

The Hospice Symphony

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Musically speaking, Hospice of Marion County is like an orchestra which expresses itself symphonically. We have a conductor (Mary Ellen Poe, the officers, and the board of directors), there are section leaders (directors), and the various instruments (caregivers and support personnel) which play together to make a beautiful sound. There are also the behind-the-scenes individuals; such as those who keep the bills paid (finance), those who maintain the music library (education), those who keep the equipment working (maintenance, IT), those who keep the public informed and work the ticket office (community outreach, development, business development, reception), those who fill the empty chairs of musicians who have moved on (human resources), and more. Everyone at Hospice of Marion County has a part to play.

However, an orchestra like Hospice needs instrumentalists with heart—and we have just that—and in abundance. Our patients and their family members are moved by the sweet and harmonious quality of our symphony. I am a support person at Hospice of Marion County. I support and serve those wonderful individuals who are blessed enough to have direct patient contact. I say “blessed” because it is such a privilege to have the compassionate heart that it takes to be a caregiver. It takes all of us playing in concert to make the harmonic sound that is our goal.