

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY  
HANCOCK COUNTY  
PARTNER AGENCY: HOSPICE OF WESTERN KENTUCKY**

Our veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country, and Hospice of Western Kentucky believes it is never too late to give them a hero's welcome home. In 2015, in an ongoing mission to serve those who have served us, we honored 141 of our patients for their military service. One of those special celebrations was held in September in Hancock County. In a certificate and pinning ceremony held at Heartland Villa Nursing Home in Lewisport, Hospice honored an Army Corp Veteran who served his country in World War II. In a room where medals, ribbons and photos from his military duty were proudly displayed for all to see, the veteran's family took pictures and looked on as a Hospice volunteer, a veteran himself, presented the certificate and thanked not only the veteran for his service and sacrifice, but his family as well. Although Hospice staff members attend all the ceremonies, the actual presentation is made by those military veterans who are also volunteers for Hospice. Many times they are dressed in their uniforms, displaying their own medals and ribbons, which makes the moment even more special – two veterans, bonded forever by their service, sometimes sharing stories after the ceremony; sometimes simply sharing a silence of understanding.

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?**

With your investment of \$100 **Hospice of Western Kentucky** can:

- Pay for a six-month rental fee of a nebulizer for a patient
- Pay for a three-month rental of a manual patient lift
- Pay for three-month rental of a patient wheelchair
- Pay for two-month rental of a reclining patient wheelchair
- Pay for one-month rental of an in-home hospital bed for patient
- Pay for one-month rental of oxygen concentrator
- Pay for two 10-gallon pails of patient linen laundry detergent/softener for The Heartford House

