



Compassionate Care Through an End-Of- Life Journey

As I approach my first anniversary at Gateway Home, I realize I have finally appeased the little voice calling me to help others. I've learned more than I could imagine over the last year from our volunteers, residents, our community, and staff. One thing I have learned that resonates with me is the need for Comfort Care homes in our communities. Wyoming County is very lucky to have 3 comfort care homes available for end-of-life care. Not all communities are as fortunate. I have also learned that so many people in our communities still don't know what it is that we do.

Comfort Care homes like Gateway Home want to provide a good death to those they serve. What is a good death you might ask? A good death is not lonesome or painful. A good death is to be comfortable, pain free and surrounded by love. We will surround our residents with love in a homelike, non-institutional environment. We strive to provide an environment where residents can experience their journey and spend time with their loved ones without limitations. Whether it's unlimited visitation, playing poker on Wednesday with the guys, giving manicures, going for a walk to Bengo's for ice cream or simply getting to watch a parade from the front porch. At Gateway Home we work to provide our residents the opportunity to live the rest of their life and not just lay in a bed, waiting for their journey to end.



Since last spring I have met regularly with our closest comfort care home directors. Bampa's House, Charlotte House, Crossroads House, Gateway Home, Suzannes Comfort Care, Teresa House, & Vincent House have shared successes, challenges, best practices, new ideas and support each other in caring for our communities. Our collaboration brings different levels of experience together to brainstorm on what our communities and residents need most from us. One challenge we have faced is being able to admit residents to our homes before they pass away. This year I am hoping we can inform our communities more about comfort care and how we can help when the time comes that they need us. The goal is to get the public informed enough so they can consider placement in one of our homes before its too late.

Gateway Home welcomes our communities, referring agencies and loved ones of those in need to visit anytime. We are happy to sit with you, talk about comfort care and give you a tour of our home.

Dina Goodenbury

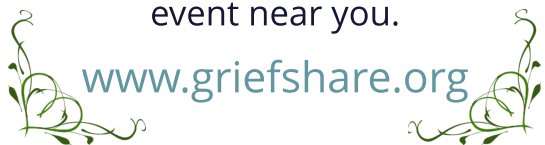
Director of Gateway Home Comfort Care



It hurts to lose someone

Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

Find a Grief Share support group or event near you.



Volunteer Spotlight

I have been asked to write about what brought me to the Gateway Home. Well, after retiring from being a secretary for 38 years, caring for my elderly mother and helping my daughter and son-in-law with my 3 grandchildren Benjamin, and twins Nicholas and Natalie, I seemed to have an empty spot



in my life. I heard about the Gateway Home. My first thought was to see if I could assist in some way with fundraising. However, COVID reared its ugly head and put fundraising efforts on hold. I gave much thought and prayer to whether I would be able to provide comfort care. I knew I was caring and had love to share with residents and their families. After meeting and working with the wonderful Office Director and volunteers, I knew that God had given me a sign that comfort care was what I needed to do to help fill my spare time. I did not have any experience in resident care but with the great training I received, I soon became comfortable with providing care to the residents. I am so thankful for the decision as I have received a tremendous amount of comfort from caring for these special residents and their families. I plan to continue volunteering with both comfort care and fundraising events.

How to help Gateway Home A great way to support Gateway Home is by dropping off your cans and bottles into the Gateway Home bins at **Ben-Go's** (211 Main St. Attica), **Exchange Redemption** (30 Exchange St. Attica) or **Can Can Redemption** in Alden.

Our Wish List

Glad wrap, Napkins, Swiffer Wet Jet Cleaner/ Pads, Storage bags sandwich, quart, gallon 4-gallon & 8-gallon trash bags, toilet bowl cleaner, postage stamps

Butter sticks, fruit cups, Jello cups, Boost, bottled water, Diet Pepsi, Gingerale

Brother Printer Ink: LC30333PKS , folding chairs with seat cushions,

For our fundraising events: Heavy duty extension cord x2, power strip x4, electric griddle x3, Raffle baskets & gift cards

* Orders can be delivered directly to Gateway Home

Amazon Wish List



Walmart Wish list



From The President's Desk

 **Location...Inclusive...Amenity:** these words may bring a bundle of thoughts to mind. You may think about a cruise vacation, a college to attend, a venue for a wedding, selling your home and buying a new place (apartment, condo, ranch, house on the beach, country or city.)

Believe it or not all these words apply to Gateway Home.

Let's start with what the dictionary says about these words:

Location: a place; area marked off or designated for a purpose.

Inclusive: including or taking things into account.

Amenity: enjoyments - increase in value - attractiveness - pleasant qualities - desirable features - conveniences - courteous acts - pleasant manners of polite social behavior.

Now you may wonder where am I going with this article.....

Believe it or not all this applies to Gateway Home. All our residents and families come from various locations. To name a few: Alden, Alexander, Akron, Arcade, Attica, Batavia, Bennington, Bliss, Brockport, Buffalo, Corfu, Cowlesville, Darien Center, Elba, Elma, Florida, Gainesville, Lancaster, Perry, Pike, Rochester, Strykersville, Varysburg, Warsaw, Williamsville. Some residents came directly from their homes. Others came from elder care facilities like the Cloisters and the Manor. Some came from long term nursing homes, East Aurora, and Wyoming County Community. Still others came directly from hospitals: Buffalo General, Como Park, Millard Fillmore, Roswell, Strong, Unity, UMMC, Wayne, and Warsaw Hospitals.

We have been inclusive in including young and old, male and female, rich or poor, all beliefs and backgrounds, introverts and extroverts, hungry or thirsty, mobile or bed bound, readers or game players, and even those who have made meals for their families in our kitchen themselves. We've served them for very short stays or longer stays. We've seen them go out the door with extended lives. And of course we have poured over last goodbyes.

The Amenity or amenities are shared by both those who need care and those who have given that care. The enjoyments of sharing courteous acts, pleasant manners and polite acts of social behavior, bringing out fruitful qualities, enjoying a pleasant atmosphere all increase the value of friendship and family happiness and support.

These are our goals for which we strive. Please be encouraged to keep us in your prayers. If you find you would like to be any part of Gateway Home we have a perfect place for you. Call or stop by. You are a blessing to us and we would like to be a blessing to you.

Doug Domes, Board of Directors, President

Upcoming Events



Join us for a Pancake Breakfast at Alden Fire Dept. Substation #2 on **March 26th from 8am-1pm**. Breakfast includes Pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk & orange

***We are always looking for volunteers for our events,**

Who wants to think about sunshine, warm breezes and summer concerts? If this is you it's not to soon to think about becoming a concession volunteer for Gateway Home at the Darien Lake Concert Series. Training begins in April/May and we promise you'll have a good time!

Contact Carol at dcbke5@gmail.com



ITS ALMOST THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! WATCH FOR NEWS ON OUR SPRING CHICKEN BBQ, APRIL 30, 2023



To volunteer or for more information on our events contact us at (585) 708-4331.

Platinum Angels



BenGo's Express



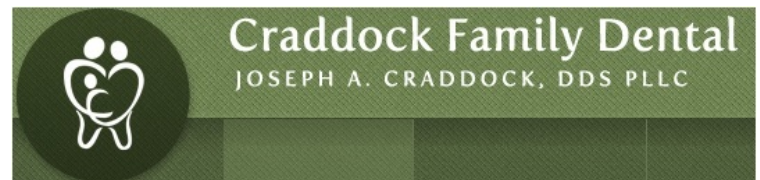
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Wyoming Correctional Facility
Employee Benefits Fund

Jane A.C. Schmieder Darlene Collins
Ralph Janes

Gold Angels



Charles & Carol Leah Klotzbach

Silver Angels

RT 77

RT 5



Ron & Evelyn (Peach) Merrill
Michael & Judith Trauscht
Connie Tartick

Jodi Rospierski
Rohauer Family

Bronze Angels



CAN-CAN REDEMPTION

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Alden, NY 14004
(585) 297-0877

Fundraising
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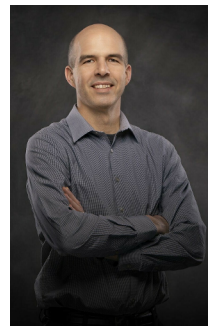
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Gateway Home is blessed to have so many supporting community members, local businesses & volunteers. Thank you for purchasing tickets, coming to our events, praying for us, donating supplies, making baked goods and even inviting us to participate in your community events. By the grace of God and your continued support we will continue to serve your community!

*Thank You
for your support*



Dina Goodenbury
Director



Sue Herman
Office Manager



Volunteer Form

gatewayhomeattica.org/volunteer-form

Gateway Home Needs your Help!

There are many opportunities to help Gateway Home in different ways:

- Use your experience or be trained by us to care for our residents' physical needs-Resident Care Orientation Classes offered
- Give Support to the emotional needs of our residents and their families.Listen and offer a helping hand!
 - Fundraising for the benefit of Gateway Home means that our mission to help others can be accomplished.Many hands make light work!
- Grounds keeping and housekeeping are necessary to maintain a clean, quality home Environment.Just another way you can help!
- Maintenance and Building Repair.All types of carpentry, electrical and/or plumbing repairs are needed to make our Home the best it can be and one of which we all can be proud of.
- Not sure what to do?Just ask, we can help you find a way for you to feel accomplished and satisfied in knowing you have made a difference in someone's life!

Tell us about yourself:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number with area code: _____

Email: _____

When is the best time to reach you? _____

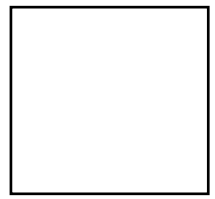
Type of volunteer work you are interested in?

Patient Direct Care ____ Fundraising ____ Shows/Events: ____ Office ____

Please mail to: Gateway Home, 91 Main Street, Attica, NY 14011

Call: (585) 708-4331 Fax:(585) 708-4333 Website: www.gatewayhomeattica.org

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Gateway Home Mission Statement:

Gateway Home is established to give “comfort care” to people who are medically determined to be in their last stages of life (three months or less). Our organization will provide both medical and spiritual care to support the residents as they pass from this life to the next. Gateway Home staff and volunteers are committed to provide dignified care, comfort and support for our residents and their families. Gateway Home is a nonprofit organization and does not charge for services provided. Funding is accomplished through donations, bequests and community support. Admission is based solely on need.