



Hospice newsletter



Talbot Hospice

For Friends, Supporters and Volunteers of Talbot Hospice

Spring 2015

Mary Ellen Shea THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TALBOT HOSPICE

After a national search, Mary Ellen Shea has been selected as the new Executive Director of Talbot Hospice. Shea is a proven leader of not-for-profit Hospice organizations, and comes to Talbot County from North Carolina, where she most recently served as the Chief Executive Officer of Richmond County Hospice in Rockingham. Former colleagues identify Shea as business minded, financially savvy, forward thinking and a champion of quality and excellent care delivery.



Susan Piggott, Board President, Mary Ellen Shea, Executive Director, and Cammy Passarella, Board Vice President

Shea has a breadth of experience as an executive in charge of all facets of hospice services--from nursing care to quality improvement and regulatory compliance - with a very successful track record. She is responsible for the integration of skilled services with the existing bereavement, spiritual and volunteer services that Talbot Hospice has provided our community for 34 years.

Talbot Hospice has a general license to provide hospice services in Talbot County, thereby unifying all hospice services in one organization. In October, Talbot Hospice hired an experienced clinical team including hospice nurses, social workers and home health aides, to merge with existing staff and Talbot Hospice's corps of 350 volunteers. Talbot Hospice has been enrolling patients in this new capacity since November.

"We are thrilled to have Mary Ellen join us," said Susan Piggott, President of the Board of Directors. "With the assistance of the nationally known consulting firm, The Corridor Group, we interviewed several excellent candidates from around the country with high level executive experience in the hospice world. Mary Ellen stood out as the right person at the right time to lead Talbot Hospice into the future."

Shea has fifteen-plus years of experience in the health care field, with a concentration in hospice care since 2002. As Chief Executive Officer of Richmond County Hospice, she was responsible for all aspects of executive leadership that included strategic growth and profitability, and planning and implementation of operation strategies for the rural hospice, which included a 6-bed General Inpatient hospice house. She administered an annual budget of \$4.5 million and led a staff of 69 employees.

Shea holds a degree in Business Management from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida and a Master of Science in Managerial Leadership from National-Louis University in Tampa. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Rockingham and a Paul Harris Fellow. She also served on the Patient Care Committee of First Health of the Carolinas, Richmond Memorial Hospital.



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Our Mission

The Talbot Hospice Foundation offers hope, compassionate support and services to all members of the community facing end-of-life issues. We provide patient/family care, community education and advocacy while respecting curative and palliative treatment choices.

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A Message from the Executive Director Mary Ellen Shea



Mary Ellen Shea
 Executive Director

Dear Friends:

What a joyous time to arrive in Easton, Maryland and join the family at Talbot Hospice. It is an exciting time to lead a hospice that is in transition and in the midst of significant changes that have become the impetus for the Talbot Hospice family to expand levels of hospice care and programs within our community.

Over the past two weeks I have been speaking to Talbot Hospice volunteers at "Meet and Greets" addressing the changes taking place and soliciting feedback. This has opened the door for questions and feelings related to the transformation that is currently in process. While many people eagerly anticipate and are enthusiastic about the new construction and providing hospice home care, some still have feelings of puzzlement, nervousness and confusion.

Change has a way of provoking all kinds of feelings. Upon reflection about what was said at the "Meet and Greets," I thought about my recent move from North Carolina and related it to the changes many may be experiencing during the transitions currently taking place at Talbot Hospice.

While eager and excited about my move and new position as Executive Director, I was still nervous, and a little overwhelmed. Easton was an unknown community to me. I wondered what my life would be like here, what new things I would have to learn, how people would be different from those I had worked with at Richmond County Hospice. My sense of familiarity with people, places and how things were done was gone. I felt unsettled. I think unsettled is a feeling word many of us, in our hospice family, could identify with right now. Change has a way of provoking that feeling, doesn't it?

Nevertheless, I choose to remind myself of all the many changes that have transpired in my own life and the positive outcomes that have evolved from embracing change. The death of my late husband and our involvement with hospice, while filled with uncertainty and fear at that time, led me to a hospice career change that is now the passion of my life. Moving and leading other not-for-profit hospices through change and unsettledness, although challenging and stressful at times, produced outcomes that were beautiful and advantageous for hospice patients, families, and their communities.

I believe in positive outcomes, do you? Today, I received a beautiful welcome gift along with the words, "Welcome to Your New Family." I say to each of you, "Let's embrace the change and Welcome our New Hospice."

In hospice service,

Mary Ellen



Please share this newsletter with a friend and pass on the wonderful hospice news.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SPRING 2015

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AT HOSPICE HOUSE
ALL GROUPS ARE MEETING AT
407 BROOKLETTS AVE, EASTON

(Across the street from the Talbot Senior Center)

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Every Thursday afternoon 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

MARCH 19, 26 - APRIL 2, 9, 16, 22, 30

MAY 7, 14, 21, 28 - JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25

Join caregivers to share ideas and find solutions to the challenging issues in caring for a loved one with a life-limiting illness. Find support from those who have comparable circumstances.

8 WEEK SPRING BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Thursday evening 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 9, 16, 23, 30, - MAY 7, 14, 21, 28

This 8 week comprehensive bereavement group for adults will address death and the grief that follows. Find support, learn how to gather the strength to carry on, find practical help as well as an understanding of the deeper meanings of grief.

WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL

Every 2nd Saturday of each month

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 11 - MAY 9 - JUNE 13

The Hospice Wine and Cheese Gatherings meet on the second Saturday of each month for widows and widowers. These friendly gatherings are held in private homes and offer the opportunity for conversation in a supportive and compassionate setting. The locations change each month, please call Barbara 410-745-6987 or Dick 410-226-5464 for information and the specific location.

CAMP SPIRIT FOR CHILDREN

MAY 30, 2015

All children ages 6 and up who have known the death of a loved one, and their parents are invited to join us for HORSES AND HOPE AT CAMP SPIRIT on Saturday, May 30 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at Idylwild Farm in Federalsburg. Call the guidance counselor at your child's school or Shelly Kulp. Space limited.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

The experience of death is a part of everyday life. For adolescents and children, it can be very confusing. Working in conjunction with Talbot County schools, both public and private, Talbot Hospice offers grief support for children and teens that have lost a loved one. If you are interested in having your young person participate please call the guidance counselor at your child's school or Shelly Kulp.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GRIEF SUPPORT

Available upon request.

There is no requirement for your loved one to have been a Hospice patient and there is no charge for any Bereavement Support. Please call Shelly Kulp, LGSW Bereavement Coordinator, 410-822-6681.

410-822-6681

A Message from The Medical Director Michael C. Tooke, MD



Michael C. Tooke, MD
Medical Director

"Greetings from the Medical Director of Talbot Hospice!" Those are thrilling words for me to write, not only for the personal and professional challenge that lies ahead, but also for the profound gratitude to have reached this milestone in our organization's history. Dr. Eugene "Buck" Guthrie brought the concept of hospice care to Talbot County in 1981, just seven years after the very first American hospice was founded in Connecticut. We are now energized by new leadership, new facilities and new faces that support our mission of providing compassionate support to those in our community facing the end of life.

Molly Kirsch, RN, our Clinical Director, and I will be using this space to highlight the many aspects of providing hospice services to patients and families. Hospice care is unique in many ways, beginning with the fact that, by definition, it is delivered by a team - the Interdisciplinary Team, or IDT - composed of all the essential disciplines necessary to comfort and support our patients: nurses, physicians, medical social work, spiritual counseling, bereavement support, personal home care, pharmacy and volunteers. Together, the team creates an individualized plan of care for each patient and family. The plan of care is monitored by the team, and is modified as necessary by the team. Our patients and their families are unique, and the team decides which discipline is best suited to provide optimal care.

While many of our patients fear the possibility of pain, it is often the case that pain is the easiest problem to control. On the other hand issues within families can emerge and complicate a patient's ability to realize important goals as their life nears the end. Our family services support (Lisa May), chaplain and bereavement counselors (Jody Gunn and Shelly Kulp), and very often our volunteers (directed by Lori Lantz), play crucial roles in the identification and resolution of emotionally charged and complex issues. Our approach to providing comfort is holistic, as distress is not only physical, but psychological and spiritual as well.

It is an honor and privilege to be part of the Talbot Hospice team, and I look forward to telling you more in future newsletters.

Sincerely,

Michael

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EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS AT TALBOT HOSPICE

IN THE KNOW - QUESTIONS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

We are excited about our future, and want to share the good news with you!

What's new at Talbot Hospice and how do patients benefit?

We have added skilled clinical staff, including nurses, physicians and social workers, to our team and have been certified by Medicare. We have installed computerized medical records, which enable any hospice team member to access up to date information about our patients, including medication changes, as well as any current needs of family members and caregivers. We have developed a performance improvement program that is designed to measure and improve the quality of care we provide, and that will be part of a national benchmarking program with hospices around the country to ensure that the services we provide are of the highest standard. We have assembled a team committed to being available for patients 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Where will Talbot Hospice provide hospice services?

Talbot Hospice's clinical staff travels throughout Talbot County to wherever people call home, including personal residences, nursing homes and assisted living facilities or in our residence on Cynwood Drive in Easton. Most people want to die in their own home and Talbot Hospice provides support and services that will allow patients to spend their final days where they wish.

What's going into the new construction?

Talbot Hospice is undergoing a building expansion project to ultimately add six new guest rooms, an enlarged bereavement center, a family room, memorial walls and gardens, and new offices for program and clinical staff. The project also includes upgraded phone and IT systems, new state of the art beds that will offer comfort and safety for patients, recliner chairs for patients and family members, and pull-out sofas for family members to spend the night. Flat screen TVs, iPod speaker docks for therapeutic music and iPads for Skyping are other elements that will enhance the experience for patients and families. More than \$5.6 million has been raised to support the building project and to grow the Talbot Hospice endowment. A generous donor has pledged to match up to \$100,000 of new gifts and pledges. The expanded building will be a Hospice Center for Talbot County citizens where all hospice personnel and support are located. Services for the local community will increase and our residential hospice care will expand to provide citizens with more choices at the end of life.

What does Medicare pay for?

When we unified all hospice services in Talbot County into one organization, Talbot Hospice became a Medicare-certified hospice program. In addition to the programs we have provided to the community for over 30 years, we are now responsible for providing the nurses and doctors and medications that hospice patients need (which were provided by Shore Health in the past). Our nurses and doctors must be available to our patients 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Finally, we are required to provide certain services to families and caregivers for up to 12 months after the patient dies. These are Medicare benefits, and Medicare reimburses us for these costs. There are many programs that Talbot Hospice provides the community that are not part of Medicare, and depend on the support of our generous donors.

Why do donations continue to be important?

Talbot Hospice depends on community and private support to be able to assist the needs of all of our patients and families. No one is ever turned away due to financial circumstance. Since its founding, Talbot Hospice has provided a wide range of services to the community free of charge, services for which we have never received reimbursement, nor will we in the future. Donations from the community support programs that include:

- Our Pathways program that supports patients with life limiting illness who are still seeking treatment
- Bereavement services for all members of the community, including children
- Spiritual support for patients and their families
- Caregiver support groups for the entire community
- Training and support of our 350 volunteers
- Our residence at Cynwood Drive in Easton
- Recognition and special support for our Veterans

What will never change at Talbot Hospice?

We will always put patients and families first. We promise to meet patients and families where they are; physically, spiritually and emotionally. Patients' wishes will be honored, and we will strive to help them be pain-free and comfortable, and to live life fully until they die. Our help will be at hand for the caregivers, and the family will have someone to talk to. Support will be available to anyone who is grieving or needs spiritual comfort. We will continue to provide Talbot County with the same compassionate end-of-life support and services that were envisioned by our founder, Dr. Eugene Guthrie 34 years ago.

OUR VOLUNTEERS: Part of the Hospice Team



Talbot Hospice Volunteers listen attentively at In-Service presentation on compliance, disaster preparedness and documentation

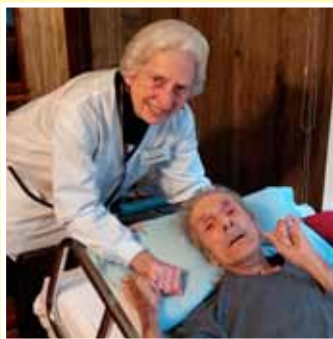
Our dedicated and passionate volunteers are with us at every turn in the road. At a recent mandatory volunteer in-service on "Compliance, Disaster Preparedness & Documentation" the room was filled to capacity. Volunteers listened to a presentation by the Talbot County Health Department Emergency Planner, the Emergency Management Coordinator and hospice staff member, Anne Shannahan presenting on Compliance and Safety. The volunteers' desire to be current on hospice practices was inspiring.

Recently, staff and volunteers from Talbot Hospice paid a surprise visit to the home of Mr. William Sard to honor his service to country in a special ceremony. Mr. Sard, a current hospice patient, served in the US Army for several years, then after returning home, joined the US Navy reserves.

Alex Collins and Paul Makosky are also Veterans of our armed forces, as well as being Talbot Hospice volunteers. They are part of the Hospice's Salute to Veterans Program, a special service that recognizes and honors Veterans who are receiving hospice care. During their visit, Collins and Makosky read a special tribute poem, awarded Mr. Sard with a Veteran Appreciation Pin, and presented him with a Veteran flag pillow. The pillow was crafted by another Talbot Hospice volunteer, Nan Scholley.



Paul Makosky, Rachel Mahan and Alex Collins congratulate William Sard for service to his country. Inset: The Salute to Veterans commemorative pillow crafted by Talbot Hospice volunteer Nan Scholley.



Marjorie "Pete" Fox, RN, has served as William Sard's hospice nurse for the several months he has been receiving care.

The Veteran volunteers were accompanied by two Talbot Hospice staff members. Marjorie "Pete" Fox, a Hospice and Palliative Certified Registered Nurse, has been Mr. Sard's hospice nurse for the several months he has been receiving care. Rachel Mahan, the Intake Coordinator for Talbot Hospice, is also a Veteran, and represented the staff of Talbot Hospice. Mahan served in the Air Force from 1995-1999.

LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT



*Susan Piggott
Board President*

On January 9, Talbot Hospice passed a survey conducted by the Maryland Office of Healthcare Quality to become a Medicare certified hospice. This survey assessed our performance in caring for patients and families – in their homes and in nursing facilities, as well as in the Guest Wing. We are proud to say that we passed without one single deficiency! The Talbot Hospice Board and staff have worked hard over the past three years to get to this point.

I've thought a great deal recently about the history of Talbot Hospice, and the Boards that made this dream a reality. The founding Board members were pioneers who first conceived of a hospice in Talbot County in 1981, just seven years after the first hospice in America was founded in Connecticut. At the time, the concept of hospice was not well understood and, while they met with resistance, this Board was willing to undertake the challenge to bring hospice services to Talbot County.

Fifteen years later, another Board recognized the need for a residential facility to care for patients and families who needed 24 hour support. Land was secured for our Hospice House, and construction was begun. On July 1, 1998, the first two patients were admitted to our Guest Wing.

The critical issue for more recent Boards has been the very survival of Talbot Hospice as we have known it. Changes in state regulations meant that we could no longer fulfill our mission under a "limited license" status. Faced with a crucial decision about the future of hospice in Talbot County, the Board summoned the courage to overcome regulatory hurdles, to embrace a steep learning curve, and to ensure the necessary financial support. The hospice for Talbot County is now unified under one roof. Access has improved and we are rapidly expanding hospice services for Talbot County citizens.

Each decade has called for vision, the willingness to adapt to changing times, and the determination to find a way forward. Each Board has responded to the challenges of its time. The current Board is committed to continuing the stewardship of the hospice mission.

Sincerely,
Susan

Leave A Legacy
AL SMITH, DEDICATED DONOR
Talbot Hospice Board President 2010-2012



Al Smith
Hospice Donor

In May 2011, my bride of 56 years and best friend since our teens, passed away in the Guest Wing of Talbot Hospice. I was president of the board at the time, and Claire had been battling first breast cancer and then ovarian cancer for several years. Prior to coming to the Guest Wing, we had care in our home for five months. I cannot say enough about the professional and compassionate staff. Claire died in comfort and in peace. Afterwards, bereavement coordinator Norma

Trax reached out to me, and I joined a weekly group. The Talbot Hospice bereavement services exceeded my expectations and was tremendously helpful.

Having been involved with Talbot Hospice now since 2006 on both a personal and professional level, I felt compelled to include it in my estate planning and subsequently made arrangements for a bequest.

I am immensely grateful to Talbot Hospice for their compassionate care during Claire's illness, and I wanted to express that gratitude by making a provision of financial support upon my own death. Many people have preceded me in this act of generosity which has allowed Talbot Hospice to grow its endowment to just under \$6 million.

I encourage you to join me in the Talbot Hospice legacy society by making a planned gift. You will have the distinct advantage of knowing that your funds will be put to the best possible use by one of the most well respected nonprofit organizations on the Mid-Shore.

Sincerely,
Al

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***Thank you for considering Talbot Hospice
in your estate planning.***

WAYS TO MAKE A PLANNED GIFT

A planned gift to Talbot Hospice provides significant support for programs and services, often with dramatic tax and financial rewards for the donor. Gift planning combines financial, estate and tax planning to help donors choose the best way to support Talbot Hospice. Unless otherwise specified, planned gifts go directly into our endowment where they remain in perpetuity. The income from the endowment is used to help support our patients and families in need.

BEQUESTS

Individuals can name the Talbot Hospice as a beneficiary in their wills. A bequest might be an outright gift of cash, a percentage of an estate, mutual funds, stocks, real estate or personal property. A bequest allows individuals to make contributions without sacrificing spendable income during their lifetime while sheltering their estate from taxes.

LIFE INSURANCE

Making a gift of life insurance enables individuals to arrange a future gift to Talbot Hospice without financial impact during their lifetime. Talbot Hospice can be named as a beneficiary or owner of a life insurance policy. Charitable tax deductions may also apply to these gifts.

CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Charitable trusts enable donors to make a sizeable contribution to Talbot Hospice while receiving significant tax deductions and other tax benefits. By assigning an amount of their assets to the charitable trust – the trust “holds” the assets and pays out the income for those assets – interest or dividends, for example – according to an individual's instructions.

GIFT ANNUITIES

Talbot Hospice is pleased to partner with the Mid-Shore Community Foundation which is licensed by the state to offer Charitable Gift Annuities. A charitable gift annuity provides donors with an actual dollar return for their investment, which may be higher than those available from certificates of deposit or passbook savings. Donors may opt for a single life annuity, or a double life annuity, which guarantees them income for the rest of their life, and then for the life of a person they designate following their death.

As is the case with any type of financial planning, we advise you to consult your attorney or tax planner to help you understand the full effects of making a planned gift.

If you have made a planned gift to Talbot Hospice and would like to be a part of our legacy society, we would very much like to hear from you.

SPRING 2015 CALENDAR

Please note specific location for event.

MARCH 19, 2015

Thursday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
WELCOME SPRING BOUQUET

*Spring Bouquet pick up at the Easton Fire House
www.welcomespringbouquet.com*

MARCH 23 & 26, 2015

Monday & Thursday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm each day
VOLUNTEER TRAINING for NEW VOLUNTEERS

This comprehensive 2 day training instructs on end-of-life topics and is designed to prepare volunteers for various hospice positions. Registration required.

Talbot County Library

APRIL 7, 2015

Tuesday, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
**COMPLIANCE, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
& DOCUMENTATION**

Mandatory Volunteer In-Service

Anne Shannahan, RN, Compliance/QAPI Officer,
Jim Blass, Emergency Management, T. C. Health Dept.,
Kristopher Durham, Emergency Planner, T. C. Health Dept.
Safety issues, compliance, disaster preparedness.
Immanuel Lutheran Church, 7215 Ocean Gtwy., Easton

MAY 13, 2015

Wednesday, 8:30 - 9:30 am
ONE HOUR EDUCATION

SUICIDE RISK ASSESSMENT

*Why Youth Typically Experience Suicidal Thoughts &
The Signs and Symptoms of Depression*

Rob Schmidt, LCPN, NCC
Talbot County Public School Behavioral Specialist
Talbot Education Center

MAY 13, 2015

Wednesday, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
Annual appreciation luncheon for all hospice volunteers
generously provided by the Marita Menzies Foundation
Talbot Country Club

MAY 13, 2015

Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
ONE HOUR REVELATION

*CELEBRATING THE JOY OF EVERY DAY
Beyond Fear; The Compassionate Support of Talbot Hospice
An In Depth Look at Services and Programs*
Lisa Rizia, RN, CHPN Intake & Home Care Manager
Lisa May, MSW, LCSW-C, CT Family Services
407 Brookletts Ave.

MAY 21, 2015

Thursday, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Lisa May, LCSW-C, CT, Family Services
Mary Ann Ray, Talbot Hospice Volunteer
An overview of signs and symptoms of mental health and
substance abuse disorders. Responding to emergencies.
Registration required.
Talbot County Library

JUNE 2, 2015

Tuesday, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
END-OF-LIFE DOULA TRAINING

Doula volunteers serve as companions to patients
and their families during the last few hours of life
and commit to a monthly six-hour shift (of their choice)
in which to be on call. The 16 hour Hospice Volunteer
Training is a pre-requisite. Registration required.
407 Brookletts Ave.

FRIENDS OF HOSPICE DONATE FESTIVAL OF TREES FUNDS

The Friends of Hospice recently presented a check for \$92,000 to Talbot Hospice from the 2014 Festival of Trees. Pictured above, (*l to r*), Kate Cox, Director of Development, Talbot Hospice; Yvonne Allen, Vice President of the Friends of Hospice; Joyce Philip, President of the Friends of Hospice; Mary Ellen Shea, Executive Director, Talbot Hospice; Brenda Forbes-Butler, Chair Festival of Trees; Jackie Wilson, Co-Chair Festival of Trees and Casey Baynard, Co-Chair Festival of Trees. Talbot Hospice is grateful to the Friends of Hospice for their leadership and passionate, continuous support. Since 1986 they have raised approximately 2.9 million dollars with their thriving event, The Festival of Trees. Planning for the 2015 Festival of Trees has begun with the theme of "It's A Wonderful Life." If you are interested in volunteering please call 410-822-6681 and leave your contact information with the receptionist.




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CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEW TALBOT HOSPICE

The construction of our new Talbot Hospice is moving along and on target for a finish date of summer 2015. Currently, exterior work on the new expanded building is almost complete. The photo here, an aerial shot taken by Hunter Harris, a FAA certified pilot and international award winning photographer, was taken in February.



To see amazing aerial photos of the progress of the Talbot Hospice building project, since the beginning of the construction in July 2013, please go to: <http://aloft.zenfolio.com/hospice>.