# Talbot Hospice

2018–2019 ANNUAL REPORT

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018–2019**

Steve Slack *President*
Emilie Joshi *Vice President*
Steve Burleson *Treasurer*
Patricia Roche *Secretary*
Jack Batty
Childlene R. Brooks
Rev. Kevin M. Cross
Hynda Brody Dalton
Susie Dillon
Ludwig Eglseder, MD
Brenda Forbes-Butler
Liz Freedlander
James C. Gieske, MD
C. Lee Gordon
Richard Granville
Sheila B. Monahan
Diane Rohman
Elizabeth W. Todd, MS
Albert L. Smith, *Director Emeritus*

**MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Vivian Dodge, MBA, BSN, RN
*Executive Director*

Ginni Bowen
*Pathways Coordinator*

Traci Corbin
*Accounting & HR Benefits Coordinator*

Kate Cox
*Director of Development*

Becky DeMattia, LCSW-C
*Bereavement Coordinator*

Mary S. DeShields, MD
*Medical Director*

Kara L. Hope, BSN, RN
*Clinical Director, Hospice House*

Caron James
*Director of Marketing & Communications*

Molly Kirsch, BSN, RN
*Clinical Director, Home Care*

Shantel Matthews, MSN, RN, CCM
*Palliative Care Coordinator*

Mary Jane Meintzer, RN, CHPN
*Quality Improvement Coordinator & Compliance Officer*

Lori Miller
*Director of Volunteer Services*

Lisa Rizia, RN
*Intake & Home Care Manager*

Amy Stitcher
*Director of Finance*

Denise Ziegler
*Office Manager*

**NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**
Talbot Hospice complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

# From the Executive Director

As our fiscal year 18-19 ends, we find ourselves reflecting on the meaning and importance of hospice care. Talbot Hospice has been intent on preserving the mission and guiding values that are the foundation of our work. This year we began a remarkable number of initiatives, despite difficult financial hurdles and a tough regulatory climate. These programs ensure that Talbot Hospice is in keeping with our mission to serve our community and meet the ever-changing needs of Talbot County.

Our Annual Report highlights our financial status, successes, and accomplishments; however, it is because of you, our donors and community, that Talbot Hospice is able to provide these incredible services. Thank you!

We are deeply grateful to our donors, community partners, sponsors, supporters, staff, and volunteers who partner with us in our efforts to create and ensure extraordinary care of our friends and loved ones at the end of life.

Here is a snapshot of some of our accomplishments this past year:

- **Talbot Hospice** experienced nearly a 10% increase in number of patients served from last year
- **Our Pathways Program** demonstrated a 28% increase in clients served
- **Bereavement services** and programs expanded: An increase of 111.7% in number of clients served. We offer more services than ever in the history of Talbot Hospice
- We launched our **community home-based Palliative Care Service** for individuals living with chronic, serious illnesses, which was met with overwhelming support
- We provided **Pediatric Hospice Services**; the rewards of caring for both a month-old infant and the mother are without words
- We held our first **Children's Bereavement Camp**
- Our **Volunteers** provided just under 17,000 hours of service!
- **We provided $758, 000 in charity care and services this fiscal year**
- Talbot Hospice was named **"Outstanding Non-Profit"** for 2019 by the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce—what an honor!
- We were voted **"Best Hospice Care" by What's Up? Eastern Shore Magazine's Best of 2018 Reader's Poll!**

In the following pages, you will read about the year in review. Thanks to you, we continue to preserve and provide end-of-life services as we have for over 38 years. Your support is instrumental to our success and our and our ability to provide comfort and care to our patients and families. Philanthropic gifts are essential to helping us cover the costs of uncompensated programs and services.

We still have opportunities to strengthen our bottom line and add new services, and I hope that this report demonstrates Talbot Hospice is making good progress. Thank you to my staff, management team, volunteers, and the Board, for taking so much initiative themselves, and working extremely hard to be the premier resource for hospice, palliative care, and grief support services in Talbot County.

Vivian M. Dodge

Vivian Dodge, Executive Director

# From the *Board President*

As I begin my second year as Board President, I am filled with optimism about the future of Talbot Hospice and eager to engage the challenges we face as a non-profit organization. I am fortunate to be part of a Board of Directors who come from diverse backgrounds in our community and are deeply dedicated to providing the best quality of care to the patients and families of Talbot County. They include those in our programs of Palliative Care, Pathways, and Bereavement Support as well as those directly under hospice care. We will continue to invest in programs which address the needs of those facing a terminal or life threatening illness.

I am extremely grateful for the continued and growing financial support of our generous donors. As a non-profit hospice, we rely on donations to fund more than a quarter of our operating budget. Many of these donors have experienced the benefits of hospice care for a family member, loved one, or close friend. Our newly created Planned Giving Program for including bequests to Talbot Hospice in wills and estate planning also helps our financial needs. Donations allow us to accept all patients into hospice care regardless of their ability to pay.

As an active volunteer, I witness the tender and compassionate care which is provided by the hospice staff to those either in our twelve bed Hospice House or at their place of residence. This includes attending to the needs of family members who are undergoing the emotional strain of losing a loved one. The presence of trained volunteers also contributes to the comfort of both patients and families. As a veteran it gives me special joy to take part in honoring veterans who have entered hospice care, recently including those who have served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

Any activity engaged in medical care is tightly controlled by compliance regulations. We are very fortunate to have an Executive Director, Vivian Dodge, who has a strong background in hospice compliance and we strictly adhere to those requirements. We will never waiver in our commitment to the highest ethical standards at Talbot Hospice. I am very proud to be part of this special organization which has recently been recognized as the 2019 Outstanding Nonprofit by the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,

Steve Slack
President, Board of Directors

Cover: Julie Stevenson captured this beautiful photo of a rainbow over Hospice House in May.

# Talbot Hospice *Receives Awards*

Talbot Hospice Team members enjoy the awards ceremony (l-r) Molly Kirsch, Caron James, Lisa Rizia, Kate Cox, Vivian Dodge, and Denise Ziegler.

We are pleased to announce that Talbot Hospice has been named the **TALBOT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OUTSTANDING NONPROFIT FOR 2019**. "We are honored and proud to have been chosen for this prestigious recognition," said Vivan Dodge, Executive Director. "This award represents the dedication, creativity, and commitment of my staff and volunteers to serve the community via our various programs and services." Talbot Hospice and other business award recipients were recognized at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner August 22 at The Oaks in Royal Oak.

We are also excited to have won **WHAT'S UP? MAGAZINE'S BEST OF EASTERN SHORE 2018 AND 2019 READER'S POLL FOR HOSPICE CARE**. Many thanks to all who voted for us! Our team of doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, nurse's aides, and volunteers are to be congratulated for the exceptional care they give day in and out for the patients and families we serve.

# Thank You!

## THE GUTHRIE SOCIETY

*We are pleased to recognize members of the Guthrie Society, donors who contributed $1,000 or more to the Annual Campaign from July 2018 to June 2019. Sustaining members, those who have given for five consecutive years or more, are indicated by bold type.*

### GUARDIAN CIRCLE
**$25,000+**

**Friends of Hospice**
**Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Granville**
The Michael and Nancy Klein Foundation
The Ferree Fund of the Mid-Shore Community Foundation, Inc.

### CIRCLE OF HOPE
**$10,000–$24,999**

Anonymous (3)
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Burleson
**Mr. and Mrs. George P.A. Eysymontt**
The Farrell Family Fund
**Dr. Wayne Hockmeyer**
**Mr. W. Lee Phillips**
**Mr. Anthony J. Principi**
**Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Roche**
W.M. Rickman Contruction Co.
**Mr. Bruce Wiltsie and Mr. William Davenport**

### SUSTAINING CIRCLE
**$5,000–$9,999**

Anonymous (2)
A. James and Alice B. Clark Foundation
Avon-Dixon Agency, LLC
Thomas and Tina Baxter
**Blake-Blackston American Legion Post #77**
Mr. and Mrs. Buck Duncan
**Easton Rotary Club Youth & Community Fund, Inc.**
**Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fisher**
**Nancy and Haines Holt**
Mr. and Mrs. Les Ireland
Mrs. Frances Lopes
Mr. and Mrs. Alex J. Mandl
Mr. Fred Nichols
**Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Potter**
**Edward D. Powers Charitable Lead Trust**
**Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ringler**
**Mr. Charles Monet and Ms. Diane Rohman**
**Thomas H. Hamilton Foundation, Inc.**
Van Strum Foundation
**Mrs. Katherine M. Whalen**

### SUPPORTING CIRCLE
**$2,500–$4,999**

**Mr. Joseph Battin**
**Mr. W. Thomas Fountain Esq**
Fred Frederick Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep
Carol Gordean
**Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Haddaway**
**Mrs. Nancy Healy**
Jalopyrama
Mr. Stephen H. Kehoe
Koons Easton Toyota
**Robert and Doris Fischer Malesardi**
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McCormick
**Mrs. Catherine C. McCoy**
**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell**
Network For Good
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pettit
**Adrienne W. Rudge**
Shore United Bank
**Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Slack**
**J.T. Smith II and Mary Tydings Smith**
**Mr. and Mrs. Lon Smith**
**St. John Foundation, Inc.**
Mr. and Mrs. Jack P. Stoltz
**Mrs. Sarah Stoner**
What's Up? Media

### COMMITMENT CIRCLE
**$1,000–$2,499**

Anonymous (6)
**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Alnutt**
**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Alspach**
**John and Nancy Anthony**
**Mr. and Mrs. CG Appleby**
**Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Appler**
**David and Pamela Baker**
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Batty
Morton and Grace Bender
Mr. and Mrs. Coard Benson
**Mr. Donald Bickert**
Mr. Granville Blades
Mr. and Mrs. James Y. Blankner
Mr. Ron Boardley
**Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Bodorff**
Ms. Caroline Boutte and Mr. Peter Gallagher
**Mr. and Mrs. David G. Bradley**
Robert Brandt
**Mr. Harold Britt**
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Britt
Bryan Brothers Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Calabro
J. Parker Callahan
**Mr. and Mrs. James N. Cooney**
**Mrs. Joan W. Cox**
**Kate and Paul Cox**
**Mrs. Joan Crowley**
**Dr. Silvia Diaz**
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dillon
**The Steven Doehler Family**
**Bunky and Joyce Dulin**
Mrs. Jennifer Duncan
Mr. T. C. duPont
E.E. Streets VFW Memorial Post #5118
**Ms. Brenda Early**
Dr. and Mrs. Ludwig J. Eglseder III
Mrs. Carolyn Ewing
Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
Anne-Lise Fink
Dr. and Mrs. Michael J. Fisher
Liz and Howard Freedlander
Mr. E. M. Fry and Ms. Marjorie Billings
**Mrs. Ruth B. Fulton**
Mrs. Barbara Galloway
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gannon
**John and Nancy Ganz**
**Mr. Albert B. Gipe**
**Gipe Associates**
Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Gnospelius
**Mrs. Shirley Gooch**
Mr. and Mrs. William S. Gordon, Jr.
**Jay and Jill Grady**
**Mrs. Evelyn M. Graybeal**
Grayce B. Kerr Fund, Inc.
**Ms. Thelma Gretzinger and Mr. John Nielsen**
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Guthrie
Paul and Rodanthe Hanrahan
Mr. John C. Harding Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. James Harris
Betty and Joe Hartmeyer
**Mr. Michael Hash**
**Dr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Heaton**
**Ms. Elizabeth Hershey**
Gigi and Steve Hershey
**Col. and Mrs. Robert A. Holden**
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hynson, Jr.
Dr. James Jaffe
Doug and Caron James
**Jamie Merida Interiors**
Ms. Traci Jordan
Dr. and Mrs. Maulik Joshi
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Kaufman
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh
**Mrs. Margaret K. Keller**
Mrs. Nancy M. Keller
**Bette S. Kenzie**
Ms. Sheila Kessinger
Mr. and Mrs. James Kimmey
**Joan and Frank Kittredge**
**Mr. and Mrs. Abner Kingman**
**Cyrus and Anne Knowles**
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald S. Liebman
Mrs. Ann H. Loflin
**Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Lott**

Jess from Pets on Wheels visits Hospice House most every week to the delight of our guests who enjoy feeding her treats. A special thanks to Jess's handler, Liz Hannegan, and her owners, Ben and Millicent Sheets.

# Thank You!

Our first bereavement camp, held in May, served 13 children who had experienced the death of a loved one. The two-day adventure program provided them an opportunity to process their losses in a healthy, peer-supported environment through structured activities. We laughed and cried, shared love and compassion, and imparted coping skills that we hope will help sustain these children through their life-long healing process.

**Stanley and Beverley Martin**
Billie Jane and Warren Marton
Ms. Judith G. McCrudden
Mrs. Dana McGrath
Mrs. Marilyn McGriff
Ms. Judith L. McLaughlin
Mrs. Mary Meiser
**Jamie Merida Interiors**
**Maxine Millar**
**Dr. Margaret P. Miller**
**Ms. Sheila Monahan and Mr. Warren Rich**
**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan**
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mosier
James and Katherine Mourlas
**Mr. and Mrs. William Munn**
Mrs. Joan D. Murray
Ms. Janice Nichols
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nily, Jr.
Ms. Kelly O'Donnell
Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Reilly
**Mrs. Hamish S. Osborne**
Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Osborne
**Tony and Cammy Passarella**
Mr. Robert C. Paulus and Ms. Joanne Magruder
**Mary Lou and Joseph Peters**
Mrs. Nanette K. Peterson
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Petry
**Michael Tooke, M.D. and Ms. Susan Piggott**
Jim and Cindy Reed
**Mr. George Reed**
Mrs. Usha Robillard
Rocus Networks
Alice and Bruce Rogers
**Barbara and Charles Rossotti**
**Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church**
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sanchez M.D, P.A.
Ms. Deborah Savoie
**Mrs. Jacqueline R. Scarborough**
**Schulman Foundation**
**Ms. Caroline E. Seaton-Lyon**
**Seip Family Foundation**
Dr. Frances Seymour
Michael D. and Barbara E. Sheridan
**Mrs. Virginia Shuster**
Mr. and Mrs. Al Sikes
**W. Rembert Simpson**
**Mr. Albert L. Smith and Ms. Eleanor B. Dallam**
**Mr. Howard Snyder and Ms. Susan H. duPont**
**St. Mark's United Methodist Church**
**Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Staley**
**Mr. Thomas O. Stanley**
Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Stansbury
**Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Strong III**
**Dr. and Mrs. George W. Strother**
**Alys Swan**
Talbot Agriculture and Education Center
The Christmas Project, Inc.
**The Frederick W. Richmond Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Wyman**
The M & T Charitable Foundation
**Mrs. Frances A. Thorington**
**Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tilghman**
Mrs. Margaret Trever
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trippe
**Sam and Rosemary Trippe**
**Mrs. Benson Tulloch**
**Mr. and Mrs. Walter Unti**
Mr. and Mrs. John Valliant
**Mr. and Mrs. Judson B. Van Dervort**
**Bobby and Mary Van Fossan**
**Mrs. Lyn von Spaeth**
**Seth L. and Missy Warfield**
**Mr. and Mrs. Barry S. Wildstein**
Mrs. Janet B. Will
**William B. Bergen Foundation, Inc.**
Willow Construction, LLC
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wimbrow
Mr. and Ms. Christopher D. Wright
**Mr. Howard A. Zwemer**

## HUMMINGBIRD SOCIETY

**GIFTS OF $500–$999**
AGGTRANS
Chip and Sally Akridge
Mr. Jeffrey Ayers
Cecil Backus
Alan and Lorie Baynard
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory A. Beane

# Thank You!

Brackish Life Chesapeake Bay, LLC
Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Don Brandolini
Mr. Cameron S. Brown
Mr. Charles T. Capute, Esq.
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Caraci
Christ Church, St. Michaels
Mrs. Lynn Coche
Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Codispoti
Dalton Family Foundation
Delmarva Laser Eye Center
Mr. Adrian Kutko and
Mrs. Collette Devine
David and Vivian Dodge
Easton Ruritan Club
Mr. Eugene Ewing
Ewing, Dietz, Fountain & Kaludis, P.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Jon Files
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Firth III
Mrs. Carol Friedel
James and Judith Gieske
Ms. Lana W. Harding
Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Harrison, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill G. Hendon
Tom and Cathy Hill
Susie and Steve Hopkins
Johnson Lumber Company, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin C. Knauer Jr.
Ms. Gina Lucas
Maryland Charity Campaign
John and Mary Jane McGinnis
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Meredith
Patricia Moore
Larry F. Mueller
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Nigra
Ms. Sandra Ovens
Mr. Frank Polkinghorn
Ms. Karol Redline
Dr. Margaret Rennels
Ms. Lisa M. Rey
Bill and Elspeth Ritchie
Mr. Robert Savoie
Mr. Charles Semans & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Shuck
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy R. Talbot
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Todd
Genevieve and James Townsend
Tri Gas & Oil Co., Inc.
Vietnam Veterans of America -
Chapter #648
Bruce Wallace
Mr. and Mrs. Craig A. Wanner
Ms. Carolyn H. Williams and
Mr. Colin Walsh
Mr. Calvin Yowell, Jr.

## MENZIES SOCIETY

*The Menzies Society is named after one of Talbot Hospice's most dedicated volunteers and supporters, R. Michael S. Menzies, Sr., and recognizes donors who have given five or more consecutive years. Mike was a board member for six years, serving as president in 2007 and 2008. He chaired the capital campaign from 2008-2012, helping to raise $6 million for the building project. We are grateful for the loyal support of the following members of the Menzies Society.*

### 20+ YEARS

Mrs. Della Andrew
Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bailey
Blake-Blackston American Legion Post #77
Joan W. Cox
Mrs. Richard M. Crowley
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Dulin, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. William W. Duncan Jr.
Mrs. Thomas Dwyer
Mr. and Mrs. George P.A. Eysymontt
Mr. W. Thomas Fountain Esq
Mr. and Mrs. Les Frampton
Mrs. Carol Friedel
Friends of Hospice
Mrs. Doreen C. Getsinger
Mr. Albert B. Gipe
Mrs. Shirley Gooch
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Grady
Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Granville
Mr. and Mrs. David Hazen
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hill
Mr. Robert C. Paulus and
Ms. Joanne Magruder
The Honorable and
Mrs. Calvin R. Sanders
Mrs. Jacqueline R. Scarborough
Mr. and Mrs. George Scholley
Schulman Foundation
Mr. Charles Semans
Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Sheridan
Mr. W. Rembert Simpson
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Mrs. Genevieve J. Townsend
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Van Fossan, Jr.

### 15–19 YEARS

1880 Bank (Easton Bank & Trust)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Andrew
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Baxter
Mr. and Mrs. Alan W. Baynard
Mr. Donald G. Bickert
Mr. and Mrs. James Y. Blankner
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Collison
Mr. and Mrs. C. Paul Cox III
Mr. Walter W. Duncan
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Gibson
Ms. Lana W. Harding
Mr. and Mrs. Haines B. Holt
Mrs. Isobel M. Krouse
Mr. and Mrs. John A. O'Brien
Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Powers
Mrs. Adrienne W. Rudge
Dr. Frances Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Brian J. Spector
Ms. Brenda Stone and
Mr. Daniel Watson
Mrs. Sarah Stoner
Thomas H. Hamilton Foundation, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Trippe
Wesley Bible Class-Oxford United
Methodist Church
Mrs. Sara A. Woodall
Mrs. Patricia Zindulka
Mr. Howard A. Zwemer

### 10–14 YEARS CONSECUTIVE GIVING

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Abruzzese
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Alnutt
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Anthony
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Anthony
Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Apenes
Mr. and Mrs. David C. Baker
Mrs. Jeanine Bartlett
Mr. Joseph Battin
Mrs. Shirley R. Blades
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Britt
Mrs. Mildred C. Bullock
Mr. and Mrs. Kitredge Buritsch
Mr. and Mrs. William Burruss
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Case
Mr. and Mrs. James N. Cooney
Dr. and Mrs. Tucker Dalton
Mr. James C. Dawson
Dr. and Mrs. George E. Dent, Jr.
Dr. Silvia Diaz
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Doehler
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Doetzer
Mr. and Mrs. H. Wade Dudrow
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fisher
Mr. and Mrs. L. Charles Fricker
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gannon
Gipe Associates
Grayce B. Kerr Fund, Inc.
Mrs. Joan R. Hagy Green
Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Haddaway
Mrs. Nancy Healy
Mr. and Mrs. Bill G. Hendon
Mrs. Katherine R. Herbert
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hershey
Mr. William C. Hickson
Dr. Wayne Hockmeyer
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hopkinson
Hon. William S. Horne
Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Howell
Mr. Richard E. Hubbard
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hynson, Jr.
Ms. Karen Kaludis and
Mr. Thomas F. Filbert
Mrs. Bette S. Kenzie
Mr. and Mrs. Abner Kingman
Mr. Norman P. Klug
Mrs. Nancy Latham
Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Lott
Ms. Melissa S. A. Lourie
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Marton
Ms. Catherine Y. McGinnis
Dr. and Mrs. Donald R. Merryfield
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meyerhoff
Mrs. William C. Millar

Talbot Hospice caregivers,
On behalf of our entire family, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the compassionate care you provided to our husband and father. It's very difficult to come to the decision that it's time to withdraw medical care, but your loving staff made the choice much easier to accept. From our first encounter your caregivers and staff were nothing short of extraordinary! We so appreciate everyone's compassion, smiles, kind words, and loving touch right up to the end of his life on earth. We understand your job is not an easy one, but means so much to the patients and families you serve. You all are angels sent from God when we need them most! Thank you.

# Thank You!

Talbot Hospice served 53 Veterans during the past fiscal year. As part of the We Honor Veterans Program—a partnership with the Veterans Administration and National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO)—Veterans are honored with a special pinning ceremony conducted by our staff and Veteran volunteers. The Veteran patients also receive a quilt and pillow hand crafted by Bayside Quilters and are read a poem of gratitude.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Miller III
Ms. Sheila B. Monahan
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan
Mr. James C. Mourlas
Mr. and Mrs. William Munn
Mr. Eugene R. Musser
Mrs. Anne R. Neary
Mr. Fred Nichols
Mr. and Mrs. Leo F. Nollmeyer
Mrs. Jeanette O'Connell
Mrs. Cynthia Orem
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony H. Passarella
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Petro
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pettit
Mr. W. Lee Phillips
Dr. Michael Tooke and
Ms. Susan C. Piggott
Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Potter
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ringler
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riter
Mr. Charles Monet and
Ms. Diane Rohman
Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Sanchez
Mr. Dean R. Sanders
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Sappington
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Scott
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seip
Mrs. Eunice B. Shearer
Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Shuck
Mr. and Mrs. Lon Smith
Mr. Albert L. Smith and
Ms. Eleanor B. Dallam
Mr. J.T. Smith II and
Ms. Mary Tydings Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Staley
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Thomas
Mrs. Deborah H. Urry
Mrs. Lyn von Spaeth
Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Warfield
Mrs. Katherine M. Whalen
Mr. and Mrs. Carlton L. Whaley
Mrs. Sheila M. Wheeler
Ms. Susan E. Wheeler
Mr. and Mrs. Barry S. Wildstein
Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Willey
Mr. and Mrs. David Willse
Mr. and Mrs. Ross J. Wilson
Mrs. Elizabeth Zucker

**5–9 YEARS CONSECUTIVE GIVING**

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Akridge III
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Alspach
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Amdur
Mr. and Mrs. CG Appleby
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Appler
AQUA Pools & Spas
Mrs. Carol W. Armstrong and
Mr. Bernie Grove
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bachman
Mr. Cecil F. Backus, Jr.
Ms. Fanita L. Bartoo
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Batty
Mrs. Ronald Bell
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry
Mr. and Mrs. James Blakely
Davis Bobrow and Gail Benjamin
Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Bodorff
Ms. Caroline Boutte and
Mr. Peter Gallagher
Mr. and Mrs. David G. Bradley
Mrs. Rosemary Brandus
Mr. Harold Britt
Mrs. Dorothy A. Brittingham
Mr. and Mrs. N. Richard Burgoon
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Busen
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carroll
Ms. Kathleen Carroll
Mr. and Mrs. Win Carroll
Mrs. Sharron Cassavant , DO
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cecil III
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Challoner
The Christmas Shop, LLC
A. James and Alice B. Clark Foundation
Comfort Keepers
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cook
Mr. and Mrs. James Crothers
Mr. and Mrs. R. James Crowle
Mrs. Marie Davis
Mr. and Mrs. David Dianich
Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Driggs III
Mr. Christopher Dungan
Mrs. Christine Eareckson
Ms. Brenda Early
Easton Rotary Club Youth &
Community Fund, Inc.
Easton Ruritan Club
Mr. Richard Eckardt and
The Hon. Addie Eckardt
Mr. and Mrs. Walton Egelanian
Dr. Ludwig J. Eglseder III
Episcopal Church Women of
Wye Parish
Mr. Eugene Ewing
Mr. Michael J. Fanning
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fendler
Mrs. Anne-Lise Fink
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Firth III
Mr. and Mrs. Laurence F. Fish
Dr. and Mrs. Michael J. Fisher
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ford
Mr. and Mrs. John Franke III
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Fuguet
Mrs. Ruth B. Fulton
Ms. Evelyn Gannon
Mr. and Mrs. John Ganz
Mr. and Mrs. H. Gardner
Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Garey
Drs. James and Judith Gieske
Ms. Mary Gleason
Mrs. Janet Granger
Ms. Thelma Gretzinger and
Mr. John Nielsen
Rev. Jody Gunn and Mr. Eric N. Gunn
Mr. Waller S. Hairston
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton
Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Hanrahan
Mrs. Pat Harden
Mr. and Mrs. James Harris
Ms. Theresa Harrison
Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Harrison, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Hartmeyer
Mr. Michael Hash
Ms. Elizabeth Hershey
Hillsboro-Queen Anne United
Methodist Men
Col. and Mrs. Robert A. Holden
Mr.and Mrs. William Hopkins
Ms. Martha Filbert Horner
Dr. Edythe M. Humphries
Mrs. Jennie F. Hyatt
Dr. James Jaffe
Doug and Caron James
Jamie Merida Interiors
Ms. Catherine E. Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Larry K. Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kavanaugh
Mrs. Clare F. Kettell
The Hon. Karen Ketterman and
Mr. Howard Ketterman
Mrs. Mary C. Klein
Mrs. Camilla Kneale
Dr. and Mrs. Cyrus Knowles
Dr. John P. Knud-Hansen
Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Koole

# Thank You!

Dear Friends at Talbot Hospice,

Death is a gentle teacher. I have learned – a time of loss and abandonment, but also a time of kindness and embrace. You took such good and loving care of my dear husband – and of me. Thank you for all of your comforts in this season of my sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. James Koons
Mr. and Mrs. Roger K. Krhounek
Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Kubeluis
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ladue
Mr. Karl Lemp
Mrs. Evelyn M. Leszczynski
Mr. and Mrs. James Liesener
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Malesardi
Mr. and Mrs. Alex J. Mandl
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Martin
Mr. and Mrs. William McAllister
Mrs. Catherine C. McCoy
Mrs. Joanne P. McCoy
Mrs. Dana McGrath
Mr. Ralph McNeal, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mendenhall
Mr. and Mrs. George Meyerle
Mrs. Ethel Ann Milby
Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Mittenthal
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mosier
Mrs. Hamish S. Osborne
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Oskin
Mrs. Carol Patterson
Mr. Mark L. Pellerin
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Peters
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petizon
Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Pratt
Mr. Anthony J. Principi
Mr. and Mrs. William N. S. Pugh, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. David C. Pulzone
Mrs. Ellen S. Rajacich
Mr. and Mrs. James Reed
Mr. George Reed
Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Reilly
Retirement Community of Easton, Inc
Dr. and Mrs. William G. Ritchie
Mr. and Mrs. Junior Rizia
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Roche
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rossotti
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Ms. Elizabeth S. Schaefer
Ms. Mary Ann Schindler and Mr. Martin Hughes
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scofield
Ms. Caroline E. Seaton-Lyon
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Segal
Mr. and Mrs. George Shoener
Mrs. Suzanne I. Shortall
Mrs. Virginia Shuster
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Slack
Ms. Carol M. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Spence
Mr. and Mrs. Brent Spurry
Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Stansbury
Mr. and Mrs. Jack P. Stoltz
Dr. and Mrs. Regis T. Storch, M.D.
Mrs. Jo Ann Storey
Mr. Jefferson S. Strider
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Stringer
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Strong III
Mrs. Margaret Stubee
Mr. and Mrs. John Syarto
Dr. and Mrs. Edward R. Thieler III
Miss Naomi D. Thomas
Mrs. Frances A. Thorington
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tilghman
Mr. and Mrs. John Trax
Mrs. Margaret Trever
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tyler
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Unti
Mr. and Mrs. Judson B. Van Dervort
Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanNest
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Virostek
Mrs. Patricia E. Visgaitis
Ms. Carroll Waskins
Mr. Lee Weller
Mr. Bruce Wiltsie and Mr. William Davenport
Mr. H. Rodman Wolff and Rev. Joan C. Wolff
Woman's Club of St. Michaels
Mrs. Jacqueline A. Young
Mr. Calvin Yowell, Jr.

## 1981 SOCIETY

*The 1981 Society recognizes donors who have contributed a cumulative total of $25,000 or more over time.*

Anonymous (3)
A. James and Alice B. Clark Foundation
Chip and Sally Akridge
Mr. Joseph Battin
Thomas and Tina Baxter
Blake-Blackston American Legion Post #77
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Burleson
Mrs. Alice B. Clark
Clark Enterprises, Inc.
The Concordia Foundation
Mrs. Joyce Covell
Mrs. Joan W. Cox
Crestar Bank
Dalton Family Foundation
Darby Foundation
Dorothy Metcalf Charitable Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Buck Duncan
E.E. Streets VFW Memorial Post #5118
Easton Rotary Club Youth & Community Fund, Inc.
B. P. O. Elks #1622
Mr. and Mrs. George P.A. Eysymontt
The Farrell Family Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fisher
Mr. W. Thomas Fountain Esq
Patricia M. Fox
France-Merrick Foundation, Inc.
Frederick W. Richmond Foundation, Inc.
Friends of Hospice
Mr. John Furman
Mrs. Joanna Garbisch
Mr. Albert B. Gipe
Mrs. Shirley Gooch
Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Granville
Grayce B. Kerr Fund, Inc.
Ms. Thelma Gretzinger and Mr. John Nielsen
Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Haddaway
Herrmann-Freeman Fund
Dr. Wayne Hockmeyer
Nancy and Haines Holt
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hunter, Jr.
Mrs. Sharron Jamarik
Mrs. Margaret K. Keller
Bette S. Kenzie
Mr. and Mrs. Abner Kingman
The Michael and Nancy Klein Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. James Koons
Robert and Doris Fischer Malesardi

A bride-to-be shares a glimpse of her wedding dress with her grandfather.

# Thank You!

I feel very much at peace this morning and know it is in large part due to the knowledge that working together, you and your Talbot Hospice colleagues made my wife's last few weeks so safe and comfortable. The end came after she and I sat quietly alone together and spoke over a glass of wine as we've done thousands of times over our 48 years. When she was content to go she simply slipped away.

Thank you again. I am as grateful for your kindness to my wife and me as I am for your considerable professional experience.

Marcia Brady Tucker Foundation
Marita Menzies Endowment Fund
Maryland Charity Campaign
Mrs. Midge F. Menzies
Mid-Shore Community Foundation, Inc.
Maxine Millar
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell
Nagel Family Fund
Orion Safety Products
Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Parker
Tony and Cammy Passarella
Mr. W. Lee Phillips
Michael Tooke, M.D. and
Ms. Susan Piggott
Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Potter
Edward D. Powers Charitable Lead Trust
Mr. Anthony J. Principi
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Pyles
Eleanor Requard
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ringler
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Roche
Mr. Charles Monet and
Ms. Diane Rohman
Adrienne W. Rudge
Ms. Alice R. Ryan and the Merriewold Trust of Mid-Shore Community Foundation
Schulman Foundation
Seip Family Foundation
The Seraph Foundation, Inc.
Michael D. and Barbara E. Sheridan
Shore United Bank
Mr. Albert L. Smith and
Ms. Eleanor B. Dallam
J.T. Smith II and Mary Tydings Smith
Ms. Lesly S. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Lon Smith
Mr. Howard Snyder and
Ms. Susan H. duPont
Hank and Linda Spire
St. John Foundation, Inc.
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Thomas H. Hamilton Foundation, Inc.
Bobby and Mary Van Fossan
Wal-Mart Store 1715
Mrs. Katherine M. Whalen
Mr. and Mrs. David Willse
Mr. Bruce Wiltsie and
Mr. William Davenport
Mary and John Wolfe

## MARGARET B. FERREE LEGACY SOCIETY

*The Margaret B. Ferree Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made a planned gift to Talbot Hospice. Maggie Ferree was the embodiment of stewardship and generosity on the Mid-Shore. She was an early advocate for the hospice concept of care and served on the board for repeated terms.*

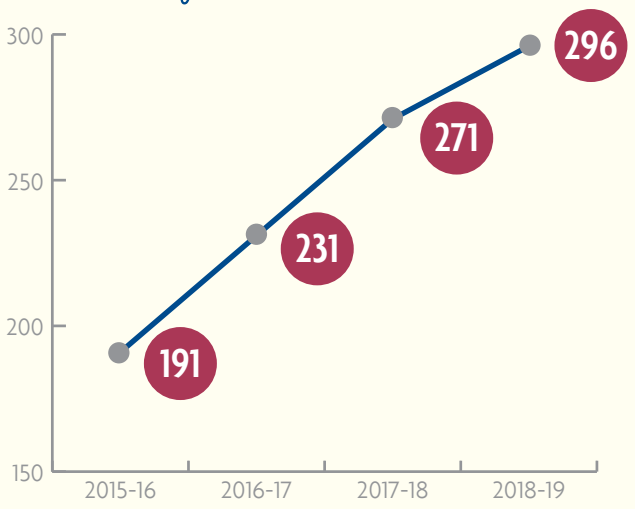
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Alspach
Mr. and Mrs. David F. Bent, Jr
Mrs. Joan W. Cox
Kate and Paul Cox
Mr. W. Thomas Fountain Esq
Liz and Howard Freedlander
Mr. Albert B. Gipe
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Guthrie
Dr. and Mrs. Maulik Joshi
Maxine Millar
Ms. Sheila B. Monahan
Mr. W. Lee Phillips
Mrs. Martha Read
Mr. and Mrs. John Reisinger
Mrs. J. Thomas Requard
Patricia and Timothy Roche
Mrs. Adrienne W. Rudge
Mr. Robert Savoie
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Slack
Mr. Albert L. Smith

**Planned Gifts Received in FY2019**

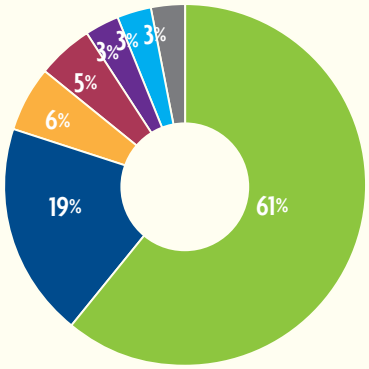
Estate of Harriet Critchlow
Estate of William and Katherine Ginder
Estate of Jean Carole Walters

Bayside Quilters' Michelle Hegadorn (left) and Chris Dorset (center) presented a special patriotic quilt to Executive Director Vivian Dodge (right) which was commissioned by Talbot Hospice. The quilt is used to honor those Veterans who are Talbot Hospice patients at University of Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center as a final salute upon their death.

## Hospice Patients Served

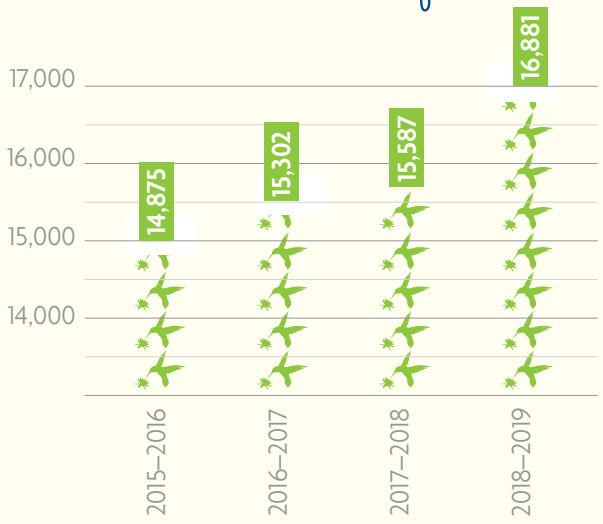



## Charitable Giving

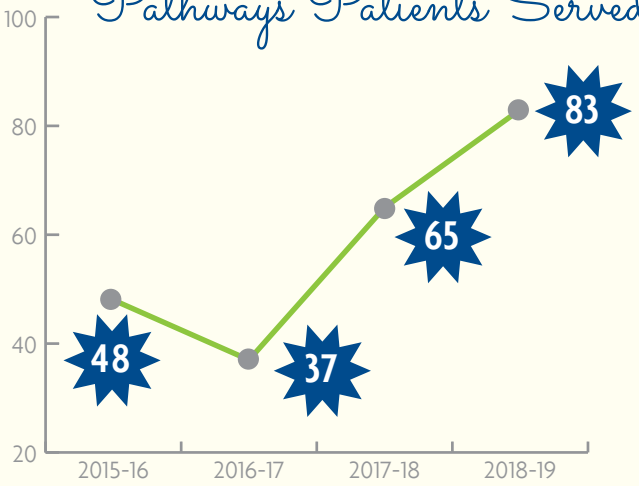



| | |
|---|---|
| Individuals | $476,405 |
| Memorial Gifts | 146,942 |
| Other | 48,075 |
| Clubs, Churches | 36,839 |
| Corporate | 26,006 |
| Events | 25,582 |
| Grants | 21,750 |
| **Total Income** | **$781,599** |

## Volunteer Hours of Service




## Pathways Patients Served




**Talbot Palliative Care 29**

**Patients served February–June 2019**

## Bereavement Program

## Mission

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

Talbot Hospice
586 Cynwood Drive
Easton, MD 21601-3805
410-822-6681
talbothospice.org

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
EASTON, MD
PERMIT NO 280

## Your source of solace during a difficult time.