An ambassador for hospice
This summer will mark 15 years since Dr. Jim Boal became medical director for Angela Hospice. During his tenure, Angela Hospice has more than doubled both its physical building and in the number of clients served – with more families able to experience what Angela Hospice has become known for: the utmost in holistic, comprehensive, compassionate, and Christ-like care.

“Hospice has grown here and also nationally in ways that I never expected,” said Boal.

Part of that change is in an area of critical importance: the pipeline of the training of incoming hospice professionals.

Boal developed an interest in hospice while still in medical school – both in person as well as through the opportunities for education that exist today, such as the Wayne State University Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program, where Boal is an ambassador and advocate for hospice, training up the next generation of hospice physicians.

“Boal gives them specialized training in end-of-life care, which most doctors at this stage in their career really need to get to their residency program,” said Boal.

Boal’s participation in the program is making a positive influence on the future growth and success of the hospice movement.

“What we’re seeing now is essentially people coming right out of residency saying, ‘This is what I want to do,’” said Boal.

This greater understanding and appreciation for the hospice concept will help to ensure that future generations will approach end-of-life care with fewer of the misconceptions that currently delay and act as barriers to proper care.

“My hope is that in the future we will see a better quality of life for patients who are not ready to go, and for their families,” Boal said. “With increased education about the benefits hospice offers to both the patient and their family, especially when it’s started earlier, we can make a difference.

We have a responsibility to tell families what they always tell us that they wished for – that they had found hospice sooner.”
Life was never easy for Nicklas Aldis, but it was always full of love.

Nick had his first seizure when he was just six weeks old. He signed on to hospice for the first time when he was one. But despite his many challenges and ailments, he remained a happy little boy.

“He was the sweetest angel child you would ever meet in your life,” said his mother, Lisa Aldis. “As much as he went through, he never complained.”

By the time Nick was ten, he had experienced countless hospitalizations, medications, and near death experiences. He’d been on life support and feeding tubes, and dealt with respiratory issues. His diagnosis was spastic quadriplegic with severe seizures and developmental delay. He was unable to speak, and yet his spirit made an impression on everyone he’d meet.

“You could not not love him. He just had this presence about him,” Lisa crooned. “Just holding him made you feel at peace. He never spoke a word in his life, but he said so much — with the people he touched, and the way he made you feel.”

Lisa and John signed Nick on to Angela Hospice’s My Nest is Best Pediatric Program when he was 10-years-old. My Nest is Best is designed to enable terminally ill children to receive hospice care in their own home, so they can be with the family that loves them.

“They definitely kept him comfortable as they could,” Lisa said of Nick’s hospice nurses. They were always available by phone, so supplies could be delivered right to the Aldis’s home, day or night. Volunteers helped the family too, like the cooks who brought them dinner every Tuesday for five years while Nick was on the program, or the massage therapist who gave Nick weekly massages in their home.

“Those massages just made his whole week!” Lisa said.

But there was a time the Aldis’s feared they could no longer keep Nick in Angela Hospice’s care. John had lost his job, and along with it, his benefits, including the family’s health insurance.

“That was...like a miraculous thing that happened,” Lisa said. “And I will never ever be able to forget [Sister Giovanni] for that. Because she did save our lives pretty much at that point.”

The Good Samaritan program is funded 100-percent by donations. For the Aldis’s, it provided relief during a difficult time.

“Angela Hospice means so much to us,” Lisa said. “We couldn’t have gotten through those times without them.”

Nick’s care was covered by Angela Hospice’s Good Samaritan program, which allows hospice to be provided at a discounted rate, or free-of-charge, for those in need or without insurance.

“Angela Hospice means so much to us,” said Lisa. “You could tell they really, really cared about Nicklas.”

Left: The Aldis Family - John and Lisa with sons Nick and Josh.

Love Speaks Louder
George “Rudy” Ski is a numbers man. A banker for 33 years, he bought and sold $125 billion worth of stocks during his professional career. He’s one of 11 children and has 80 nieces, nephews, great- and great-great-nieces and nephews. An avid traveler, Rudy has been to over 50 different countries, flown over a million miles, and still takes five air trips per year.

But beyond skills, talents, and percentages, Rudy knows what cannot be quantified: the impact you have on people and community around you. For Rudy, that comes in a variety of ways.

“I just helping people in any way I can is my hobby,” he said.

He began his affiliation with Angela Hospice when he came to visit a dear friend who was a patient in the Angela Hospice Care Center. He came nearly every other day to visit her, and one day she said: “You’d be a good man to volunteer here.”

Rudy was no stranger to volunteering. Over the years, he’d worked with the homeless, helped others through recovery programs, and volunteered at Madonna University. He even studied for the priesthood before he began his banking career. With the encouragement of his friend, Rudy enlisted in the Angela Hospice volunteer training program 14 years ago, and has been volunteering more than once a week ever since.

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Sister Mary Giovanni named Visionary and inducted to Hall of Fame for hospice care

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“It is an honor, and also very humbling to be named a Visionary,” said Sister Giovanni. “But I feel that I truly must share this honor with all of the wonderful people who have worked alongside me over these 30 years. The caring and compassion I see in my staff and our volunteers continues to inspire me to this day. And I also must credit my fellow Felician Sisters who have believed in this mission and given me the resources and opportunities needed to carry out this work.”

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Dame Cicely Saunders is also among those listed in the Hall of Fame. It was Saunders’s work that inspired Sister Giovanni to spend years researching pain control, alternative comfort measures, and the daily needs of dying patients and their families, before founding Angela Hospice in 1985.

Angela Hospice recognized as a We Honor Veterans award

Angela Hospice has joined a nationwide initiative in support of Veterans. We Honor Veterans is a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, designed to recognize and meet the unique needs of Veterans at the end of life.

Nurse Lucy Stern has been spearheading the program at Angela Hospice, which includes Veteran-centered education for staff and volunteers, and developing cooperative relationships with Veteran service agencies in order to provide better care to the Veterans we proudly serve.

Along with a group of six volunteers, Stern also honors Angela Hospice’s Veteran patients with certificates of appreciation and patriotic lapel pins during private ceremonies with their families.

“It’s the right thing to do,” said Stern, who described the ceremonies as rewarding and often quite moving. “It’s important to the Veterans and for their families.”

By recognizing the specific needs of Veterans facing a life-limiting illness, Angela Hospice is better able to accompany and guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful end of life. And in cases where particular needs exist related to the Veteran’s illness, Angela Hospice is better able to accompany and guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful end of life.

Beginning the grief journey

Each person’s journey with grief is unique. Angela Hospice added a new support group last fall, Grief Pathways, designed for those just beginning to cope with a loss.

“You’re in a different place when you first begin your grief journey,” said Joan Lee, a social worker in Angela Hospice’s bereavement department. “You need to be with people in a similar emotional state.”

Lee had noticed that support group attendees were in such varied stages in their grief process, that they were unable to relate to each other. For instance, some were just beginning to face daily life without a beloved partner, while others were starting to explore dating again.

Adding Grief Pathways for new griefers has proven to be a helpful solution.

“They say how much they like it,” said Lee. “As always, grief education plays an important role in the sessions as well.”

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**Financial Statement**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

**Assets**

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**Summary of Activities**

Prenatal Hospice ..........................................3
My Nest is Best ............................................8
Angela Hospice Care Center ....................423

Total Net Revenue | 16,349

Operating Loss prior to Contributions & Fundraising | 1,766

**Net Loss** | (238)

**Unrestricted Revenue** | (227)

**Unrestricted Net Assets** | 19,840

**Unrestricted Contributions & Fundraising** | 1,092

**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

**Decrease in Net Assets** | $ (117)

**Investment Income & Other** | 121

**Other** | 1,458

**TOTAL ASSETS** | $ 25,731

**Liabilities & Net Assets**

**Net Patient Revenue** | $ 16,249

**Other** | 1,658

**Unrestricted** | $ 19,840

**Restricted** | 1,760

**Liabilities** | 2,270

**Liabilities & Net Assets** | $ 25,731

**Side Voyager’s Compassionate Care Program**

This program provides care for patients and families served by Angela Hospice’s My Nest is Best Pediatric Program.

**Bereavement Program**

Safeguarding bereavement after the cost of non-reimbursed grief support services provided to families and members of the community.
Leadership Team

Sister Mary Giovanni
Founder/CEO Emeritus

Mary Beth Moning
Interim President/CEO

Bob Alexander
Business Development Manager

Syndie Best
Volunteer Services Manager

Dr. James Book
Medical Director

Rebecca Margolis
DellRay Social Work & Bereavement Manager

Russ Hardy
I.T. Manager

Mary Moning
Building Manager

Tom Lesondak
CFO

Paul Rogers
Director of Clinical Services

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Mrs. Nancy Tochman

Volunteers are a vital part of the Angela Hospice caregiving team. Angela Hospice is fortunate to have the dedication and support of over 400 active volunteers, who logged 40,615 hours in 2013.
Angela Hospice Home Care, Inc. is dedicated to provide comprehensive, compassionate, and Christ-like care to terminally ill adults and children in the communities we serve.

Angela Hospice is a Felician-sponsored ministry.

Angela Hospice has been caring for patients and families in their homes since 1985. The Hospice Home Care service area extends throughout Southeast Michigan, within a one-hour radius of the Angela Hospice Care Center. Angela Hospice also works with many nursing homes, assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, and other residential settings, providing hospice care in those facilities.

Angela Hospice Service Area

Allen Park  Canton  Flat Rock  Keego Harbor  Novi  Romulus  Union Lake  Wixom  Woodhaven
Ann Arbor  Commerce  Franklin  Lincoln Park  Oak Park  Royal Oak  Walled Lake  Wayne  Wyandotte
Belleville  Dearborn  Garden City  Melvindale  Pinckney  Salem  Webberville  Wayne
Berkley  Dearborn Hts  Dearborn  Milford  Redford  Southfield  West Bloomfield
Beverly Hills  Detroit  Gibraltar  New Boston  Redford Twp  Southgate  Westland  Whitmore Lake
Birmingham  Dixboro  Hamburg  New Hudson  Riverview  Taylor  Whitmore Lake  Williamson
Bloomfield Hills  Farmington  Howell  Northville  Rockwood  Trenton  Ypsilanti
Brighton  Farmington Hills  Inkster  Pontiac  Troy  Ypsilanti

If there is a patient living in a city not listed above who would like our services, please call Angela Hospice at (866) 464-7810