8th Annual Charity Golf Classic — August 6, 2012 — Indian Hills Country Club  
$1,000,000 Hole in One Shootout, Awards and Chinese Auction. 10:30 am check in and breakfast, 12:00 noon shotgun start, followed by cocktails, dinner and awards presentation. Sponsorships are available.

60 Year Celebration 1952-2012 — October 4, 2012 — Larkfield Manor 6:00 pm  
VNSHS has been an essential part of your community for 6 decades! Come celebrate this milestone with us. $75 per person includes $100 in casino chips, lavish cocktail hour, dinner and dessert, with live entertainment and dancing. Sponsorships are available.

2nd Annual ‘Paws for a Cause’ Halloween Charity Dog Walk & Contest — October 28, 2012  
Bring out the pooches for this fun-filled family fundraiser! The walk starts at 505 Main Street and proceeds down Main Street to Northport Village Park. Awards for best costume and photo contest in multiple categories. Early registration fee is $20.00. Sponsorships are available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA SORELLE AT 631-930-9310  
or visit us online at visitingnurseservice.org
Dear Friends of VNS & Hospice of Suffolk:

This letter is dedicated to thank you - you who help us every day to do what we do so well because of your caring involvement with our programs. Spring is filled with what I jokingly refer to as “Hallmark Holidays” – Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Nurses’ Day, Volunteer Week, Administrative Professional’s Day, and so on and on and on. It would be nice if we didn’t need such designated days to give proper recognition due, and while such days do impose a time to acknowledge and appreciate individual contributions by role, they can’t encompass all deserving of recognition for their personal contribution to a magnificent whole. Actually, most of you function in multiple roles - overlapping and sometimes conflicting - that demand your energy and time, which brings me to why I need to thank you. Whether an employee who “goes the extra mile” in whatever role, or a volunteer who chooses to spend your energy and time on something you don’t even have to do, I want to thank you for including VNSHS among your priorities. I want to thank you for all the things you do that seem to go unnoticed everyday. It is especially because they seem to go unnoticed that you should be thanked! In my own role directing this agency, I am privileged every day to see the fruits of your involvement. I receive letters of appreciation from families whose lives you have touched, directly or indirectly, knowingly or not, and hear success stories of crises handled with more than “a little help from our friends”. For those of you who, because you share your own experience with VNSHS, connect your own friends with us when they need our care, or who choose to support us with your donations, you too continue to help in ways that don’t go unnoticed, and I thank you. What we do at VNSHS is described as a human service, and for your involvement and commitment, I thank you for your humanity that makes it so.

From our hearts to yours,
Linda Taylor, RN, BSN, MA
Chief Executive Officer
Calling All Music Lovers
Host a Concert!

Imagine a cozy afternoon in winter by the fireplace listening to a jazz ensemble with a group of friends. Now, think about enjoying a warm summer evening in the park-like setting of a friend’s backyard eating sumptuous hors d’oeuvres while being serenaded by a sax quartet or, how about taking in the sweet sounds of an operatic virtuoso overlooking Northport Harbor in a waterfront villa on Asharoken?

Sounds nice, doesn’t it? Those are just a few of the home concerts that VNSHS has sponsored as part of its ongoing concert series. Thanks to the support of many in the community who have generously opened their homes for these charity engagements, our home concert series is a great success. VNSHS has provided the entertainment, the invitations and thank-you cards, and even the food, often donated by local eateries such as Maroni’s Cuisine, Pumpernickel’s Restaurant, Copenhagen Bakery & Port-to-Port Wines and Spirits to really make the event unique and special.

You too, can host an exciting musical event that works with the logistics of your home and your schedule. It can be tailored for a large group or for a small gathering in an intimate setting. Invite your family and friends and host that cocktail party you’ve been wanting to have with the added flair of having sensational musical talent in your home!

The multi-talented Patricia Matos-Puente, MD, who has her own busy medical practice and is also a board member of VNSHS, inspired this unique type of musical event. Prior to entering medical school, Dr. Matos majored in music and is an accomplished oboist. With much creativity and connection to the musical world, Dr. Matos has introduced the many different talents that VNSHS has been proud to feature for the concert series.

The added benefit of this type of event is the camaraderie and comfort a home setting provides. VNSHS relies on our community for much of its support, so what better way to exemplify a working community relationship with VNSHS than in someone’s home? VNSHS is ever grateful for the continuing support from the community and local businesses. Please consider hosting a wonderful affair that benefits VNSHS and, in the process, entertains its benefactors in a very unique way.

If you think you might be interested in either performing at a concert, or hosting a concert in your home, please contact Barbara Sorelle, Event Planner at 631-261-7200 to create the next fabulous performance in this ongoing series.
Help Us Continue to Build
Carve Your Loved Ones Name in Stone...
Buy a brick today and help us pave the way.

The Hospice House Memorial Garden provides a unique memorial for loved ones and friends. Bricks and pavers are available for purchase.

Each reserved brick or paver will be engraved according to the donor's wishes. **Three options are available:**

To reserve your commemorative brick or paver, please cut and complete the following:

- **Walkway Bricks**
  - $100 each
  - 4" X 8" in size
  - 14 characters per line including spaces; up to 3 lines per brick.

- **Walkway Pavers**
  - $250 each
  - 8" X 8" in size
  - 14 characters per line including spaces; 6 lines per paver.

- **Walkway Granite Pavers**
  - $500 each
  - Deluxe granite material
  - 8" X 8" in size
  - 14 characters per line including spaces; 6 lines per paver.

If ordered by June 2012, your bricks will be installed early fall 2012. You will receive notification when the pieces have been placed in the garden and are ready for viewing.

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**Hospice House Memorial Garden**

**Brick/Paver Reservation Form**

Donor Name: __________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

☐ I wish to purchase ______ walkway brick(s) at $100 each. $________

☐ I wish to purchase ______ walkway paver(s) at $250 each. $________

☐ I wish to purchase ______ walkway granite paver(s) at $500 each. $________

(Engraving instructions will be requested from you at a later date.)

TOTAL $________

☐ I enclose a check made payable to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk.

☐ I wish to charge my credit card # __________________________

  Exp. Date _____/____ (VISA/MasterCard) Only

  Signature ___________________________________________

My gift(s) above are made in tribute to a loved one or special friend.

☐ In memory of       ☐ In honor of

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Send Notification to:
Name: __________________________
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Sell Out Crowd at Annual Holiday Fashion Show

Our annual holiday fashion show kicked off the holiday season in early December at Nocello’s Restaurant in Northport. Tickets for the event sold-out quickly and every seat in the house was taken, in fact it was a standing room only crowd!

Upon arriving, attendees had the opportunity to “shop” the many raffle baskets and prizes displayed for the Chinese auction, many of which were donated by local businesses. There were so many exciting prizes to choose from including children’s toys, holiday decoration baskets, restaurant gift certificates, and fine jewelry, to name a few.

As a surprise this year, The Red Hot Mamas, a unique performing tap dance company who range in age from 54-80, began the afternoon with a holiday treat as 12 women took center stage in their spectacular holiday dance costumes. The energetic and sophisticated group performed a few old time favorite holiday song and dance numbers. The talented dancers volunteered their time to entertain our audience which made the afternoon event just perfect.

Once again, Cissy Moffatt, Honorary Chairwoman & Jo Ann Quigley, Director of Operations, did a great job as mistress’ of ceremonies while a delicious 3-course luncheon was served, compliments of hosts and co-owners of Nocello’s, Irving Brower and Josephine Creamer. Models strode through the restaurant dazzling guests attired in stylish outfits. Volunteer models ranged from VNSHS employees and volunteers to friends of the agency that reside in our community. Even one gentleman, John Lynch, who is a VNSHS board member, gallantly took to the runway in a trendy leather jacket, name-brand corduroys, and stylish sweater.

All fashions were selected from the wide array of quality and name brand items from The Community Thrift Shop in Huntington Village under the direction of VNSHS volunteer Joan Erlagan. The thrift shop is the place to buy gently used items in like-new condition at a fraction of department store prices. You’ll find everything from mens, womens and children’s clothing to shoes, jewelry, and outerwear. They also carry housewares, paintings, and a consortium of home décor…offering one-stop shopping for all of your needs. Purchases and donations at the thrift shop benefit six not-for-profit agencies, including VNSHS, but be sure to mention that you wish your transaction to benefit VNSHS.

At the end of the afternoon, everyone left with a prize, as goody bags were distributed to all of the guests, and more than 100 items were raffled off during the exciting Chinese auction. Thanks to the many guests and volunteers, this year’s fashion show was another terrific fundraising success for Hospice House.
Pooches on Parade

Over 200 dogs and their owners turned out for the Paws for a Cause Halloween Charity Dog Walk and Contest this past fall to benefit the VNSHS Hospice House in East Northport. The event was presented by the East Northport Chamber of Commerce, Northport Chamber of Commerce, and VNSHS. Dr. Russell W. Fredericks, from the North Shore Veterinary Hospital acted as professional consultant and representatives from the League for Animal Protection of Huntington were onsite with animals in need of a loving home.

Before the parade down to Village Park, the contestants met for the costume contest at VNSHS on Main Street in Northport. Everyone had a great time taking photos with their pooches and enjoying refreshments courtesy of Big Bear Pizelli, Copenhagen Bakery, Raymond Mascolo, DDS of East Northport and Starbucks. A big thank you to Marie Mateyunas from Send Out Cards who donated the photographs. All participants received a goody bag filled with a free car wash coupon donated by Champion Car Wash of Northport, dog biscuits donated by Just Dogs of East Northport and Peticular Pet of Huntington and a free dog collar and leash donated by Doggy Don’s Pet Center of East Northport.

The grand prize of an art portrait of choice donated by artist Marlene E. Bezich, of Studio of Fine Art of Middle Island went to Debbie Poznack-Olsen and her dog, Gina, for raising the most money; first prize went to Nikky Martin and her dog, Mike, dressed as a baker and a doughnut; second prize went to Gary Zelner and his Golden Retriever dressed as Amelia Earhart; and third prize went to Darlene Turpel and her Pug dressed in a “When Pigs Fly” theme.

A fun time was had by all and we hope you will all mark your calendar and save the date to join us for our second annual “Paws for a Cause” Halloween Charity Dog Walk and Contest on Sunday, October 28, 2012.

Congratulations to our new volunteers!

On March 1, 2012 a group of 21 amazing individuals graduated from our hospice volunteer training program. Each brings unique skills and gifts as they join our team, and touch the lives of our patients and their families.

Please give a big welcome to our new volunteers: Jodi Babcock, Michele Hudson, Karen Bartfield, Mary Krumholz, Elizabeth Beach, Toni Mesiano, Phyllis Calev, John Meyers, Michele Curcio, Kathy Mongiello, Larry Curreri, Laura Neil, Elaine de Bruin, Rosanne Pawlik, Catherine Dickson, Patricia Pena, Heather Dubinsky, Tim Rossiter, David Flood, Connie Shakalis, Kathy Grossman

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The Peticular Pet, Huntington
Traveling with Barbara White

Barbara White of Greenlawn has traveled extensively throughout her adult life. She has written a book detailing some of these amazing jaunts and has generously chosen to donate proceeds of her book to VNSHS.

Barbara spent years traversing the globe experiencing one adventure after another, and after reading about her many trips to different countries, one might have the impetus to jump on a plane to explore the world as she did. The remarkable thing about Barbara’s excursions is that she did most of her traveling solo. In the span of 30 years, from 1974 through 2004, she was fortunate to have been able to work around life at home and live her dreams at the same time.

From Afghanistan, to Belize, to Costa Rica and beyond, Barbara White was a true pioneer at a time when most women weren’t even in the workplace, let alone jetting around the world. She happened to select regions that were unheard of to the mainstream population during those years. Barbara was able to get a true feeling for each country she visited by actually staying in the homes and small inns of the locals in the area. In doing so, she was able to economically reach many destinations by taking the road less traveled. When Barbara set out on her earlier journeys, she took to truly roughing it in natural terrains. As the years passed, and with her children grown, Barbara became an avid golfer. It was then that her travel interests became directed to remote countries that also offered playing time on some of the world’s most interesting golf courses.

Originally, Barbara wrote her book only for family and friends to read. Having heard about the extraordinary care given at the Hospice House from her friend and golf companion Cissy Moffatt, who also happens to be a VNSHS Honorary Chairwoman, Barbara felt the impetus to expand the distribution of her book to raise money for Hospice House. She was genuinely moved by Cissy’s passionate dedication and involvement with VNSHS. Additionally, she was especially impressed by how the Hospice House was built from private donations, and felt inspired to take her book beyond her immediate circles. Barbara ultimately visited the Hospice House and was amazed at how the structure emanated such a warm, pleasant ambience while also functioning as a fully equipped professional medical facility. She credits her decision to donate in honor of Cissy for the incredible amount of time and support her dear friend devotes to the organization, and for educating Barbara on the many aspects of service that the Hospice House provides.

As a result, Barbara has sold many books, all from word of mouth! Her efforts are borne out of her own grass roots movement, and Barbara has successfully raised over $300.00. Her generosity in sharing these thrilling experiences and donating the proceeds is a gift to all, from her readers to the recipients of the proceeds at the Hospice House. In this endeavor, there are benefits for everyone in reading about and enjoying the travel memoirs of Barbara White.

If you are interested in reading more about Barbara White’s travels, “It Started In Afghanistan” is available for purchase at VNSHS in Northport for $15. 631-261-7200.
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