

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

“I don’t know what I’m going to do.” Those were the first words spoken to the Hospice team by a daughter caring for her dying mother. Further into the conversation we discovered the daughter was to start daily radiation treatments for cancer. Her mother (our new patient) had just become too weak to ambulate on her own and was unable to stay alone. Several options were discussed regarding locations for care, but the patient adamantly refused to leave her home. “I was born in this house, I plan to die here” was her conviction.

The only solution with which the patient would agree involved a Hospice nurse or Aid staying with her during the four hours/five days a week while her daughter received her radiation treatments. Additional staff was scheduled for these times.

Without donations and United Way contributions, the increase of salary hours for this one patient would have been difficult for our Hospice to absorb, nor would we have been able to honor this elderly lady’s wish to die at home.

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?**

With your investment of \$100 **Hospice of Ohio County** can:

- Provide an IV or SQ pain pump for at least a week for two terminally ill patients
- Provide multiple Nurse Visits, Social Service Assessments or Aide Services
- Provide alternating air pressure pads for six bedbound patients

