

Casey House: an Important View

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photo by Maria Fernanda Andia

When I was asked to write about the work done at Casey House, I first considered telling you about some of the regulations governing the use of in-patient hospice care. That seemed dry (even to me as a physician dealing daily with those constraints), so I thought of telling you about how we—the physicians and nurse practitioners at Casey House—expertly treat pain, shortness of breath, anxiety, agitation, nausea and other symptoms that might occur as someone approaches death. We have advanced training and interest in serving those at this point in their life journeys.

However, that might leave you thinking that Casey House is about *our* expertise and knowledge. We certainly *do* provide medications, and listening ears, and a variety of complementary and non-pharmacologic therapies, and we try to skillfully choose which ones are most appropriate at the right time for each particular patient. So Casey House *is* about our expertise, but not *just* that.

I then thought of writing about the superb staff at Casey House who work tirelessly, patiently and collaboratively to mitigate suffering that can occur when a loved one has received an upsetting prognosis, or developed a new pain, or is struggling to find meaning in the current situation.

The work our excellent staff does is hard, but they do it without complaint and without wearying. You might wonder and ask (as many do), "How can you work day in and day out with people who are suffering?" Our work at Casey House might even make you more thankful for the work you do in your own daily life! Casey House *is* about our staff, but not *just* that.

I could talk about the patients we care for: those ill with cancer, heart disease, dementia, and hundreds of other diagnoses; young, middle-aged, elderly; males, females; African-American, Asian, Caucasian, and every race in-between; agnostic, atheist,

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Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and all other faith traditions; the poor, the rich, the solidly middle-class; and those from the Western hemisphere or from lands distant from Montgomery County, Maryland. We serve anyone who needs the help we can provide. The stories of their lives and illnesses might bow your shoulders or bring tears to your eyes, but we all consider it a privilege to care for them as they are.

That realization—that the lives of the people we serve are what matters—made me think of this quote from Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* where Scout's father offers the following wisdom:

"First of all," he said, "if you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view..."

So here is what I want you to know about the care we are honored to provide at Casey House. Although we usually have only a short time to get to know our patients, and the circumstances might be challenging, we try, as best and quickly as possible, to see things from our patients' points of view. It is a truism in hospice that we "meet people where they are," and those who work at Casey House are exceptionally good at this. We want to know the lives and the goals of our patients—even when those lives and goals might be more limited than any of us would hope.



From Ann's Office

Casey House: Caring for Unmet Needs

On August 2, 1999, Montgomery Hospice opened Casey House, the first (and only) inpatient hospice facility in Montgomery County.

What makes Casey House special? Some say that it is the beautiful setting—the surrounding fields, the birds, the fountain, the patio. Others cite the home-like feeling inside the building with the large table used by families to share meals, comfortable sitting areas for visiting with friends, and the meditation room providing a space for quiet thought. The characteristic of Casey House most often mentioned as exceptional is the staff of people who work there. Professionalism and expertise, combined

with caring and compassion, make the Casey House staff an extraordinary group. They provide round-the-clock comfort and dignity to seriously ill patients.

Having a medical facility specifically designed to care for the sickest members of our county was achieved through the hard work of many people. Starting with the dreams of the Montgomery Hospice Board of Directors, with the incredible generosity of the Eugene B. Casey Foundation, a grant from the state of Maryland, donations from the community, and the many contributions of volunteers and staff, those dreams became a reality. The tag line of the original capital campaign was “The Casey House: Caring for Unmet Needs.” Donations then, and throughout the past 16 years, have allowed those previously unmet needs of seriously ill residents of Montgomery County to be met with expert care.

In this issue of Hospice Matters, we hear the voices of some of the Casey House

staff, representing the physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, and hospice aides. These clinicians would be the first to acknowledge the other members of the Casey House team, all of whom work together to provide exceptional care to patients, and their families. These include chaplains and social workers, licensed massage therapists, highly-trained volunteers, as well as our receptionists, cooks and building maintenance people.

I am personally grateful for the hard work done by each member of the Casey House team. And I am also grateful for you, members of our community who donate; without you, we could not continue to provide the much-needed care at Casey House.

Ann Mitchell
President & CEO



Imagine being at the end of your life's journey and being cared for by loving family members. I have the honor and privilege of working alongside caring professionals and volunteers at Casey House who take caring to new levels—each patient and family is treated like our own family members. Our mission statement, “to gentle the journey through serious illness and loss with skill and compassion,” is not just a cliché, it is truly who we are.

Millie Higgins, Senior Vice President of Nursing and Care Management

About Casey House

- Casey House was built on land donated by the Eugene B. Casey Foundation.
- Construction was funded by the Eugene B. Casey Foundation, many generous community donors, and the State of Maryland.
- Casey House has cared for more than 7,500 patients and their families since opening in 1999.
- Highly-trained volunteers visit patients, play music and offer Tea Time to visitors. Eleventh Hour volunteers companion dying patients who do not have family members present.
- A variety of complementary therapies are offered at Casey House, including Comfort Touch®, aromatherapy, pet therapy, and both live and recorded music by the bedside.
- Thanks to community donations, Casey House provides care to patients without insurance.
- Professional bereavement counselors offer grief support for families for 13 months after a patient's death.

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- A middle-aged woman weakened with lung cancer wants to feel the snow on her face. The nurse and nursing assistant cover her with blankets and wheel her bed outside to the courtyard.

Casey House is a place where goals are achieved.

- A young boy skips into Casey House to visit his mother—our patient—proclaiming that he is four years old and today is his birthday. Staff members buy cupcakes and balloons and sing Happy Birthday in a celebration that will be remembered by many for a long time.

Casey House is a place where life and joy occur.

- Furniture is rearranged so that a soon-to-be family member can play the cello for her

fiancé's mother, who will not be able to see the growth of this new family.

Casey House is a place where sustaining memories are made.

- One newly-retired husband has tired of endless tests and procedures in the hospital. After a professional life spent traveling abroad, he looks forward to finally getting to spend time with his children. Although he is not able to have that future that he imagined, his wife tells me that Casey House is a "refuge," truly a place of calm for the entire family to hold him and let him know that he is adored..

Casey House is a place of love and peace.

Yes, there are many regulations, there is difficult medical care requiring our expertise, and there are hard conversations. But please remember this: while we unflinchingly and daily deal with all of those issues, Casey House is most of all about discerning how life looks from the eyes of patients and their families and about helping them find the meaning which enables this portion of their journeys to be gentle, dignified and valuable.



Casey House Changes Lives: a Hospice Aide's Story



"I love my job. It has changed my life. I've become a better sister, a better wife, a better mother."

Rosario Rivas uses the word "amazing" a lot when she talks about being a hospice aide at Casey House. Rosario is a trained and licensed CNA—Certified Nurse Assistant. She had years of experience when she came to Casey House in 2009, having worked in hospitals, nursing homes and a rehabilitation center. When she started, she was confident that she had the skills needed to take care of patients. She was not so sure, though, how she would react to working with people who were reaching the ends of their lives.

Despite early misgivings, Rosario quickly grew to love her job. Her face lights up when she

talks about the people that she has met. She describes the importance of listening closely to patients and their families, to learn about who they are, and to learn what might bring them some happiness at this time of their lives. She knows that each patient is unique. *"People come from different cultures and have different traditions. We respect that. We listen to what they want. I try to be in the shoes of my families."*

Rosario does her best to provide comfort. She gives gentle baths using lavender soap. She often will sit with patients, holding their hands, knowing that touch is important. She looks them in the eyes and listens to their stories. She empathizes with the families, encouraging them to take a break while she takes care of their loved ones. She tries to bring moments of joy, sometimes by something as simple as bringing ice cream.

She speaks with pride when she describes Casey House: *"Casey House is a home for families. They come and go; they eat, watch TV, take a walk. They tell me that they feel like they're at home."* She speaks with gratitude about her co-workers: *"Everyone works together. We are a family."*

And she is grateful for all that she has learned. Seeing a loving sister caring for her brother reminds her of what a gift her own sister is. The husband bringing his wife flowers and candy reminds her not to take her own husband for granted. Knowing that life can be short, she cares less about how she looks or about material things. And her early fears about this job completely turned around. *"I thought that to die was a bad thing. Now, I think of dying as a part of life. People deserve to be treated well as this time."*

Casey House Nursing: a “Calling”

by Christina Chiu, BSN, RN, CHPN, IAC, Clinical Director, Casey House



A nurse’s job is complex. We each enter nursing school with the hopes and dreams of helping our patients, wanting to do what is best for them. We read books and journals, write papers, and practice skills, all with the goal of being the best nurse possible.

Soon after entering the workforce, we quickly realize that being a nurse is much more than the long list of physical tasks that need to be completed. We recognize, either inherently or through our experiences, that our patients are much more than their illnesses or lab values—we see human beings with unique thoughts, feelings, expectations and experiences that shape who they are. The real challenge is that to be a good nurse, we should not only work to accomplish that set of tasks for our patients, but to also tend to their human qualities, like a master gardener to a garden, nurturing them being the most important task of all. We must find a way to balance the day-to-day duties that come as part of our jobs with the (more important) role of being givers of care.



photo by Maria Fernanda Andia

Sometimes we hear that hospice nursing is a “calling.” Hospice nursing does take a certain level of comfort with dying, but also requires the skill of making the true priority of our work to not only provide compassionate caring, but to build our patients’ trust in us, and to make their priorities our own. Many of us have experienced a hospital’s revolving doors and seen situations where families are given false expectations. Sadly, these do not allow for the possibility of sharing meaningful moments at the

end or for acknowledging one’s grief because loved ones pass away unexpectedly, still hooked up to futile machines and waiting for “just one more treatment.” In fact, many of my fellow nurses at Montgomery Hospice have been in the nursing profession for over twenty years and have unfortunately seen cases like these all too often.

Nurses here at Montgomery Hospice are loyal and supportive. We inspire each other to learn from our collective years of experience, working together to help our hospice clients have trust in us and our interventions. Receiving that trust is deeply rewarding. When patients and families trust us to be their advocates, we can work with them to create plans of care

that include goals such as achieving a comfortable, peaceful death without pain or suffering. We love hospice nursing because we can encourage them to become witness to all the benefits that hospice care provides—feelings of safety and comfort, and having someone walk with them through this period of stress and grief. We are hospice nurses because of our values; we are leaders who can help guide patients and families across the bridge between curative and palliative-hospice care. We teach

them what to expect, prevent symptoms of illness, and put what’s most important, as defined by the patients and families, to the forefront. Doing so allows them to spend this time as family and friends, leaving us, the clinical experts, to monitor blood pressures and oxygen saturations.

A major part of what we do is supporting patients as they prepare to make one of the most significant journeys in their lives. Preserving things they find as comforts or basic priorities becomes our major goal. That, and at the very essence of our profession, knowing that we too are human, simply caring for another as a fellow human being, is the basis of our love for our profession.

I had the privilege of visiting J. many times throughout his recent stay at Casey House. Never have I witnessed such compassionate staff members. At any time of the day, even in the middle of the night, he was treated with the upmost dignity and respect. I felt lucky to observe this professional, yet gentle, caring firsthand. J. will be greatly missed by many, but I will always remember his final days as peaceful and calm due to the care he received at Casey House. Thank you so much for what you do for our community.

a patient’s brother

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Sagel Bloomfield's customized "Fair and Realistic" approach is fully responsive to the needs and customs of the families we serve. Our service offerings range from Advanced Funeral Planning assessments, Monument Design Services, and the Fair and Realistic Pricing Plan (FRPP), to services like Shiva Concierge and the Simplicity Plan for non-Jewish families, to a number of cutting-edge digital services. We recently moved into a new ultra-modern 6,500-square-foot facility located in The Talbott Center on Rockville Pike, just across from our former landmark location. In response to the increased preference to hold services at the graveside or in a religious facility as opposed to a funeral chapel, we've forged partnerships with local area organizations to support this change in customer needs and demands. With more than 12 locations to choose from, our customers now have greater choice in style, location, and details of services for their family members. We're truly able to deliver a funeral service of your choice and your way.

Along with concern for the community, and building strong relationships with organizations like Montgomery Hospice, we also strive to recognize the hard work of hospice care workers themselves. We developed an award program, known as the Caregiver Award, which recognizes nurses, physicians, chaplains, social workers, doctors, spiritual counselors, Certified Nursing Assistants, or anyone who has been an important caregiver in the community. For more information on Sagel Bloomfield and our Caregiver Award program, please visit www.sagelbloomfield.com.

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In addition to our Commitment to Care, we continue to be involved in the community in a variety of ways including: Alzheimer's screenings with the Alzheimer's Association, blood drives with the American Red Cross, and support for GROWS (Grassroots Organization for the Well-being of Seniors). Visiting Angels actively promotes available resources and partnerships to the community for seniors and adults in need of care and information.

We care every day in every way, serving all who need our services regardless of their income level. Through the state Medicaid program, Respite Services of Montgomery County, and Montgomery County In-Home Assistance Services, we extend the same high quality care to many underserved residents in our community.

Montgomery Hospice represents a level of care and service that we are proud to be a part of and will continue to support. They *gentle the journey* and we give peace of mind.

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calendar of events

Bereavement Care: free grief education for Montgomery County residents

Remembering Mom and Dad workshop May 4, 7:00-8:30 pm, Rockville

Afternoon Grief Support Group May 17, each Tuesday 1:30-3:00 pm for six weeks, Bethesda

Loss of a Child Support Group May 18, each Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm for six weeks, Rockville

Parent Loss Support Group May 19, each Thursday 6:30-8:00 pm for six weeks, Germantown

Evening Grief Support Group May 19, each Thursday 6:30-8:00 pm for six weeks, Rockville

Volunteer Training

June 2, 3 pm-8 pm

June 3, 9 am-4 pm

June 4, 9 am-1 pm

Rockville. Apply online.

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