

End-of-Life Doulas Provide Comfort for Patient and Family

The role of a Doula is most often associated with assisting a woman through childbirth, but in recent years, the use of End-of-Life Doulas to be present with a patient who is actively dying has become common practice with many hospice organizations. Talbot Hospice began a Doula program in 2012 with five volunteers, and since that time, the program has grown as requests for End-of-Life Doulas continue to rise. In September, 18 individuals participated in advanced training to learn about the sacred role of a Doula.

End-of-Life Doulas provide a calm, peaceful presence and physical, emotional, mental and spiritual support for patients and families during the period of transition at the end of life. They are trained to know the signs of an actively dying patient and to educate loved ones about what to expect. To be an End-of-Life Doula requires special training in being mindful and exploring spirituality as it pertains to dying.

Talbot Hospice End-of-Life Doulas go wherever the patient calls home—in a private residence, facility or in our twelve-bed Hospice House. In general they are present during the last 48 hours of a patient's life. Sometimes Doulas are a presence for a patient who would otherwise have died

alone. Other times, they assist family members who want to keep a loved one at home, but are anxious when the death is near.

According to volunteer Cindy Reed, being a Doula is very rewarding and of considerable comfort to families in our care.

"Folks who live a distance away are most appreciative to have one of us by their loved one's bedside until their arrival, to serve as their placeholder while they take a few needed hours away, or to simply keep them company as they become more comfortable with their actively dying family member," said Cindy. "Just the presence of experience and calm can work wonders at this very difficult time, and we are all only too glad to provide that."

Doulas are trained to help a patient articulate his or her vision of a good death and to plan that vigil. The plan might

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Eighteen individuals attended advanced End-of-Life Doula training in September at Talbot Hospice. Shown here are (l-r) Kathleen Franke, Ann Hash, Emma Johnson, Gordon Ries, Linda Nabb, Liz Haslup, Ellen Taggart, Phyllis Peddicord, Deborah Pulzone, Sally Woodall, Jan Gnospelius, Steve Slack, Anne Slack, Jack Anthony, Patty Pielmeier. Not pictured: Eugenie Drayton, Larissa Kitenko, and Norma Trax.



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From the Executive Director



DEAR FRIENDS,

Your lives matter to us. During difficult times, we bring comfort and compassion and provide care that honors dignity and humanity. We know that in the final months of life, there can be emotional and spiritual healing through expressions of love, joyful memories, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Our goal is to help you, your families, and support you in having these life experiences—to make more of these moments possible. These months, days, weeks and moments can be among life's most precious—and that is precisely the reason that Talbot Hospice exists.

Our philosophy is to be there when you need us, at all times. We provide 24-hour access and do whatever it takes to provide our patients and families comfort, clarity, peace, and support. If someone has a caregiving question or troubling symptom, help is there any time, day or night.

The generosity of our donors enables us to provide care and services to our hospice patients and the community at large. Many of these services are uncompensated. We truly appreciate the support from our community, and are especially grateful when that affirmation of kindness allows us to continue to offer hope for all those we serve.

We recognize that individuals and families are the experts in their own care, and we continuously strive to maintain your sphere of care.

We are born into a world of comfort, warmth and love, and it is our belief that we should all leave this world in the same way.

Talbot Hospice is here for you.

Serving Hospice,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vivian M. Dodge".

Vivian Dodge MBA, BSN, RN
Executive Director

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.

New Board Members Appointed

Steve Slack, who assumed the role as board president in July for a two-year term, has announced the appointment of Susie Dillon, Lee Gordon, and Dick Granville to the board of directors. "I am pleased to have been asked to take on this leadership role, and I welcome our three new board members as ambassadors for Talbot Hospice," said Steve. "I look forward to working with them to help guide Talbot Hospice through the next two years."



Following a 16 year career as an educator and administrator in independent and public schools, **SUSIE DILLON** has served on a number of local boards including The Women and Girls Fund, Talbot County Board of Education, and The Gunston School where she was board chair from 2014-17 and chair of the capital campaign in 2007. She also served on the CASA

annual spring event committee from 2010-18 and was chair of the Memorial Hospital 2005 Centennial Anniversary Event. Susie has joined the Development Committee.



LEE GORDON is an attorney at Parker Counts where she focuses on estate planning and administration. She currently serves on The Country School board and the Talbot County Advisory Board for Mid-Shore Community Foundation. Lee has served as President of the Board for Christ Church Day School and is a former Treasurer for the Baker-King Fund.

She is a member of the Planned Giving Committee.



Returning to the board for a second term is **RICHARD (DICK) GRANVILLE** who served previously from 2001-2004 and as honorary chair of the most recent capital campaign ending in 2015. Dick was President of Celeste Industries Corporation before retiring in 2000 after 27 years. Over time, he has served in various capacities

on several local boards including Shore Bancshares, Mid-Shore Community Foundation, Shore Health System, Talbot County Free Library, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, The Country School, and the Academy of the Arts. Dick will serve on the Governance Committee.



Board president **STEVE SLACK** joined the Talbot Hospice board in 2016. He began volunteering for Talbot Hospice in 2014 and has served as breakfast cook, End-of-Life Doula, and member of the Veterans Recognition Program, Faith Initiative and Communications committees. Steve is retired from Tyco Electronics where he managed the North American sales force

for the telecommunications division. He served four years as a Naval supply officer including a tour in DaNang, Vietnam.

Leaving the board are Rev. Leonard Palmer, Tony Principi, and Lynn Sanchez. Steve said, "Leonard, Tony, and Lynn each brought their unique passion and commitment to Talbot Hospice, and we are grateful for their many contributions."



include placement of the bed, music or sounds, reading, scent, creating a “shrine” of important objects and images, interactions with family and friends, and how spirituality is incorporated. Doulas are also trained to utilize guided imagery as a tool during vigil.

Doulas can also help an individual with legacy work collecting memories and mementos, shifting the focus from loss to a life lived. Legacy work provides a unique opportunity for a patient to reflect on the events and people that shaped him or her and gives loved ones something tangible, providing healing and comfort. It can be a powerful coping tool for both the patient and the family.

“Part of the Doula training also includes self-care,” explained Lori Miller, Director of Volunteer Services. “Our volunteers are absorbing a lot of emotion, and they must take care of themselves mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We practice exercising mindfulness, boundaries, and decompression techniques to help a volunteer refocus following a vigil.”

For more information about our End-of-Life Doula program and other Talbot Hospice services and programs visit TalbotHospice.org or call 410-822-6681.

NAVIGATING THE HOLIDAYS IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF



Friday, November 2
9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Clark-Guthrie Center



Registration is required

As we approach the holidays, it can be difficult to imagine how to get through them without having our loved ones with us. Holidays are a time of memories, traditions, rituals, and special events and often these times are even harder when we are in the midst of our grief. **NAVIGATING THE HOLIDAYS WORKSHOP** will provide an opportunity to learn how to incorporate new traditions into the old, how to honor the memory and legacy of our loved ones, in addition to learning new coping skills when working through your grief through the holiday season. This workshop is for individuals and families—and there will be activities for children.

All Talbot Hospice support groups are free of charge and open to the public. For more information, or to register, contact Becky DeMattia, Bereavement Coordinator, at 410-822-6681 or bdemattia@talbothospice.org.



The Friends of Hospice Board members have been busy preparing for the 33rd Annual Festival of Trees event. This year's artist, Brad Ross perfectly captured our vision for this year's theme, *The Magic of Christmas!* The Festival continues to thrive because of our dedicated board, the many volunteers, and our generous community. We are so grateful to the hundreds of people who work countless hours to put these events together and so thankful for the local businesses who year after year generously provide sponsorships, raffle items, and venue locations, all for the success of the Festival.

We will kick off the Festival on Sunday, November 4 with lunch at the Crab Claw in St. Michaels, followed by the Preview Party, Homes Tour, Candy Cane Lane, Mother Son Dance, Daddy Daughter Dance and of course the beautiful display of trees at the Historic Tidewater Inn along with the Christmas Elves Shop.

Please take a look at the Festival Brochure, which is included in this newsletter for more information about the events. We hope you'll plan to attend at least one of the Festival activities as we're confident you'll enjoy your experience!

Sincerely,

Brenda Forbes-Butler

Friends of Hospice Board President



Join the tradition...

Festival of Trees!

Please consider contributing
to benefit Talbot Hospice.

The Festival of Trees includes activities for our entire community and is the largest fundraiser for the Friends of Hospice to benefit Talbot Hospice. Please consider making a donation to the Friends of Hospice to support the very important work that Talbot Hospice carries out.

*All sponsors will have their names listed
in the Festival program.*

Festival Angel: Donation of \$5,000
or more

Festival Star: Donation of \$2,500

Festival Santa: Donation of \$1,000

Festival Elf: Donation of \$500

Festival Reindeer: Donation of \$300

Tree Sponsor

Price varies by size (4ft–10ft) and trees are limited
in number. Please call 410-819-3378 (FEST) or email
talbotfestival@gmail.com for cost and availability.

Poinsettias

\$25 "In Memory or Honor of" Donation
Help fill the Festival Poinsettia Tree. If you intend to keep
your plant at the end of the Festival, it must be picked
up by 11am on Wednesday, November 28, or it will be
donated.

2018 Festival Framed Artwork Raffle

We are delighted to have this year's original artwork
created by Bradford Ross.

Drawing Tuesday, November 27 at 6pm.

\$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25. Need not be present to win.

Special Raffle

First Prize: \$1000 gift card for Southwest Airlines

Second Prize: Custom-made vintage wood chess table.
Drawing Tuesday, November 27 at 6pm.

\$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25. Need not be present to win.

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Festival of Trees

Homes Tour



Saturday, November 24
Sunday, November 25

10am to 4pm

*A self-guided driving tour of unique
and beautifully decorated homes
in Talbot County.*



Presented by The Friends of Hospice
to benefit Talbot Hospice

2018
FESTIVAL
OF TREES

the **Magic** *OF* **Christmas**

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PREVIEW NOVEMBER 23

NOVEMBER 24-27

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the Magic OF Christmas

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FESTIVAL OF TREES



33RD ANNUAL
Festival of Trees

Festival Homes Tour

SATURDAY
November 24, 2018
10am to 4pm

SUNDAY
November 25, 2018
10am to 4pm

TICKETS: Requests for tickets by mail (\$25) must be received by November 17. Advance in-person tickets (\$25) are available until November 21 at Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive, and at The Tidewater Inn Gold Ballroom from November 19 to November 21, and November 23 until noon.

Day-of tickets (\$30) are available only at

The Tidewater Inn Gold Ballroom. Tickets are also available online at www.festival-of-trees.org.

TICKET SALES ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE ORDER EARLY. TICKETS MAY BE USED EITHER DAY.

ATTIRE: Please wear low-heeled shoes for both your own comfort and to protect the floors of our featured homes. Please leave large purses/bags/backpacks in your locked car.

DRIVING: This is a self-guided driving tour of homes in Talbot County.

DIRECTIONS: You will receive driving directions to the homes with your tickets.

PHOTOGRAPHY: NO photography allowed at homes.



**The Talbot County
Women's Club Clubhouse**
18 Talbot Lane, Eastson



Hope House
25918 Voit Road, Easton

Hope House one of the great mansions of Talbot

One of Easton's best kept secrets is the house at 18 Talbot Lane in Easton's Historic District. The property dates back to the 1600's when the King of England made grants of land to those in his favor. James Price built a house on his site 1790. This is one of the town's oldest buildings.

The house, according to the 1967 Historic American Building Survey, "is a fine, freestanding Federal period structure, its brickwork is among the towns best, and indeed the building is one of Easton's best preserved early structures."

The beautiful brick building is laid in the Flemish Bond design with narrow mortar joints, and has plain, almost austere appearance. The 2.5 story building has three bays and its curbside appearance is striking. There is a 1.5 story white frame building nested to, and slightly in front of, the brick house. This frame building was built circa 1803 to form on unit.

The Talbot County Women's Club purchased the property in 1946 with funds raised in part by the musical comedy "Petticoat Parade," written by the Club. The women continued to raise funds in support of restoring the house to its prior grandeur.

In 2013, the property was the site of an archaeological dig conducted by the University of Maryland, College Park. The Club property is part of the Hill Community, which is thought to be the earliest free African-American settlement in the United State. A sign documenting the dig adorns the property.

The TCWC is a 201(c) public charity and does many community outreach programs during the year.



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKETS
www.festival-of-trees.org or 410-819-3378 (FEST)

Thank You to our Homes Tour families

The Friends of Hospice extend their most sincere gratitude to our Homes Tour families for making their homes available for the tour.



Loblolly Cove 9640 Leeds Landing Circle, Easton

Built in 1983 at the end of a small spur of Leeds Creek, Loblolly Cove is a small, quaint cottage surrounded by Loblolly pines planted over 40 years ago. The property is just over 4 acres with the house built near the south end. A multitude of trees and gardens were added by the present owner since she purchased it in 1995.

Although not a large house, it is packed with carefully and lovingly collected pieces of china and glass. Needlepoint is a passion and many, many pieces are on display including those done by relatives. The owner added a large master bathroom which has a wonderful view of the gardens and river from the angled spa bathtub.

The house is a riot of color. Many gay, bold, and quaint prints are collected in one room after another, making a very cozy and warm atmosphere for all to enjoy.

County. Once the home of illustrious members of the Tilghman and Lloyd families, it is one of the genuinely unique dwellings of its day and one of the best executed restorations of the early 20th century. It is one of the great Federal Era estates of the Chesapeake and one of the most beautiful natural preserves in the region.

Tradition says that the present house was built in 1740, but there is nothing in tax assessments to substantiate this. Robert Lloyd Tilghman was the last male heir to live at Hope who sold it to Thomas Crane in 1863. Over the years the house fell into disrepair until it was rescued in 1907 by William J. Starr, a wealthy lumberman from the Midwest and his wife, Ida May. He bought the house and 250 acres for \$15,000. Their daughter, Ruth Starr Rose, an internationally renowned lithographer, began her career by sketching nearby scenes of daily life in Copperville and St. Michaels. Her work is featured in a recently published book by Barbara Paca.

Before discovering Hope, Mr. Starr had made a careful study of the "Double-Wing House" found in parts of Virginia and Maryland. It is a truly Colonial type, earlier and purer than the so-called "Southern Colonial" house so commonly built through the South from 1819 to 1840. Careful inspection of the old foundations showed that Hope had once been a very pure example of this double winged type with a central house, connecting arcades on either side, and balanced wings to the East and West. During the restoration every detail of construction was carefully chosen to conform to the old house, true "Flemish Bond" being used on all walls.

Mrs. Starr laid out a magnificent garden on the water side which added immensely to the liveability of the home. The couple's overall intent was to make a comfortable, beautiful country home, not a "show place" nor one too good for the "exuberant life of healthy children".

In 1965, Mr. and Mrs. W. Flaccus Stifel bought and restored the Hope estate. Their son, Peter Stifel, continues to maintain it today as a working farm, a natural haven, and one of the great showplaces of Talbot County. Although not decorated for Christmas, this home and property will be a treat to see!

2018 FESTIVAL OF TREES

the Magic OF Christmas



The Gold Ballroom of The Historic Tidewater Inn

Saturday, November 24 10am to 8pm
Sunday, November 25 11am to 8pm
Monday, November 26 10am to 8pm
Tuesday, November 27 10am to 6pm

Admission to the Gold Ballroom

\$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 62 and older
\$1 for children under 12,
free for children under one.

Since 1986

Friends of Hospice has carried out its mission to raise funds for Talbot Hospice by presenting the annual Festival of Trees. This event continues to be immensely successful and is made possible through the work of hundreds of volunteers. The festival has generously given their financial support to help defray some of the costs of providing care and services to patients and families, and the community, facing end of life issues.

Talbot Hospice

is the premier resource in Talbot County for people facing end-of-life illness, loss and grief. They provide full service hospice care in homes, nursing facilities and at the Hospice House on Gynwood Drive in Easton. Talbot Hospice offers hope, compassionate support and services to all members of our community without regard for ability to pay. Programs include Pediatric Care, Pathways, bereavement and spiritual counseling, community education and trained volunteers. Services are offered to individuals, caregivers, families and friends. Talbot Hospice focuses on the quality of life and celebrating life each day.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKETS:

(410) 819-3378 (FEST)

On-line tickets at www.festival-of-trees.org

Like us on Facebook at Festival of Trees Talbot County



2018 Festival Activities

Dinner at the Crab Claw

All proceeds from your dinner at the Crab Claw in St. Michaels will benefit the Festival of Trees and Talbot Hospice. Call 410-745-2900 to make a reservation. **Sunday, November 4, 12 to 4pm.**

*Preview Party

The Festival of Trees begins on Friday with a celebratory party in the Gold Ballroom of The Tidewater Inn, cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, music, and special raffles. Tickets are \$50 per person and include open bar from 6 to 7pm and lite-fare buffet. Cash bar available after 7pm. **Friday, November 23, 6 to 8pm.**

*Homes Tour

On this self-guided driving tour, you will visit unique and beautifully decorated homes in Talbot County. Requests for tickets by mail (\$25) must be received by Nov. 17. Advance in-person tickets (\$25) are available until Nov. 21 at Talbot Hospice House, and at The Tidewater Inn Gold Ballroom from Nov. 19 to Nov. 21, and Nov. 23 until noon. Day-of tickets (\$30) are available only at The Tidewater Inn Gold Ballroom. Tickets are also available for purchase online at www.festival-of-trees.org. **Saturday, November 24 and Sunday, November 25, 10am to 4pm. TICKETS MAY BE USED EITHER DAY.**

Candy Cane Lane

Crafts, games, food, visits with Santa, and other fun activities. Easton Elementary School (Moton). Admission: Children \$5, includes lunch; Adults Free. **Saturday, November 24, 10am to 2pm.**

*Mother Son Dance

The Milestone, Easton, silent auction items, light refreshments and dancing. Music by DJ Megahertz. \$30 for Mothers; \$10 for each Son. **Saturday, November 24, 6 to 8pm.**

*Daddy Daughter Dance

Elk's Lodge Easton, American Girl Doll raffle, gift shop for daughters to shop for Christmas gifts. Light refreshments and dancing. Music by DJ Eric Higgins. \$30 for Daddies; \$10 for each Daughter. **Saturday, November 24, 6 to 8pm.**

The Christmas Elves Shop

This is a perfect place to start your holiday shopping. The Shop is located at The Tidewater Inn Gold Ballroom. Open during Festival hours.

*Advanced purchase required

For ticketing and information:

www.festival-of-trees.org



I want to support the
2018 Festival of Trees
to benefit Talbot Hospice

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening: _____

Email: _____

Name or business as you would like it listed in the Festival program: _____

Please return this form with your check to:

Friends of Hospice, P.O. Box 2052, Easton, Maryland 21601

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Festival Santa: \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ |

Tickets

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Preview Party (\$50pp) | # attending _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homes Tour (\$25pp), orders rec'd. by Nov. 17 | # tickets _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candy Cane Lane (\$5 per child) | # attending _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother Son Dance (\$30/\$10) | # attending _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daddy Daughter Dance (\$30/\$10) | # attending _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2018 Framed Festival Artwork Raffle (\$10 or 3-for-\$25) | # tickets _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Raffle (\$10 or 3-for-\$25) | # tickets _____ |

Poinsettias

- ☐ Poinsettias at \$25 each; Number of plants: _____
(Orders must be received by November 12)

☐ List my plant(s) in memory of: _____

☐ List my plant(s) in honor of: _____

☐ I wish to donate my plant(s) to Talbot Hospice House.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Thank You

DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for supporting our patients and families through the Annual Fund!

YOUR GIFT WILL SUPPORT:

- Palliative Care Program
- Bereavement services for all members of the community, including children
- Volunteer training and support
- Pathways Program: a pre-hospice, non-medical, volunteer program of supportive services for people diagnosed with a life-limiting illness.
- Care in our Hospice House residence at little or no cost to those who cannot afford the room and board fee.
- Pediatric Care Program
- Honoring Veterans at the end of life
- Education in the community

To make a secure online gift, visit our website at TalbotHospice.org/donate.

We invite you to participate in our Monthly Giving Program.

A small monthly gift (\$10 minimum) may allow you to increase your support to a more significant level. And it's easier on your budget!

Join the Guthrie Society with gifts totaling \$1,000 or more and receive the annual report, special mailings and an invitation to a private party in the fall.

Join the Hummingbird Society with gifts totaling \$500-\$999 and receive the annual report and special communications.

Stock gifts and matching gifts welcome.

If you're age 70 ½ or older and have an **IRA**, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to qualified charitable interests—\$200,000 per year for a couple who each have an IRA.

Engraved Bricks and Memorial Plaques



Celebrate the life of someone dear to you by purchasing an engraved brick for our walkway or a plaque to be placed on our Memorial Wall outside Hospice House. As you honor the memory of a loved one, your gift provides needed support so that we may continue to maintain

the high standards of services, support and care at Talbot Hospice. You can purchase bricks on our website TalbotHospice.org (click on Donate/Ways to Give).

To our wonderful donors

Thank you for your gifts that provide **HOPE, COMPASSION, and DIGNITY.**

Your generosity is a gift of **LOVE** and is a meaningful contribution to your community.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Shop on Amazon Smile and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to Talbot Hospice. Just designate Talbot Hospice as your charity of choice.

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THANK YOU!

THE *Margaret B. Ferree*
Legacy Society
of Talbot Hospice

As you consider your estate preparation, we hope you'll think about joining **THE MARGARET B. FERREE LEGACY SOCIETY** with a planned gift to Talbot Hospice. You will not only help ensure the future of Talbot Hospice but will also serve as an inspiration to others in our community. The legacy society encourages, supports, and celebrates planned gifts which ensure that hospice care will be available for generations to come. With the over-65 population in Talbot County at nearly 28% (2016 Census) and growing, planning for our future is more important than ever before.

If you have questions about joining the Legacy Society, please contact Kate Cox, Director of Development, 410-822-6681 x15 or kcox@talbothospice.org.



NATIONAL HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

Talbot Hospice will celebrate National Hospice & Palliative Care Month in November with a number of activities designed to bring attention to hospice, palliative care, and the importance of advance healthcare decisions.

BEING MORTAL FILM SCREENING

FREE OF CHARGE, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Presented in partnership with Anne Arundel Medical Center

Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive

Thursday, November 15, 10–11:30 a.m.

Join us to view this Frontline documentary following renowned New Yorker writer and Boston surgeon Atul Gawande as he explores the relationships doctors have with patients who are nearing the end of life. In conjunction with Gawande's book, *Being Mortal*, the film investigates the practice of caring for the dying, and shows how doctors — himself included — are often remarkably untrained, ill-suited and uncomfortable talking about chronic illness and death with their patients. After the film, a panel of experts from AAMC and Talbot Hospice will address comments/questions and discuss the steps we can take to make sure that our own wishes and those of our loved ones are expressed and respected. Register at talbot-conversation.eventbrite.com or call 410-822-6681.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WORKSHOP

Brookletts Place Talbot County Senior Center

Friday, November 30, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Presentation 10–10:30 a.m.

Individual assistance with paperwork 10:30–2 p.m.

Work with trained staff and volunteers to understand healthcare choices and complete advance directive paperwork including Five Wishes. To register, call 410-822-6681 or email info@talbothospice.org.

MARY JANE MEINTZER APPOINTED QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR & COMPLIANCE OFFICER



Mary Jane Meintzer, RN, CHPN, has assumed the role of Quality Improvement Coordinator and Compliance Officer as of September 1, 2018. She replaces Anne Shannahan who is retiring after a 35 year career in nursing and who has been with Talbot Hospice since 2014.

"We so appreciate Anne's contribution to Talbot Hospice these past four years and wish her much happiness in her retirement," said Executive Director Vivian Dodge. "I am also delighted to have Mary Jane assume this position. She brings many skills and talents to her new role."

In her dual roles as Quality Improvement Coordinator and Compliance Officer, Mary Jane will identify and implement ongoing process improvement strategies and best practices to maximize efficiency and improve quality outcomes. She will also ensure compliance with industry regulations and accreditation standards for hospice care.

"I have known Anne since nursing school and wish her well in her retirement," said Mary Jane. "I have truly loved working as a case manager for our hospice patients, and I will miss the day to day interaction with them, but I am looking forward to my new role to help better serve our patients, families, and staff."

Mary Jane has worked as a nurse case manager for Talbot Hospice since 2014. Immediately prior to that she was a volunteer in Hospice House. Mary Jane is a graduate of Macqueen Gibbs Willis School of Nursing and worked for several years at the Shore Regional Hospital before leaving to join her husband in the family business. She lives in Easton with her husband Dana and has two adult sons and a granddaughter.

2018 GUTHRIE AWARD RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED

The 2018 recipients of the Eugene and Elizabeth Guthrie Award for Professional Development are **CARON JAMES**, Director of Marketing & Communications, and **LAURA RICHESON**, Development Assistant. This annual award was created to honor and carry forward the commitment and passion of the co-founder of Talbot Hospice, Dr. Eugene "Buck" Guthrie and his wife, Betts. The purpose of the award is to educate Talbot Hospice staff in a manner that benefits both the individual staff member and the broader community. The award is for training above and beyond the usual requirements.



Caron James

Caron will be attending a two-day graphic design workshop in Washington, D.C. which will aid in developing many of the marketing materials, providing clear

and concise messaging, and broadening our marketing tools and audience. Laura will be taking a course in Development and Social Media designed to help increase and perfect the use of social media for fundraising, broaden our constituent base by capturing different markets, and spread the word about our valuable programs and services.



Laura Richeson

"We are so pleased to provide Caron and Laura with these educational opportunities that will help us reach our community, patients, and families in our care," said Vivian Dodge, Executive Director. "Dr. and Mrs. Guthrie's passion for and commitment to providing excellence in hospice care is a high standard that we strive to achieve in our day to day work here at Talbot Hospice."

GUTHRIE SOCIETY APPRECIATION PARTY SEPTEMBER 14

Members of the 2018 Guthrie Society and the Margaret B. Ferree Legacy Society attended the annual appreciation party hosted by Maxine and Jim Farrell at their beautiful home, Canterbury Manor. Many thanks to Max and Jim for a memorable evening!

The Guthrie Society is named in honor of Talbot Hospice co-founder Dr. Eugene "Buck" Guthrie and recognizes donors who give cumulative gifts of \$1,000 or more to the annual campaign each year.



Guthrie Party Hosts Jim and Max Farrell, Talbot Hospice Executive Director Vivian Dodge, and Board President Steve Slack.



Drs. Dennis and Mary DeShields, Talbot Hospice Medical Director



Tom Mitchell and Teresa Mitchell with Father James Nash

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CRAB FEAST SEPTEMBER 16



Florence Lednum, Gordon Ries, Susan Haddaway, and Cindy Ries



Sue Dyott

MANY THANKS to the following businesses for so generously providing crabs, fried chicken, beer & wine, and mums!

Glen Higgins & Chesapeake Seafood Caterers, Graul's Market, Town & Country Wine & Liquor, Robin's Nest Floral & Garden Center

"Our volunteers are an integral part of our organization. This Annual Crab Feast is another way we thank them for their generous time and dedication."

—Vivian Dodge, Executive Director

FESTIVAL OF TREES IS OFF AND RUNNING WITH 5K SEPTEMBER 22

More than 60 runners and walkers of all ages turned out to support the Festival of Trees 5K Fun Run kickoff. Alisha Saulsbury chaired the event with her daughter, Karli. "It was truly a fun day, and we raised \$2,800 for Talbot Hospice," said Saulsbury. "I want to thank TriCycle and Run and Jason and Laura Chance for calibrating the 5K and helping get the word out about the event. We look forward to building on our success next year and hope to add a 10K."

Overall Male Winner: Himanshu Hutt 22:15

Overall Female Winner: Jill Jones 25:07

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Talbot Hospice Executive Director Vivian Dodge, Race co-chairs Alisha and Karli Saulsbury, and Katherine McQuillan



Carlos Vasquez receives the award for top runner in his age category.





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Join Jamie Merida and his staff at Bountiful for this year's Holiday Kick-Off—*Gingerbread Wonderland*. The store will be filled with a sparkling, magical display of holiday ornaments, gifts, candles, and beautiful decorations. Bring your friends and make a night of it. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Bountiful will also donate 20% of all sales from October 21–28. Over the past five years, this fundraiser has generated more than \$11,000 for Talbot Hospice services and programs!



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For additional information about the party, call Bountiful at 410-763-8500 or visit Bountiful's website at BountifulDecor.com or Facebook @jamiemeridabountiful.