

Members of St. Bartholomew Church in Scotch Plains Plant Some Love at Center for Hope Hospice



Scotch Plains, Sep 28, 2018 ([IssueWire.com](http://www.IssueWire.com)) - Peggy's House, the [Center for Hope Hospice](http://www.CenterforHopeHospice.org)'s residence in Scotch Plains, welcomed ten volunteers from St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, also in Scotch Plains, to spend time with patients on Sunday, September 23. They brought miniature plants and decorated the pots while socializing with patients, some of whom also enjoyed participating in the craft activity. The volunteers then delivered the plants to each room, providing a bit of greenery and cheer to all. As part of its community outreach mission, church members plan to visit once a month for an activity with patients at Peggy's House.

"I felt strongly it was important to get involved in this ministry to expose our parish community, young and old, to the dignity of life until the very end, and to help those in hospice know that they are loved, valued and cared for," said Elaine Coupe, director of community outreach for St. Bartholomew Church. "After one visit, our team was changed by the experience and it confirmed the importance of this wonderful partnership."

The Center for Hope Hospice offers many volunteer opportunities for groups and individuals at Peggy's House and Father Hudson House in Elizabeth. For information about how to get involved, contact Stacy Kaplan, volunteer coordinator, at skaplan@cfhh.org or call (908) 288-9111.

About Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.

Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care (Center for Hope) is a non-profit, community-based organization that provides terminally ill patients with hospice care, and their families or loved ones with physical, emotional, and spiritual support during their time of need. The Center actively supports the individual's right to live out the remainder of their life with dignity and in comfort, surrounded by the love of family and friends, and eased from the burdens of physical, emotional, spiritual, financial or social distress. Center for Hope welcomes all terminally ill patients, their families and loved ones without concern for race, ethnicity, religious affiliation or ability to pay. It also offers pain and symptom management for chronically ill and seriously ill patients through its palliative care program. Center for Hope operates two facilities, Peggy's House in Scotch Plains and Father Hudson House in Elizabeth, which provides nearly \$3 million a year in charity care. For more information, visit www.cfhh.org.



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