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THE EARLY BIRD
“I’m worried my grandbabies will forget me when I’m gone,” she said, fighting back tears as she laid in her hospital bed.

When faced with the reality that our own death will come, what will we fear at the end? For so many at end-of-life, the fear of not being remembered by loved ones is at the forefront of their minds. In hospice care, this is observed all too frequently by the providers who support patients in their journey. Music therapy, however, is a powerful way to transform these worries into a beautiful legacy. Music therapists are board-certified healthcare professionals, who work directly with patients to help identify their needs and establish individualized goals. Through music therapy, patients receive personalized care in a meaningful and non-intrusive manner while physical, cognitive, emotional, spiritual, and social needs are being addressed.

When a hospice patient acknowledges a fear of being forgotten, music therapists are able to offer them a variety of legacy building options. This may include interventions such as heartbeat/voice recordings and legacy songwriting. Through these interventions, patients can openly express their thoughts/emotions while feeling supported and empowered within their circumstance. Those who were once afraid often feel a sense of peace after their project is complete. Families and friends cherish these legacy projects even more, because their loved one’s voice, heartbeat, and/or favorite song is forever available to them after they pass away.

“I can’t believe my littlest grandson is going to remember what my voice sounds like,” she cried. “Music therapy is amazing.” Yes, it certainly is.

State of the Heart Care is your local hospice and bereavement provider. State of the Heart Care serves patients in Ohio and Indiana. For more information please see our website at www.stateoftheheartcare.org or call 1-800-417-7535 to speak to someone about our services.

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New Visions offers a path to independence

COLDWATER – A family-owned business located in Coldwater, Ohio is driven to provide mobility and accessibility products that enable people to go where they want, when they want, how they want. The products and services they offer give people the path to independence to remain in their home, enjoy their families and be engaged in their communities.

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All Pinnacles come with two remotes to operate your chair without sitting on it, or a second user can call the chair if required. Even with all the amazing features and benefits of a Pinnacle stair lift, the cost still falls right in line with the pricing of other models that do not offer the exceptional design, quality, engineering and service that a Harmar does.

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Legislation protects safety net providers

COLUMBUS – State Representatives Susan Manchester (R-Waynesfield) and Randi Clites (D-Ravenna), in conjunction with Senator Bob Hackett (R-London), recently introduced bipartisan legislation to protect safety net providers in the 340B program from discriminatory contracting by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). House Bill 482 prohibits imposing additional fees or reducing reimbursements to Ohio 340B providers just because of their 340B status. It also prevents health insurance plans from carving out 340B providers.

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GREENVILLE – State of the Heart Care is proud to announce two of their employees have recently been chosen as NHCPO committee members.

Barb Bell, director of Business Development, was chosen to be a member of MyNHCPO’s Development/PR/Marketing Steering Committee. This committee is heavily involved in the marketing world of NHPCO with tasks like developing community chat sessions, responding to comments and questions on NHPCO’s discussion group page, creating and updating resource material, attending meetings at national conferences while assisting with MyNHPCO activities, and promoting MyNHPCO.

Bell shared that she wanted to apply because she felt it would broaden her knowledge of Hospice and would be a good opportunity for State of the Heart Care as they move into the future of healthcare changes. She also thought it would be a great networking opportunity because you can gain new ideas and best practices from other professionals on the committee. The committee meets monthly, and Bell will be a member for the next three years.

Kelley Hall, nurse practitioner, was recently chosen to be a member of NHPCO’s Palliative Care Advisory Council. Members of this council will provide NHPCO with their own experiences and knowledge on palliative care while giving valuable insight on current issues in the healthcare world.

According to NHPCO, the council will support provider members as they expand and continue their efforts in providing palliative care, assist with the development of resources and tools related to palliative care delivery, and offer recommendations for palliative care education. When asked why she felt it was important to apply for this council, Hall said she wanted to be a voice for the smaller rural palliative care providers. The council meets monthly, with their first meeting at the end of January. Hall will be a member of the council for the next two years.

For more information on the palliative care services State of the Heart Care offers, please feel free to contact a team member at 800-417-7535.

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Pricing Program, certain safety net providers access prescription drugs at reduced prices and are mandated to pass that savings to their patients, helping low-income, uninsured and underinsured patients access care they would not receive otherwise. However, PBMs in Ohio and other states are targeting 340B providers with discriminatory contracts that absorb all or part of the 340B savings by reducing reimbursements or adding fees.

“Our legislation protects providers like Community Health Centers who rely on their 340B savings to provide access to affordable and comprehensive care,” Rep. Manchester said. “We cannot allow PBMs to continue discriminating against them just because of their status as a 340B provider.”

Establishments use the 340B reimbursements on services that support their mission of providing access to care for the underserved. The ability to reinvest savings to support or expand primary care services increases patients’ access to the care they need, when they need it and in the appropriate, most cost-effective setting.

“We cannot let PBMs or insurance companies divert money meant to help underserved patients access health services,” said Rep. Clites. “Many 340B providers use the program to fund services like dental, substance abuse treatment, or extended weekend hours. It is unacceptable to target the programs that the poorest Ohioans rely on.”

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Healthy Living Series begins

GREENVILLE – Wayne HealthCare invites all to participate in the “Healthy Living Series” a program that can help you make healthy changes that will last.

The Healthy Living Series curriculum is a nationally recognized prevention program and is approved by the Center for Disease Control. Trained instructors will be with you every step of the way, providing support and sharing knowledge with you on your journey toward healthy living.

Lessons, handouts, and additional resources included in this program will help you learn what a healthy lifestyle looks like, how to make small changes that lead to healthier choices, and how to sustain these small changes to see long term success.

This year-long program focuses on making long-term lifestyle changes that will last. A year may seem like a long commitment; however, it takes time to learn new habits, develop new skills and build confidence. The first half of the program will focus on learning to make healthier food choices (without giving up your favorite foods); adding physical activity into your daily routine; dealing with stress; and coping with changes that make it hard to stay healthy. The second half of the program will focus on continued support and guidance to help you continue to make healthy lifestyle changes. This program meets once a week and will be transitioned to once a month. The program begins March 18 and will be held on Wednesday’s from 2-3 p.m. at Wayne HealthCare.

The goals of the Healthy Living Series are to: 1) lose 5-7 percent of your starting weight through lifestyle changes, and 2) gradually increase physical activity to a minimum of 150 minutes per week. The intent of the program is to assist participants with making lifestyle changes to improve health and overall wellness. As a result of making healthy lifestyle changes, many participants do lose weight, as well as reduce their risk for diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other conditions.

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