



SPOTLIGHT

Bruce's Angels

A grateful family recognizes the Sarasota Hospice House team with 25 Empath Angel submissions.

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We enter the fall season with a sense of abundance as we refocus our vision to serve more PEOPLE in the community with additional services and programs beyond hospice care. Your philanthropic investment makes this vision a reality. Without your support, we could not serve an additional 600 people this year compared to last through the Community Grief Program or continue offering the Blue Butterfly program for children’s grief. Thank you for your support in our mission.

At the heart of Tidewell’s programs and services are the people. Volunteers, alongside our clinical and administrative team members, serve with passion, purpose, and empathy daily. The Empath Angel program allows grateful family members and friends a way to memorialize a loved one by donating in recognition of the people, staff members, and volunteers who made a difference during their time in Tidewell’s care. You will read more about this program in this newsletter and can take part in this recognition as well.

Lastly, we invite you to celebrate the memory of a loved one and help support the free services the Tidewell Foundation funds at the 2nd Annual Remembrance Walk on November 9 at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota.

Abundance abounds because of YOU!

With gratitude,



Jonathan D. Fleece
President & CEO, Empath Health
and Affiliate Programs



Delesa Morris, M.S., CFRE
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Angels in Sarasota



Andrea Shorty

David and Dollie Dubyak honor the Sarasota Tidewell Hospice House team through the Empath Angel program



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We just wanted
to take some time
to really thank
the people that
helped keep Bruce
comfortable and relaxed
in the last couple weeks
of his life.



David and Dollie took care of their uncle, Bruce Dubyak, for nearly four years, overseeing his needs as he battled Alzheimer's. When multiple trips to the hospital signified his decline, Bruce was brought to Tidewell's Sarasota Hospice House. His stay of 15 days was much longer than most, which gave the family time to really get to know the organization and staff. Over the days and nights spent at the house, David and Dollie learned of the Empath Angel program, which offers families the opportunity to recognize staff or volunteers for providing their loved ones with exceptional care.

"The minute you walked in the door, you could feel that weight lifted away," David told us. "From **Kay** (at the front desk), to the doctors, to the nurses, to the staff and volunteers, we couldn't be more thankful." The nursing staff continued Bruce's around-the-clock care, while also ensuring David and Dollie were comfortable during the numerous hours they spent watching over their uncle.

Andrea Shorty was the nurse on duty when Bruce arrived at the hospice house, and on many other days during his stay. Dollie noted Andrea's calming demeanor and care in providing them with information. Several others impressed David and Dollie with their kindness, consideration, and



Dr. Janardhanan



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Kay Spires

skill, so the couple decided to nominate everyone who had touched their lives during the experience for an Empath Angel recognition.

It was a joyous occasion on May 30th, when 25 Tidewell Hospice staff and five Empath volunteers were acknowledged for their exceptional work. They received Empath Angel awards and enjoyed refreshments with staff and Bruce's family. Most importantly, the celebration was a tribute to Bruce, who loved hosting big parties with music and dancing.



Nicole Miller



Paris Cairns



Rob Rees



Suzanne Dai



If you would like to memorialize a loved one and honor an Angel, contact Samantha McKee at (941) 840-5614 or email at samanthamckee@tidewellfoundation.org.



Tricia Jolin



Annette Altmann



Registration Open

2nd Annual Remembrance Walk

Saturday, November 9, 2024
Registration: 8AM | Walk: 9AM
Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, FL

Join the Tidewell Foundation at the 2nd Annual Remembrance Walk, presented by Acrisure! Celebrate the lasting memories of loved ones while supporting the free patient and community care services the Tidewell Foundation funds. Choose your distance, up to 3 miles, and walk individually or create a team with family, friends, or colleagues.

This special event offers multiple ways to honor your loved one, the opportunity to win fundraising awards, an interactive Full Life Fair, and more!



Register today at TidewellWalk.org
For more information or to learn about sponsorships, contact Lisa at (941) 552-7569 email LisaAdams@TidewellFoundation.org, or visit TidewellWalk.org.



Save the Date

16th Annual Signature Luncheon

Friday, March 7, 2025
11:30AM-1:30PM
The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota

Tidewell Foundation's 16th Annual Signature Luncheon will take place Friday, March 7, 2025, at The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota. The event will celebrate the impact that Tidewell has on individuals and families in our community. Guests will enjoy hearing from a compelling national speaker (to be announced soon), enjoy a delicious three-course lunch, and have the opportunity to mix and mingle with more than 600 other attendees.

Funds raised will support the free services Tidewell provides for more than 12,000 patients.



Register at TidewellFoundation.org/SL16
For more information or to learn about sponsorships, visit the website: TidewellFoundation.org/SL16.



Volunteers Brighten Lives

Volunteers at Expressive Arts Therapy training.

Tidewell Foundation recognizes the power of human connection. It's the gentle touch, the listening ear, the shared laughter that truly make a difference in the lives of patients and their families. As an extension of Tidewell's dedicated staff, volunteers provide an extra dimension of comfort, support, and service.

Volunteers fill a variety of meaningful roles, from providing companionship and emotional support to patients and families, to assisting at Tidewell Treasures resale stores or special events. Some volunteers offer their unique talents in music, expressive arts, or pet therapy

programs, enriching countless lives. Others find fulfillment in helping with fundraising efforts or community outreach initiatives, spreading awareness of Tidewell's important services.



Appreciation events were recently hosted to celebrate these cherished members of the Tidewell community. Tidewell Treasures volunteers enjoyed lunch and festivities in recognition of the time and talents they share.

No matter their role, volunteers are essential to advancing Tidewell's mission. Their dedication, kindness, and unwavering spirit make a profound impact on the lives they touch. They truly make a difference; Tidewell Foundation is deeply grateful for each volunteer.

New volunteers are always welcome!

To learn about volunteer opportunities, scan the QR code or call (941) 441-2061.



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