



United Way of the Ohio Valley

## St. Anthony's Hospice Case Story



In early spring of 2019, we admitted a 95 year- patient . For her 95th birthday, 65 friends and relatives - some coming as far away as Texas and Florida - joined her for a celebration at her church followed by a family diner. "Mom loved to celbrate! Anniversaries, birthdays, any excuse for a get-together! She was a people person," said her daughter.

Her doctor suggest St. Anthony's Hospice care for her in her own how and she didn't hesitate. Her husband, who died 14 years earlier, had received hospice care, too. When she was released from the hospital, the nurses tried to assure her she'd be fine. She said, 'No, I'm going home to die and I'm okay with that, and you should be too.'

St. Anthony's Hospice allowed her to live her last few months just as she wished - celebrating life.

The hospice case manager told her they could be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They felt confidence knowing they could always reach a hospice team member. The chaplain came and the nurse came three times a week. She was given medicine when she requested it so she could be pain free. She called her friends to say her goodbyes. Near the end of her life, her family descended on her and she enjoyed every minute of it. St. Anthony's Hopsice allowed her to live her last few weeks just as she wished - celebrating life!

# How Dollars Help Our Clients



**\$100**

Provide 7 hours of respite care to a hospice patient.

Provides 4 days of daily medicine required to a hospice patient.

Provides 4 days of bereavement support to a family after the death of a loved one.

**\$500**

Provides 10 days of supplies to staff at the Lucy Smith King Care Center so they may provide care of patients.

Provides 1 day of respite care at the LSKCC.

**\$1,000**

Provides 1 day of general inpatient care at the LSKCC.

Provides 10 months of durable medical equipment in a patients home.

Provides 50 baths given by a certified nurses aide.