



# Webster Comfort Cares

Webster Comfort Care—built by a compassionate community

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## Whitlock Steps Down from the Board

Through the vision of a few came the fruition of the Webster Comfort Care Home. One of those leaders is stepping down from the Board. Dave's leadership helped generate the compassion in the community to build our home.

Thank you David for all of your hard work and dedication to Webster Comfort Care Home. We will miss you at the Board meetings but be comforted by knowing we still have you on the Advisory Board.

**The person who makes a success of living is the one who sees his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly. That is dedication....Cecil B. De Mille**



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## Dave's Views: Nine Years on the Board



### Calendar of Events

I never thought, back in 2000, that we would really actually have a great home at 700 Holt Road for the terminally ill. It all began with an idea in Wayne County. The Director of Pines of Peace, a similar home, advised some Webster folk that she had to turn away too many people that could use their services. She introduced me to a Webster lady, Noelle Schabel, who had a similar interest. I called Kathy Fulton, a registered nurse, who had once said, "Dave, if you do anything with that hospice type care idea, give me a call". The rest was history. Norm Gerber the builder stepped into the act and with the many many contributions of a "compassionate community", we opened to our first resident in February of 2003.

Many fine board members, a fine staff, many many resident care volunteers later, we are in our seventh year of operation, having served over 140 people who have completed their journey at Webster Comfort Care.

As I go off the board to make room for more, younger folks to join the board and share their gifts and talents, I urge all readers here to think seriously about stepping up to volunteer in some way, be it cooking a meal, cleaning at the home, working with the dying, or serving on the board or a committee. It is very rewarding. You get back more than you give.

Just call 585-872-5290 to get more information, or write Webster Comfort Care, 700 Holt Rd., Webster, NY or check our website at [www.webstercomfortcare.org](http://www.webstercomfortcare.org).

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events that are being held to help support the Webster Comfort Care Home

July 22—**Concert at the United Church of Christ featuring the Mambo King**  
6:30 P.M. Free will offering donated to Webster Comfort Care Home

August 3—**Kittleberger Golf Tournament**  
proceeds to be shared with three groups, Webster Comfort Care to be one of the three

August 11—**Annual Board of Directors Meeting** to be held at 700 Holt Rd. at 5:30 P.M.

August 15—**Webster Village Days** - Webster Comfort Care will have a booth

October 23—**Annual Wine Tasting Gala** to benefit Webster Comfort Care Home. To be held at the Webster Golf Club

*Dave Whitlock, Co-founder and former Chair of the Board*



The Resource Corner

**Don't Take My Grief Away From Me** by Doug Manning

Manning, a well-known minister and grief counselor, writes in a warm, conversational style with insight about grief and loss issues.

In **Don't Take My Grief Away** he walks the reader through the grief process helping the reader learn how to heal and live again.

The book is available through In-Sight Books along with Rev. Manning's many other resources through the website [www.insightbooks.com](http://www.insightbooks.com).

**Appreciation**



To all of the dedicated volunteers who share their time, talents, and care to Webster Comfort Care Home, our residents, their families and the staff. All that we are we could not be without your service and team work. Love shows in so many ways in our care giving, our facilities and our community.



**Volunteer Corner**

**All of the volunteers are special and essential to the operation of Webster Comfort Care Home. Two of our volunteers have written articles to share their volunteer experiences. We thank them for sharing.**

I am a new Webster resident having moved here from a small town in Pennsylvania in November 2007. Long before I moved here, I had heard about Webster Comfort Care Home. A friend's father-in-law was a resident in 2005. At the time, I did not know the name of the home, but I knew how grateful the family was that their loved one was able to be here.

As fate would have it, I purchased a home about 1-1/2 miles from WCCH. After the holidays had past this last year, I became a little lost with what to do with myself. I had settled nicely into my new home, but I did not have near enough to do to fill my days. I love babysitting my grandchildren when my daughter needs my help, but I knew I needed more than that. I was really starting to miss all my old friends and my part-time job I had for five years before I moved.

A long time volunteer approached me about volunteering at Webster Comfort Care. She told me they really needed more volunteers and she thought I would enjoy the work. She promptly got me an application; I filled out the paperwork and met with Annie Gilmore. I started volunteering in February and I was able to take the medication class almost immediately.

I was somewhat nervous at first, but Annie partnered me with experienced volunteers so I was able to learn my way with lots of help. It is especially comforting to always have a partner to work with. In fact, I have started working one of the shifts with the same volunteer every week. Making new friends is just one of the benefits of working here.

Although I never had any formal nursing training, I took care of my husband before his death in 2002. I learned how hard it was to do the day-to-day work that needs to be done at home and tend to someone who is critically ill. I remember always being tired. Who can sleep at night when they are listening to make sure their loved one is okay. Then when the end came for him, he died in the hospital that was 65 miles from our home. And to make matters worse; we could only see him in 10-minute intervals four times a day. We spent several nights trying to rest in the waiting room.

Here at Webster Comfort Care, the families can come when they want and stay as long as they want with their loved one. The residents are never without someone at the ready to do whatever needs to be done to make their time with us comfortable and loving.

Since starting to volunteer, I also have been able to volunteer in the office. Having been a long-time secretary, I really enjoy this aspect of Webster Comfort Care as well.

I have had the opportunity to work with many of the volunteers and staff that come here to this home. They are as wonderful and caring a group of individuals that I have ever met. I realize that no matter what I am giving to Webster Comfort Care, I am getting so much more in return.

Brenda Arnold.

Partner in Caring is a new and innovative way for a business to make a commitment with Webster Comfort Care Home to provide goods, services, or financial support for the next 6, 12, 18 or 24 month period. When the commitment is made the business will be recognized and promoted as a supporting business.

Similar to the positive recognition a business receives by being a member of the local Chamber or BBB, becoming a Partner in Caring with Webster Comfort Care Home also provide a positive reflection for the business by showing a level of caring about the community that goes above and beyond delivering good customer service and products. Partner in Caring are those who support the compassionate caring provided by Webster Comfort Care Home. During these difficult financial times, creative collaboration is necessary to continue to provide compassionate services provided by the Comfort Care Home.

The need for comfort care in this community overwhelms us at times, as we wish we had more beds to offer. During these tough financial time all non-profits are concerned about adequate donations to support operations. It is difficult to tell a family that we have no bed available to offer them. This is hard enough when the reason is no room. We don't every want the reason to be that Comfort Care doesn't have sufficient revenue to provide service. We need all of your help to support this and other ways to insure the funding.

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Webster Comfort Care was named the beneficiary of the **1000 Club PBA Golf Tournament**, held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Webster Golf Club. At a dinner following the tournament, a check was presented by Peter Scorsone, Chair of the tournament, to Kathy Fulton, Chair of the Board for Webster Comfort Care, in the amount of \$4,500.00. Webster Comfort Care is very grateful for the donation, as it will help us to continue to serve the Webster community.

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*Volunteers are seldom paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!.....unknown author*

## Volunteers: Backbones of Comfort Care

Words of Sharing from one of our PRICELESS people. The community thanks you all.

I first learned about hospice when my sister chose to remain at home while terminally ill with cancer. This was made possible by her two daughters and the invaluable help of hospice nurses.

After I retired, it was important for me to "give back" personally. We had moved to Walworth and I was looking for a "fit". I read about the projected building of Webster Comfort Care Home and went to a meeting where I met Dave Whitlock. That was it! I had found my way of "paying it forward".

It has been five years now that I've been volunteering at Comfort Care and I still enjoy helping our residents and their families, my fellow volunteers, our nurses and our staff. Without volunteers, comfort care could not exist - - this is my impetus!!

Joan Rosette

### Rolling Ahead with "Make A Change Fund"



The great word "ROLL" refers to all the \$coins\$ I rolled and all the \$dollar\$ bills I counted over the past 5 years from the "Make A Change Fund". The money comes from placing decorated coffee cans at local businesses where generous folks drop coins and bills into the containers. Over the past 5 years we have been the recipients of over a whopping \$8,000.00!!

Cans are located at Hanks, Golden Boys, Webster Wine and Spirits (Holt Rd.) Mobil Gas Stations at Holt Rd. and Phillips Rd., Herman's, CVS (Webster), Rocco's Webster Cleaners and Rhino's. Thanks to these businesses for helping us to Keep Rolling Along.

Carolyn Johnson

The **Webster Community Chest** has donated \$5,000.00 to Webster Comfort Care. The donation is directed to pay the RG&E bill for the coming year. This gift is greatly appreciated by the Home.

A special note of thanks we give to **Randy Powers** for building a new ramp for the entrance to the shed and preparing and fixing the doors to the shed.

A special thank you goes to **Bill Galbraith** for helping to build the nursery garden in the backyard, and for helping to take care of all our yard needs.

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**Webster Comfort Care Home Mission :** It is our desire to allow our residents to live in a warm, loving, home-like atmosphere of support and encouragement during their final months of life. We believe in the Hospice philosophy of care: all persons have the right to die with dignity, to have an enhanced quality of life for the remainder of their days, and to be as comfortable and pain free as possible.



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**Board Members:**

- Kathy Fulton, Chair
- Ruth Fischer, Vice Chair
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- Kay Coleman, Secretary
- David Whitlock
- Chris Kotary
- Jim Reed
- Bob Anderson
- Sal Simonetti
- Kathy DiPaolo
- Gene Clifford

**Staff:**

- Alan Jones, Exec, Dir.
- Linda Weisbeck, Primary Nurse
- Annie Gilmore, Volunteer Coordinator

## Eagle Scout Project Enhances Grounds

In April of this year a wonderful young man Liam Wheatley completed his Eagle Scout Project at the Webster Comfort Care Home. His project was to rebuild the base that our shed was sitting on and then to remove the shed and place it on its new base. After several months of drawings, planning and acquiring materials, the new base was built. Liam who came to us via a soccer team from Webster Schroder, donated an afternoon to helping clean up the yard, gardens and trees last year. Liam brought with him several family members, soccer players and his scout troop. At times there were more than twenty people helping out.

Since only a few could help out with the building of the base at one time, the others raked, cut down shrubs and debris from the woods that had begun to creep all the way to the Gazebo. After clearing out all of the debris they moved it to the road side for pick up.

Then as a group effort they picked up the shed and successfully moved it onto the new base, which has animal fencing around the base, the floor has been built with pressure treated planking and everything has been caulked and sealed. Liam's father who helped to supervise the project also was kind enough to donate several beautiful hostas for us to place around the shed. Thanks to Liam and all the people who helped, we now have a great shed that should last us a long time and a much better chance at keeping the woods at bay.



Thank you to all who have been so generous with donating plants for our nursery and for helping out in the gardens - we all appreciate it so much.

## Family Activities at WCCH

We have had an exciting few months here at WCCH. Boomer the Wallaby stopped by and brought his friend Gertie the Turtle for a resident's boys to meet.

We also had the pleasure and joy of hosting a Birthday Party! No 10 year olds party would be complete without pony rides, which were provided courtesy of Never Say Never Stables on Maple Avenue in Webster. The massive amounts of decorations were donated by Party Plus in Webster. Everyone enjoyed the warm summer evening meeting ponies Curley and Jack and having a ride or getting a nuzzle for another apple.



## Volunteer News

We have welcomed a few new volunteers to the family, and we are planning a new volunteer training in September. If you know anyone interested in joining this dynamic group of volunteers, have them contact me so that they can be included in the next training.

This training will be a bit different than the past trainings, in that we will be joined by Bob Kane, who has been instrumental in continuing the comfort care philosophy around the world. His insight and passion for this work is inspiring! All current and prospective volunteers are encouraged to attend.

The first session will be held at Webster Public Library on September 10th from 5:30-8:30 pm

The following 3 training sessions will be held at our home on September 23rd, 30th and October 7th. The sessions will run from 5:00 until 7:00pm. Light snacks will be provided.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who have been so supportive of our home, and who have provided so much wonderful care to our residents and their families. Without you, we would not exist.

Enjoy the summer. Remember your sunscreen, enjoy all the wonderful summer foods and festivals, and we will tackle the extra pounds in the fall!

Annie

