



MEADOWLARK HOSPICE

Our Mission is to provide loving, compassionate care for those living with a life-limiting illness.



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The Fable of the Broken Pot

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A water bearer in India had two large water pots. Each hung on an end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water from the stream to the master's house. But the other pot was cracked and arrived only half full.

Each day for two years, the water bearer delivered only one and a half pots of water to the house. The perfect pot was proud

of its accomplishments, but the broken pot was ashamed of its imperfection, miserable that it could only accomplish half of what it was meant to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, the broken pot spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."

"Why?" asked the wa-

ter bearer. "What are you ashamed of?"

"For the past two years I have only been able to deliver half my load. The crack in my side has caused the water to leak out on the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do more work. You don't get full value for your efforts," the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old

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Director Notes

*When you're happy,
you enjoy the music.
But, when you're sad,
you understand the lyrics.*
~ Frank Ocean

Music has a simple yet profound impact on people. After losing a loved one, hearing a special

song can elicit tears. I am one that can cry instantly if a song comes on that reminds me of my loved ones. I think this is an important time to remember that the tears are because of great memories and they remind us that our loved

one remains in our hearts.

There are so many pleasant things that music can provide when families are facing end of life. Utilizing music as a source of comfort for

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cracked pot. In compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

As they went up the hill, the broken pot took notice of the sun shining on the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path. Momentarily the flowers helped cheer him. But at the end of the trail, the old pot still felt badly because it had, as usual, leaked out half its load. Again the pot apologized to the water bearer for its failures.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice there were flowers only on your side of the path and not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path.

"Every day while we walked back from the stream, you've watered the flowers. For two years I have been able to pick beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have flowers to grace his house."

Like the broken pot, each of us has our own unique flaws. All of us, in some way, have experienced hurts during our lifetime—disappointments, broken relationships, betrayal, hurts, losses, and failures. None of us have lived perfect, charmed lives.

If you have experienced the death of someone precious to you, you may feel broken inside, like part of you is missing. Maybe you, like the broken water pot, feel like you can no longer bear your full load.

What you may not realize, however, is that you still have something important to offer to the world. Your brokenness may be an asset, your strength. You are important to others just the way you are.

Even though you may feel like a broken water pot, you can still water the seeds along the path for someone else, so keep your eyes open for those beautiful flowers!



use what talent you possess:
The woods would be very silent if no
bird sang there except those
that sang best.
-Henry Van Dyke

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families and patients can be helpful in the dying process. Personal experiences have reignited our drive to remember the comfort that music can provide to our patients and families. Music can be used to break the silence that is felt when sitting with a loved one. Music has a natural way of easing anxiety for the patient as well as the family-assuming the musical selection chosen is one that typically soothes the patient. Playing Bon Jovi for someone that prefers Bach would likely not create a peaceful environment.

Music is also an easy way to cover the breathing sounds that are natural in the dying process but can be disturbing to the family at the bedside. Having some soft music in the background can distract from the sounds and provide comfort to the family as well. Music can also provide a means for the patient and family to reminisce about special times they have had together.

“. . .one of the most beautiful gifts that humans have brought to the earth is music. In great music, the ancient longing of the earth finds a voice Music is, perhaps, the art form that brings us closest to the eternal because it changes immediately and irreversibly the way we experience time. When we are listening to beautiful music, we enter into the eternal dimension of time. Transitory, broken linear time fades away, and we come into the circle of belonging within the eternal. The Irish writer Sean O’Faolain said, “In the presence of great music we have no alternative but to live nobly.”~

John O’Donohue, in **Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom**, pp. 72-73

Music can also be a great resource for someone grieving the death of their loved one. Music charms the soul. Music can be a respite from the pain of grieving. It can be used for relaxation and also to help us confront our sorrow. The tears shed when a particular music selection grabs our soul can help us work through our grief.

“No matter your preference for style or composer, music can lend itself to healing the pain of grief. I encourage you to connect with music that can offer you solace and bring you to a place of healing and remembrance.”

~ Vince Corso

One of the greatest gifts I’ve received is a CD of my grandpa singing a few hymns. No doubt there are some tears shed when I take time to remember grandpa, but they are tears of great memories that I will treasure forever. Whatever your choice of music might be, I encourage you to take a moment and listen. Your soul will be glad you did.

“I think music in itself is healing. It’s an explosive expression of humanity. It’s something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we’re from, everyone loves music.”

~ Billy Joel

Calendar of Events

Jul 10	1:00 pm	Concordia Volunteer Continuing Education
Jul 10	3:00 pm	Belleville and Republic Volunteer Continuing Education at Belleville
Jul 10	6:30 pm	Concordia Bereavement Group (community-sponsored) - Episcopal Parish Hall, 117 W 8th Call Judy Lambert 785-243-4454
Jul 11	4:30 pm	Clay Center Bereavement Support Group - Meadowlark Hospice office
Jul 13	7:00 pm	The Grief Support Group (community-sponsored) - 214 W 2nd, Washington - Call Terri Clark 785-325-3200
Jul 17	11:00 am	Clay Center Volunteer Continuing Education
Jul 18	9:30 am	Washington Volunteer Continuing Education
Jul 18	Noon	Marysville Volunteer Continuing Education
Jul 18	2:00 pm	Frankfort Volunteer Continuing Education
Jul 20	5:30 pm	Belleville Bereavement Support Group – Library, 1327 19 th Street
Jul 27	4:30 pm	Marysville Bereavement Support Group – South Plaza of CMH – use N door
Aug 8	4:30 pm	Clay Center Bereavement Support Group - Meadowlark Hospice office
Aug 10	7:00 pm	The Grief Support Group (community-sponsored) - 214 W 2nd, Washington - Call Terri Clark 785-325-3200
Aug 14	1:00 pm	Concordia Volunteer Continuing Education
Aug 14	3:00 pm	Belleville and Republic Volunteer Continuing Education at Republic
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Aug 15	Noon	Marysville Volunteer Continuing Education
Aug 15	2:00 pm	Frankfort Volunteer Continuing Education
Aug 17	5:30 pm	Belleville Bereavement Support Group – Library, 1327 19 th Street
Aug 21	11:00 am	Clay Center Volunteer Continuing Education
Aug 24	4:30 pm	Marysville Bereavement Support Group – South Plaza of CMH – use N door
Sep 11	1:00 pm	Concordia Volunteer Continuing Education
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Hospice Gifts & Memorials

Your memorial gifts honor your loved ones and help others!

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Clay Center Chapter O.E.S. #180
Harold & Delila Metz
Dorothy Richardson
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Murray & Carolyn Anderson
Jill & John Berry
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Tim & Marsha Bombardier
John Paul Breault
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Lana Ellis
Chris Fall
Jim Fitzgerald
John & Ardys Fitzgerald
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We are available to present programs to area organizations!

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