bringing two like-minded, mission-driven, nonprofit and community-based organizations together has been such a phenomenal experience. We are thankful for the employees, volunteers and Board Members who have worked together with the goal of making this collaboration a success for the communities in which we serve.

I'm grateful as well for you, our supporters, whose donations of time, talent and treasure have ensured that our 132-year tradition of caring for northern Indiana's most vulnerable will continue. Your support means that anyone with a serious or life-limiting illness can receive not only medical care, but emotional and spiritual support as well. Our team of social workers, chaplains, grief counselors, music therapists and volunteers join with me and our medical team in saying THANK YOU! You make meaningful moments possible every day.

Serving with you,

Leslie Friedel, CEO

## THANK YOU

To our committed  
A Toast to Life sponsors  
for continuing to support  
Visiting Nurse by honoring  
our Hospice Heroes!

Tribute Partners



Celebration Partners



Event Partners



## Event lights not dimmed

Like most nonprofits, Visiting Nurse has been forced to reevaluate and revise our events calendar quickly due to COVID-19. While some events lend themselves to a virtual version, some do not. Visiting Nurse's three events and fundraisers all have been impacted. We were forced to cancel one event, our very first Rise to Remember Memorial Walk and Grief Center Fundraiser, which was set to take place in June. Its goal was to raise \$25,000 in funds to help support the work that the Grief Center does as well as to celebrate the five-year anniversary of the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center.

Our annual A Toast to Life fundraising event, centered around dining and an in-person demonstration of support of our mission, could not be duplicated virtually. So, we made the disappointing decision to move away from a virtual event and towards a mail campaign to help raise the \$60,000 in funds that the Toast to Life was budgeted to raise. While the campaign has just launched, we are confident that our dedicated supporters, like you, will help as much as you are able so that we can continue to provide compassionate care for those impacted by illness during this very trying time.

While A Toast to Life was not able to be in person or online, we are able to keep Holiday Memorial Service and Tree Lighting in a virtual format. The beloved tradition of remembering lost loved ones at the beginning of the holiday season will go on, albeit not at an in-person event. With the assistance of local

videographers, we will be launching a video lighting of the tree, complete with CEO remarks, a family testimonial, the Fort Wayne Children's Choir and the opportunity to make memorial tributes to those who have passed, which will be released to the public at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22. We are very pleased to be able to continue this event in this alternative format; it is a touching celebration for all those involved.

We appreciate your continued support of and interest in Visiting Nurse, especially in these difficult times. The strain put on the agency to provide unbudgeted items, rearrange and change events, keep families and staff safe has been intense. We are so grateful for your help in allowing us to do this so that we can continue to provide compassionate care for the families in the 11 northern Indiana counties that we serve. Thank you.

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# 2019 Annual Report

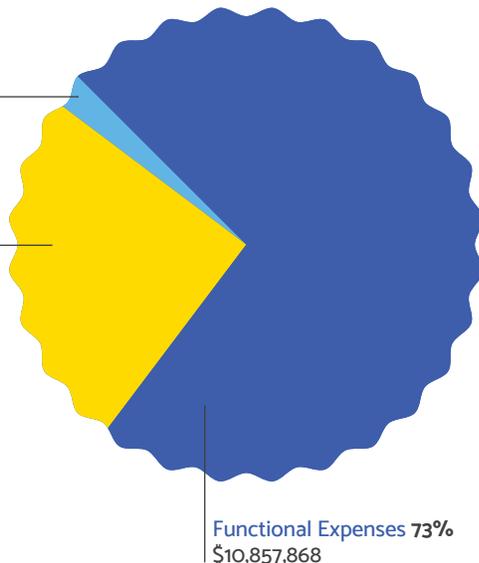
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Expenses

Total: \$14,797,915

Fundraising 2%  
\$282,634

Administrative Expenses 25%  
\$3,657,413



### Assets

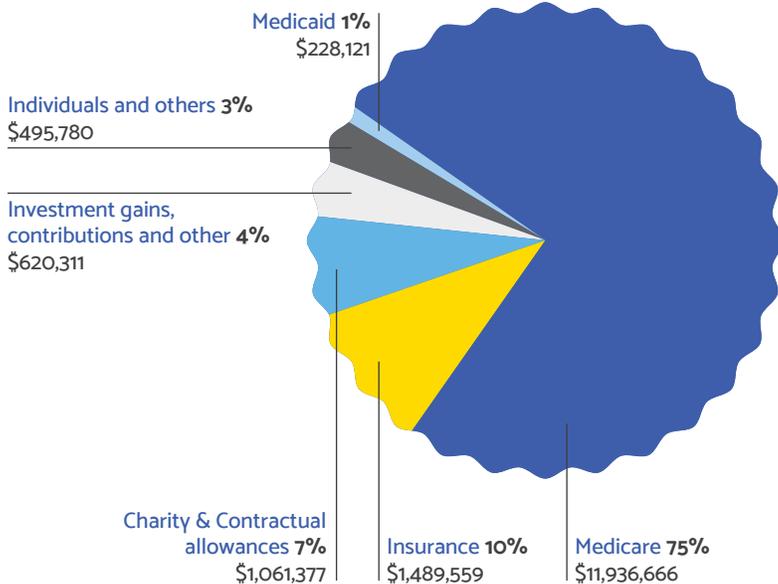
Cash .....	\$301,125
Investments.....	\$11,769,913
Accounts Receivable .....	\$3,335,512
Prepaid Expenses.....	\$67,780
Contributions Receivable.....	\$0
Property and Equipment .....	\$6,250,313
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$21,724,643</b>

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable.....	\$1,280,460
Accrued Expenses.....	\$377,930
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$1,658,390</b>

### Patient Services Revenue

Total: \$15,831,814



### Net Assets

Unrestricted .....	\$19,614,878
Temporarily Restricted .....	\$73,000
Permanently Restricted.....	\$99,286
<b>Total Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$19,787,164</b>

### Functional Expenses

Hospice at Home .....	\$5,905,097
Inpatient Facilities.....	\$3,398,156
Palliative Care.....	\$1,554,615
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10,857,868</b>

Our Mission: Visiting Nurse provides compassionate care to alleviate suffering and ensure quality of life for those affected by serious illness.



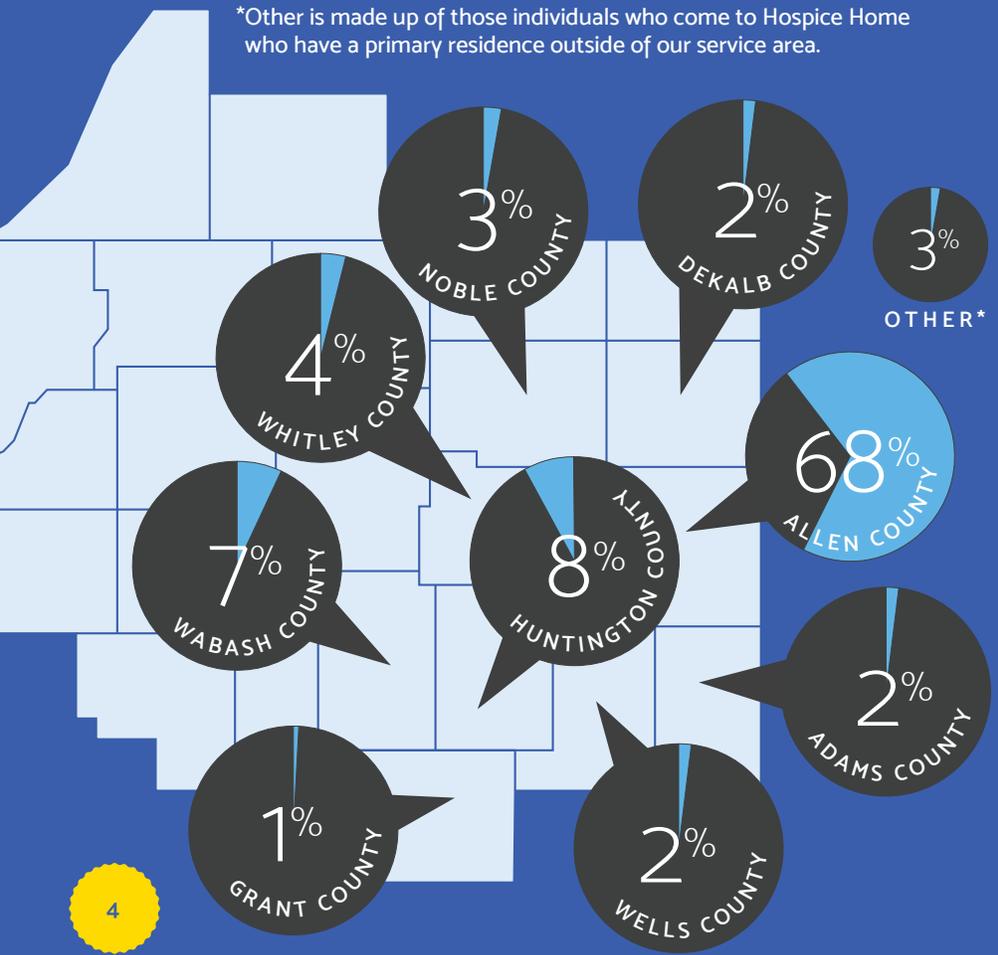
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# 2019 Patient Data



## Visiting Nurse Patients by County

\*Other is made up of those individuals who come to Hospice Home who have a primary residence outside of our service area.



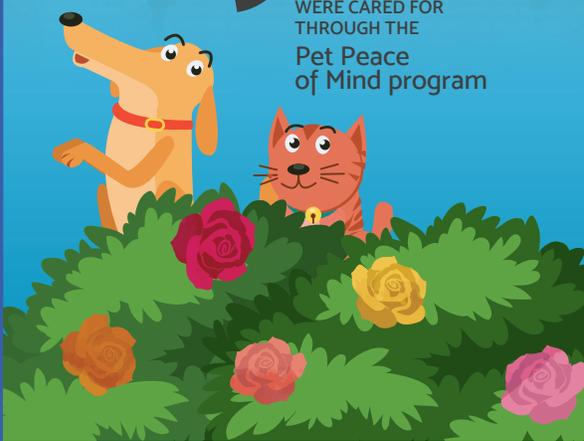
**400**  
POUNDS OF  
Birdseed  
USED IN 2019



PEOPLE FROM  
39 states & 2 countries  
HAVE JOINED TO HELP SUPPORT  
Visiting Nurse  
through donations



**9** pets  
WERE CARED FOR  
THROUGH THE  
Pet Peace  
of Mind program



**28** VARIETIES OF  
Roses on the Visiting Nurse campus



HOSPICE PATIENTS WERE  
**Veterans of the  
 Armed Services**

Visiting Nurse is a partner of the We Honor Veterans program with the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. Our goal is to:

- Thank veterans for their service to our country
- Provide veterans with an opportunity to tell their stories
- Respect their service, their feelings and suggestions they may offer for increasing access to care for veterans
- Show appreciation for the families of veterans and support them as they support their loved one
- Link veterans and their families to services and benefits available to them

**1 in 4** Dying Americans is a Veteran

Number of Patient Visits



# GET TO KNOW

# Teresa Sowers

## Hospital Liaison LPN

# 10

### QUESTIONS



- 1 How long have you been with Visiting Nurse and what is your role?**

I've been with Visiting Nurse since March 2019. I'm a Hospital Liaison LPN.
- 2 How did you decide to become a nurse?**

My mom was a nurse and after she got off of work, I would comb her hair to relax her. She told me I had "nurses' hands." I was 3 years old, and I KNEW I was going to be a nurse someday!
- 3 What do you like about your position?**

I love helping families navigate through this ever-changing medical field. They are so overwhelmed with everything and I tell them, their job is to love on their loved one and let Visiting Nurse take care of the rest for them.
- 4 Why did you choose to come to Visiting Nurse?**

It was a God thing. My job with the hospitalist as a rounding nurse was ending and I literally bumped into Jamie Pepler NP, who told me about this job.
- 5 What have your patients taught you?**

To LISTEN. Everyone has a story to share.
- 6 What is a common question that families ask you?**

When is my loved one going to pass?
- 7 What's something that people would be surprised to know about you?**

I can still do the splits (and NO, I won't show anyone).
- 8 If you could have a super power, what would it be and why?**

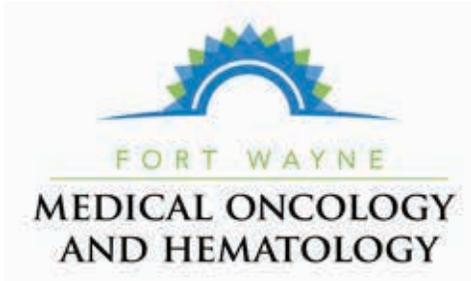
Super speed. So I can be anywhere, anytime!
- 9 What do you do for fun?**

Ride bike, walks in the woods with my Danadoodle, Luci, and spend time with my family/friends.
- 10 What would you say to someone who wants to learn about Visiting Nurse services?**

Call Visiting Nurse early! Let us help you through this journey. Hospice does not mean an immediate death. Our team is here to help you or your loved one maintain a quality of life during this time of need.

# Thank You

Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology is proud of our ongoing connection with Visiting Nurse. Our patients' lives are touched daily by their dedication, fortitude, and loving care. Together, we will continue to fight cancer and care for our patients.



## Here's to the frontline heroes!

In a time when healthcare heroes are more precious than ever, Beers Mallers is especially proud of our partnership with Visiting Nurse. We are grateful for their exceptional care and commitment to serving others. Thank you!

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Why I give:

*Becky Henry*

I first became involved with Visiting Nurse Hospice Home as a member of the Board of Directors. I was so impressed with the Mission of Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home I chose to become a volunteer. There are so many ways to serve both Visiting Nurse and the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center. I have to say, it was when I personally experienced the professional and loving care given to beloved family and dear friends during their illnesses and final days of life that I realized what a treasure Visiting Nurse is for all of us. The respect and dignity extended to all patients is a constant example of true commitment to our mission. I am honored to be a Visiting Nurse volunteer!



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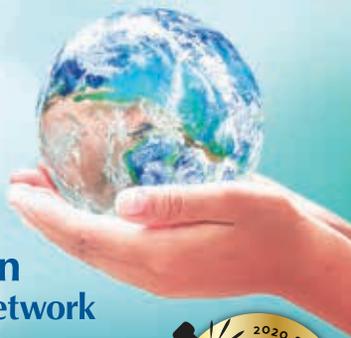
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## WE'RE PROUD TO SUPPORT Visiting Nurse

While our world has changed, one thing never will—our commitment to caring for our patients. As we all embrace the “new normal,” we value strong relationships with organizations who share the same goals and are steadfast in their mission to serve our community.



# Visiting Nurse and Family LifeCare: Partnering for the Future



Family LifeCare of Berne was formed in 1996 by area hospitals in order to provide hospice services to residents of Adams County and Wells County. I had the honor of serving as Chairman of the Family LifeCare Board of Directors for several years. We have been very lucky to have two compassionate and talented Chief Medical Officers: first, Dr. Wiebe from 1996 – 2019, and most recently, Dr. Edmond Bendaly. Led by our CEO, Derick Bailey, our caring staff has always been committed to providing the best possible medical care for patients facing the end of life.

The opportunity to partner with Visiting Nurse came at a fitting time for both organizations. We completed our merger shortly before the coronavirus pandemic hit Indiana. The financial strength of the combined organizations has allowed us to continue to provide excellent patient care in a wider service area, even amidst the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19.

You may wonder why I use the term “us,” when our organization -technically- no longer exists on paper. That’s because the people who made Family LifeCare a vibrant and compassionate organization have continued their mission by bringing their talents to Visiting Nurse. The board members of Family LifeCare have all joined the board of Visiting Nurse. The employees of Family LifeCare continue as employees of Visiting Nurse. The mission of Family LifeCare lives on every day with Visiting Nurse, providing the highest quality patient care in a dynamic and growing organization.

- Keith Huffman, Visiting Nurse Board of Directors



Family LifeCare  
A service of Visiting Nurse

# Caring during COVID



Although this newsletter highlights statistics from 2019, we would be remiss in not providing you an update on how COVID-19 has impacted Visiting Nurse and the way we care for our community. Our commitment to caring for those through our various services has never wavered. We have continued to meet the needs of patients, families and grief clients despite these challenging times. We have only been

able to continue to care for those in need because of YOU! Since March we have received donations of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), cloth masks, hand sanitizer and financial commitments that have allowed for us to keep our staff, patients, families and grief clients safe.

Because Visiting Nurse is an independent nonprofit organization, we are able to make decisions quickly to meet the needs of our patients. Facing a pandemic is not new to Visiting Nurse, in 1918, we provided care in the midst of the flu that ravaged the world. Those who

originally established Visiting Nurse and those who work here today have a keen sense of tenacity and commitment to caring for individuals who are facing the end of life. Our nurses, home health aides, chaplains and social workers have trudged through snow, driven through pounding rain and now risk their own health to ensure that each patient and family are provided with the absolute best care possible.

Since March, Visiting Nurse has closely followed the recommendations set by Indiana's governor to help align our restrictions by what has been set at the state level. One of the first steps that we took as an agency was to ensure our staff members were given adequate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and supplies. Through the late spring and summer we moved to close our administrative offices and asked staff to work from home temporarily. Throughout this time, our clinical team members continued to see patients in skilled nursing facilities, hospitals and residential homes across our service area. We have continued to stay in contact with our healthcare partners to ensure we are taking proper precautions to keep patients and staff safe.

If you were to ask our staff some of the biggest challenges of this pandemic, some would say is not being able to embrace our patients and family members. Prior to COVID, a handshake and a hug were part of our everyday; now we are unable to provide that comfort and we are instead looking into the eyes of those we serve while wearing a mask.



Depending on the location of the patient, our team members are the way that family members can connect with their loved ones because of the visitation restrictions that have been put into place. Family members wait for our calls to know how their loved ones are doing – we help to keep that connection going and to be that presence when they cannot be there in person.

Hospice Home, our hospice facility in Fort Wayne, has continued to stay open and care for patients throughout this year. Since January we've served nearly 300 patients in Hospice Home. Although we have put into place some additional guidelines to keep visitors safe, we have continued to be open and staffed 24/7 to provide excellent care.

Our grief counselors have continued to serve clients virtually by phone and through some video conferencing too. We continue to find that the impact that COVID has had on each of us has been indescribable. The normal grieving process has been interrupted and individuals are not receiving the closure that comes from sitting at the bedside in a hospital or attending a funeral service. In addition to counseling sessions and grief support groups, our grief team also created a webinar series, made possible by support received from Foellinger Foundation. Topics included: supporting those who are grieving during COVID-19; grief and fatigue among front-line healthcare workers; and grief in the time of COVID. These informative webinars can be accessed by going to [www.vnfw.org/webinars](http://www.vnfw.org/webinars).

During this pandemic, we have each had an opportunity to look at our lives and families through a new lens. Working for Visiting Nurse, we all know that time with family and friends is what matters most. We see patients and family members who are impacted everyday by the struggles of a serious illness and the grief that follows after the loss occurs. We are all looking at our parents, spouses, children, grandchildren, friends and loved ones a little differently these days. Through this pandemic, we have each been able to push pause, whether we wanted to or not, and reflect on what we value and create memories with those we hold most dear.

Thanks goes out to YOU for supporting Visiting Nurse to keep our staff, volunteers, patients, families and grief clients safe. Thank you for allowing our work to continue even when it seemed like the world came to a stop in 2020.



**We are so thankful for the outpouring of support we have received from our community. Some of those who have provided support include:**

- 3Rivers Federal Credit Union Foundation
- AWS Foundation
- Baade Foundation
- Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne
- DeKalb County Community Foundation
- Foellinger Foundation
- First Merchants
- Fort Wayne Newspapers
- Grant County Community Foundation
- Hotel Tango Distillery
- Huntington County Community Foundation
- Indiana Michigan Power
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Foundation
- NeighborLink
- Premier Truck Rental
- United Way of Adams County
- United Way of Allen County
- United Way of DeKalb County
- Whitley County Community Foundation



Visiting Nurse

## Kaitlyn Pozorski, Social Worker

“During this pandemic I have used personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect the community, myself, co-workers, patients and their families. Using PPE has allowed me to continue being present and provide quality care to my patients and their loved ones without the added worry of being unsafe during this critical time. Due to donor generosity, I have been able to provide patients and their families with cloth masks. I am extremely grateful to all of the donors to Visiting Nurse’s PPE campaign.”



## Michael Sprunger, Chaplain

“Throughout this time of dealing with Covid-19, I feel I’ve had the proper PPE, from prevention to protection. It is highly important. I am grateful to those who have and continue to support Visiting Nurse to make sure we have the proper PPE, as it prevents the spread of Covid-19 among our most important assets – our patients, staff and the loved ones we go home to every day.”

## Ashley Collins, RN

“Knowing that we are always supported and knowing that we have the PPE that we need allows me to have a peace of mind while going out and taking care of our patients.”



## David Wust, Grief Counselor

“PPE has enabled us to continue with in-person grief counseling. While we offer the options of phone and videoconferencing as means to receive counseling, PPE along with the use of hand sanitizer, practicing social-distancing, and cleaning after each client has given us the ability to continue with face-to-face sessions.”

## DO YOU NEED A WILL?

Please join us on October 21st or October 22nd for help with your FREE will, thanks to Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin’s estate-planning team. You can get a simple will done for free if you leave a gift of any size to the nonprofit of your choice. We would humbly ask that you consider directing that support to Visiting Nurse to help provide compassionate care to those impacted by serious illness. If you are interested, please contact Kelsey Conrad at [kelseyconrad@vnfw.org](mailto:kelseyconrad@vnfw.org) or (260) 435-3207.





# ONGOING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Awareness that grief may affect every aspect of our life is the beginning of our healing process. These programs, focusing on grief and loss, are designed to provide any adult who has suffered the death of a loved one an opportunity to explore, learn and feel supported in a safe environment. These community programs are available at no charge and hospice involvement is not required. For information on any of these programs or individual grief support please call (260) 435-3261 or visit our website: [www.vnfw.org](http://www.vnfw.org).

## Recent Loss Support Group

For those who have lost a loved one within 2 years

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month  
5:30-7 p.m.

Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center  
5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814

## Women's Afternoon Grief Support Group

After the death of a spouse or significant other

2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month  
2-3:30 p.m.

Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center  
5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814

## Women's Evening Grief Support Group

After the death of a spouse or significant other

3rd Monday of each month  
6-7:30 p.m.

Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center  
5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814

## The Men's Group

After the death of a spouse or significant other

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month  
5:30-7 p.m.

Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center  
5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814

## Compassionate Friends

For grieving parents, grandparents & siblings

1st Tuesday of each month  
7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

and the following Thursday of each month  
7 p.m.

Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center  
5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814

## Auburn Grief Support Group

For any loss due to death

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month  
6-7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church  
910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, IN 46706

## Anticipatory Grief Support Group

For those in anticipation of a death

2nd Monday of each month  
5:30-7 p.m.

Please call (260) 435-3261 or email [davidwust@vnfw.org](mailto:davidwust@vnfw.org) to register and receive Zoom link

## Pet Loss Support Group

For those who are grieving the loss of a pet

3rd Wednesday of each month  
6-7 p.m.

Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center  
5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814

## Finding Hope

For those who have lost a loved one to suicide

4th Monday of each month  
6-7:30 p.m.

Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center  
5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814

and the 2nd Tuesday of each month  
via Zoom, 6-7:30 p.m.

Please email [DavidWust@vnfw.org](mailto:DavidWust@vnfw.org) for link and details or call (260) 435-3261.

## Dupont Grief Support Group

Starts 10/6/20

For any loss due to death

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month  
5:30-7 p.m.

2514 Dupont Circle Drive East, 2nd Floor, RC Classroom #1 (follow the signs)  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
RSVP to (260) 435-3261. COVID screening and masks are required.

If you live in Adams, Blackford, Grant, Jay, Huntington, Wabash or Wells counties, you might be interested in the support groups that we provide listed below:

## Companions of Hope - Marion

For any loss due to death

1st Monday of each month  
6-7:30 p.m.

Visiting Nurse/Family LifeCare facility  
705 S. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46953

## Companions of Hope - Berne

For any loss due to death

1st Thursday of each month  
6-7:30 p.m.

Visiting Nurse/Family LifeCare facility  
108 S. Jefferson St., Berne, IN 46711



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## *Holiday* Memorial Service & Tree Lighting

Sunday, November 22, 2020

5 p.m.

Watch at [www.vnfw.org/holiday](http://www.vnfw.org/holiday)

We will be presenting the event *virtually* this year.

Purchase your lights online at [www.vnfw.org/holiday](http://www.vnfw.org/holiday)

The holiday season presents a unique opportunity to honor a friend or memorialize a departed loved one with a symbolic light glowing brightly on the Holiday Memorial Tree.

Your tax-deductible gift not only will place a light on the Holiday Memorial Tree, but also will help fund hospice and palliative services for terminally ill patients and compassionate support for their families. The staff and dedicated volunteers of Visiting Nurse provide end-of-life care and support regardless of ability to pay.

For each gift, acknowledgments will be sent to you and the family of the person(s) being remembered.

All gifts received on or before November 6 will be listed in the Holiday Memorial Tree program. Please mail your contribution today.

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Translation services available. To make a difference in the lives of Visiting Nurse patients and families, consider making a gift to the Visiting Nurse Foundation. Please visit [www.vnfw.org/donate](http://www.vnfw.org/donate) or call (260) 435-3222.

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5910 Homestead Road  
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### Marion

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