



Meaningful Moments

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Welcome to

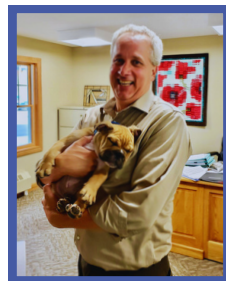
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Executive Director Melissa Cavill



At Trillium House we have so much to look forward to! Last year we were able to serve nearly twice as many families as we did the year before—we are moving in such a positive direction, with all our rooms full and a growing waitlist. As the community begins to recognize the need for this vital service, we are challenged with all the exciting ways that growth affects a business, particularly a non-profit business, in today's world. Recruitment and retention—how can we compete with the bigger guys? Supplies needed to care for so many more people—how do we get them and where do we put them? With an expanding waitlist—how do we ensure that we are serving those who need us most? Long-term sustainability—how can we ensure that Trillium House will be here for the long haul? All questions our Board of Directors is excited to be working on ... stop by and see what we're up to and how you can be a part of what we've got going on!

Melissa



Former Executive
Director, Pat Bray

Pat's Legacy-A Memorial Space

There are people you will come across in life that leave a lasting mark. Pat Bray, our founding Executive Director, was one of those inspiring people who made the world a better place, with both the big things he did, like spearheading the development and implementation of the program at Trillium House, and also through those meaningful moments he spent with each person he encountered.

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Pat just simply had a way about him that made everyone around him know that he cared. He instinctively understood that in a space like Trillium House, compassion and caring were the keys to success.

Calming yet energetic, smiling and present, Pat often worked side-by-side with our care aides to deliver the high-quality care that Trillium is known for today.

He really saw people here—resident, staff, volunteer, family member, Pat felt deeply and was completely present.

It made perfect sense that Pat would come to Trillium in his career. Because of him, the foundation for making Trillium House a place where people were seen and supported and cared about (employees, residents and family) has become a reality and a valued community resource.

We're thrilled to announce that with the support of people who knew Pat well, we are developing a space dedicated to his memory and legacy. Stop by and see what we're planning, and sit with us for awhile!



Pat among the Trilliums.

A Family's Perspective



Mr. S. worked his whole life. He grew up with his dad in the Air Force where he learned the value of family and taking care of others early in life. He enjoyed the time he spent at work and caring for others, helping them and being relied upon for support.

But then he got sick, really sick. Eventually, he became so sick that he couldn't work anymore and chose to enroll with hospice services.

He remained at home with the help of his parents, who are in their 80's and retired, and his sister too, who visited and helped when they could. As time went on, he found he needed more and more help, and his family was spending more and more time assisting him. It began to be difficult, getting from the kitchen on one end of his home and the restroom which was on the other end.

With the support of his family and hospice, he filled out the application for Trillium House and was placed on the waiting list. He was offered a room two times but decided he wasn't ready yet. He was worried about how it would be at Trillium, would he like it? Would he be comfortable? Would it be awkward, asking strangers to take care of him? Could he afford it?

He started to worry about not taking his medications at the right time, or taking too much or not enough. His family was worried too and found it harder and harder to leave him alone. They started taking turns staying with him. On the day Trillium called for the third time, they were trying to figure out how to move Mr. S. in with his parents to avoid leaving him alone.

The time had come for Mr. S. to say yes, he was ready to move in at Trillium House. He knew there would be a cost for care, but still was afraid he couldn't afford it. When he discovered the Dan Mazzuchi Care Fund and the sliding scale, as well as the help from UP Hospice Foundation, he was so relieved!

He says he was surprised at how good it was. "The caregivers are amazing, and having help to cover some of the costs has provided peace of mind for us. I have my own place and we've even decorated it with all of my stuff from home. I like football, especially the Packers. I can watch the game, visit with my family, and have time to myself."

Mr. S. says since he came to Trillium House he feels better in general. He's grateful for everything his family has done for him and he's hoping to attend his son's wedding in Appleton in a couple months and celebrate with family.

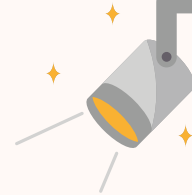
Ask Trillium

Question: We want our loved one to spend their final days at Trillium House, but we're concerned about the cost. What can we do?

Answer: At Trillium House, we never want to turn someone away for financial reasons. Our leadership has always felt that everybody deserves the kind of care we offer-compassionate, dignified, personal care at the end of life. Because Trillium recognizes that there are many circumstances where financial resources can be affected when faced with a life-limiting diagnosis, they developed a care fund to help offset the cost of care. Our founder, Dr. Dan Mazzuchi, allowed us to name the care fund after him when he came to Trillium House for his final days in late 2023. We are fortunate that our community generously contributes money to the Dan Mazzuchi Care Fund to support those who truly cannot afford the cost of this exceptional care. We have an optional financial worksheet which is part of the application. Families can complete that worksheet and provide documentation regarding income and assets for the household. The House Manager reviews the information provided. Using a formula that Trillium House leadership has developed, they calculate a daily rate. The difference between our regular daily rate and the calculated discounted daily rate is deducted from the Dan Mazzuchi Care Fund each month. For questions about the Dan Mazzuchi Care Fund please call us at (906) 264-5026.



Staff Spotlight



Featured Team Member:

Ame' Trumbell, House Manager



A dedicated, compassionate team is a critical part of what makes Trillium House so special. In this issue, we put the spotlight on our House Manager Ame' Trumbell to learn more about her and why she has chosen to share her time and talents with Trillium House.

Tell us a little about yourself. *I'm a Munising native, who grew up in Iron Mountain. I currently reside in Felch, MI with my partner and our two children, ages 20 and 15. I have been in health care for 30+ years in a variety of positions serving many populations.*

What brought you to Trillium House? *Hospice is a population I hadn't yet served. After seeing commercials and hearing so many wonderful things about Trillium, and with experience as an Adult Foster Care House Manager, I decided to apply for this position.*

What do you find is the most rewarding part of your job? *Enhancing the quality of life for people who are facing terminal illnesses by providing comfort, pain relief and offering support to them and their families during an intimate and challenging time.*

What do you want individuals in need of care to know about Trillium House? *That this is a facility like no other I have entered. The calm space and compassionate staff make for a peaceful environment suited to providing care with empathy, dignity and respect.*



Featured Volunteer:

Becky Shauver

Most Fridays you can find Becky spreading goodness in the Trillium House kitchen. Becky is an amazing cook, but more than that, she is a great listener and understands the value of fun! She makes you feel warm and cared for. We are so fortunate that she chooses us to give the gift of her time.



What brought you to Trillium House? *Dr. Dan Mazzuchi was a good friend. He and his wife Connie cooked at Trillium for a long time. In following their example, my husband John and I agreed to do this. It's something we could do together. We wanted to contribute. We have been supporters of Trillium House for several years, what a beautiful ministry to the community.*

What do you find is the most rewarding part of what you do at Trillium House? *Bringing comfort to the people here, whether residents, family members or staff. Food is comforting in so many ways, textures, taste, smells. We connect over food.*

What do you want individuals in need of care to know about Trillium House? *When you come here, you're important--you matter. Every day, to the last day. You never feel like you need to go someplace else.*



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Welcome Wednesdays

Join us on Wednesdays at noon
for lunch and a tour!
RSVP to info@TrilliumHouse.org
or call (906) 264-5026

**Great Lakes H.O.G.
Bike Rally**

A Fundraiser

Friday, June 27, TBD
Marquette Commons

**Strega Nonna Presents:
Dale Watson**

A Fundraiser

Sunday, July 13
Strega Nonna, Negaunee, MI
Tickets available soon

**U.P. Film Union Presents:
Twister & Twisters**

Saturday, August 30, Dusk
Highway 2 Community Drive-In
Theater, Manistique

**Superior Health Foundation
14th Annual Gala**

Saturday, September 27
Grand Ballroom
Northern Michigan University

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Our Mission:

To provide compassionate care, ensuring comfort, dignity, and support for individuals and their families during their hospice or respite journeys.

Our Vision:

To be a place of solace and serenity where individuals and families find the strength to embrace life's transitions with grace and dignity. We aspire to be a facility of excellence in supporting hospice and respite care, leading the way in holistic support, compassion, and comfort for our community.

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