Boys living at the Rosecrance Memorial Home for Children in about 1946, including Biagio Cacciatore (circled in red)

After 70 years, a gift of family

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Looking back at our history, planning ahead for our future

This issue of Reach is significant in more ways than one. First of all, with the cover story about Biagio Cacciatore, a long-ago resident of the old Rosecrance Memorial Home for Children, we begin our approach to the 100-year anniversary of our organization.

Biagio's compelling story has a surprising connection to longtime Rockford Alderman Frank Beach, a staunch friend of Rosecrance over three decades. As an organization, we are long past the days of the classic old-style orphanage, but we’re still all about offering help, hope and recovery to children and families who turn to us for care.

Our Centennial Year is 2016, and between now and then, we hope to tell more stories of people whose lives have been touched by our organization. If you have a story, please see page 5 for details about how to be in touch.

This issue is about gratitude, as well. For me, stories from the old days make me think about the many people whose leadership contributions have kept Rosecrance relevant to society through the years. With this issue we welcome new chairs to our Rosecrance Health Network Board of Directors and the Rosecrance Foundation Board.

The new chair of the RHN Board is Jeff DiBenedetto, and the new chair of the Foundation Board is Lisa Lindman. Both seasoned board members, they will do a tremendous job because they have observed their predecessors, Tom Furst and John Griffin, in action.

During Tom Furst’s eight years as chair of the RHN Board, he deliberately shepherded the organization in new directions, ever expanding the reach of our mission. His solid forward-thinking leadership style helped us establish collaborations, create partnerships and develop a comprehensive national behavioral health brand. Tom continues on the board as Past Chair.

John Griffin came to the Foundation Board under the tutelage of his mother, the late Polly Griffin, a board member who took a special interest in the annual Benefit, our primary fundraiser for charity care. As chairman for eight years, John demonstrated exceptional fundraising leadership and commitment to making life-saving treatment services available to all who ask us for help. True to his family’s legacy, none have done it better. John, too, will continue to serve on the Foundation Board as the benefit chair.

Between now and our anniversary year, I will devote this space to telling how Rosecrance has met the challenges of the times to become the organization we are today. From our humble orphanage beginnings in 1916, we have grown to serve some 17,000 individuals who turn to us for help each year.

This is our purpose, as we all go forward, by the grace of God, one day at a time.
In 1937, Biagio Cacciatore was brought to a Rockford children’s home as an infant. After decades of separation, he discovered a brother he never knew.

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Honorariums and Memorials
Perhaps it was only for a matter of days in 1940 that a 3-year-old boy named Biagio and a 9-month-old baby named Frank were residents at the same time of the old Rockford Children's Home on Longwood Street.

Circumstances would take Frank and Biagio on different life journeys. It would be more than 70 years before their stories merged again and they discovered they are brothers.

Biagio Cacciatore – called “Billy” back then – was brought to Rockford Children’s Home in 1937 as a tiny infant. Later, he lived in the Rosecrance Memorial Home for Children in New Milford, and still later, St. Vincent’s Orphanage in Freeport. Biagio would have been living at the Rockford orphanage in 1940 when baby Frank was surrendered for adoption. Right away, Frank was placed with a stable local couple, Ruth and Clarence Beach.

The story of Frank and Biagio begins with an arranged marriage in the mid-1930s between their biological mother, Angelina Markese, and Vincenzo Cacciatore. Angelina was a 17-year-old girl of Italian heritage from Kenosha, WI, and Vincenzo was a Sicilian immigrant more than twice her age. Vincenzo was Biagio’s father.

“The marriage never worked, maybe because of cultural differences or the age difference,” said Biagio, now 76 and living in northern California. “So, when I was an infant — one, two or three months old — I was placed in Rockford Children’s Home.”

Vincenzo retained custody of the boy after the couple separated, but he worked and couldn’t care for Biagio. Still, Vincenzo remained involved in his son’s life to a degree, taking him out of the orphanage to live briefly with him, aunts and uncles or friends, or to visit relatives on holidays.

After 70 years, a gift of family
At age 7, Biagio was placed at the Rosecrance Memorial Home for Children, where he lived for about three years along with nine or 10 other boys. (See Biagio’s recollections on this page.)

He remembers frequently running away and walking several miles to his dad’s house, only to be returned to the orphanage when Vincenzo could arrange it.

From the ages of about 10 to 13, Biagio lived at St. Vincent’s in Freeport, still running away now and then. He lived on and off with his father for a few years and dropped out of school at 16. He joined the U.S. Air Force at age 17, serving four years on active duty and four years of inactive duty.

“It was the best thing that ever happened to me,” Biagio said.

After the military, Biagio completed his education and made a career in commercial insurance. He started out with Monumental Life in Rockford and worked in Boston, Oak Brook, IL, and San Francisco. He was successful enough to retire at age 61.

Along the way, he met and married his wife, Edith, in 1966. They have a son who has a doctorate in neuroscience who lives with his family in England. Biagio and Edith have a 3-year-old grandson. They live by a lagoon in Marin County, CA, where they enjoy watching wildlife and traveling.

Frank’s blessed life

Frank calls himself “blessed” to have been adopted by the Beaches, solid citizens who were foster parents to almost 40 children during their marriage and who were deeply

Biagio Cacciatore describes his life at the Rosecrance Memorial Home for Children

Of the three children’s homes I was in, the Rosecrance home was the most like living with a large family. Downstairs, there was a huge recreational room where we played, a large dining room and kitchen. The lady who took care of us had her side of the house downstairs, and all the children’s bedrooms were upstairs.

Every Sunday morning we would all dress up and go to church. I had an itchy wool suit I hated to wear. Our clothes were donated — I’d like to have the name of the person who donated that suit. We went to school just down the block. The lady would pack us lunch; many times it was a fried egg sandwich — not very good cold.

Like any other family, the children had their homework. We played together and ate together. We all had our chores. We had to keep our rooms clean. It was our responsibility to mow the lawn, sweep the sidewalks, keep the bathrooms clean.

I would help with the laundry. I handed her the clothes and she put them on the line, but I would always leave her underwear in the bottom of the basket. She would say: ‘Hand me those. They won’t bite you!’

The children had to have haircuts, and there was no barber around. The lady who managed the children’s home knew an elderly woman who cut hair. We would walk across the field to this lady’s house and she would put a bowl on our head and cut around it. That’s how we got those bad haircuts.

Camp Grant was just a couple miles away, and I remember them inviting the Rosecrance children for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. We were told the German prisoners cooked it. Some Army soldier gave me my first Jeep ride showing me the grounds at Camp Grant. What a thrill for a young boy! We ate with the soldiers. Also, I remember seeing American soldiers with tanks and jeeps with German prisoners marching past the Rosecrance home.

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involved in the work of the Salvation Army.

“My mom told me from as young as I can remember that I was adopted,” said Frank, now 73. “When I graduated from high school, she told me she could probably get me in contact with my biological mother if I wanted, but it didn’t mean anything to me at that time. I never wanted to hurt her feelings.”

Ruth Beach died in 2001. In 2010, Illinois passed a law making it easy for older adults who had been adopted to obtain their original birth certificates. Frank’s daughter, Jodi Beach, a Rockford-based singer, musician, actor and recording artist, filed the paperwork.

The birth certificate arrived in the mail on Dec. 17, 2010. For the first time, Frank saw the name of his biological mother. Jodi did some research and found that Angelina Markese had died in 2001. Jodi also discovered that Frank had an older half-brother, Biagio Cacciatore, who was living in California.

Frank and Biagio were quickly in touch. Biagio and Edie traveled to Rockford in the summer of 2011 to spend a week with Frank and his wife, Sonja, and their daughters Jodi and Lori. During the visit, Frank and Biagio went to New Milford to look at the former Rosecrance Memorial Home for Children, which still stands.

Coincidentally, as a longtime Rockford alderman, Frank Beach has been a staunch advocate of Rosecrance’s work in the community. He currently represents the ward that is home to Rosecrance’s long-term recovery home for teen boys.

Finding Angelina

Biagio decided when he was in his 50s to reach out to his mother, who was living in Michigan. He wrote a letter asking if he could visit. She said “yes” and then, “no.” He waited a few years. One day, while he was on a business trip, he took a detour and dropped in on her.

“She looked through the peephole on her apartment door, and I heard a little scream. She recognized immediately who I was,” Biagio said. “She opened the door and we both had a good long cry. She said she had felt so guilty. I told her that these things happen, that it was all right, that she was so young and that I realized it just did not work out with my father.”

During that visit, Angelina told Biagio she had something she wanted to show him.

“She went into her bedroom to find her wallet to show me a photo of me, when I was perhaps 3 or 4, that she had carried all these years with her,” Biagio said. “On the back of the photo was written, ‘My son, Billy Cacciatore.’ That small gesture in itself told me how much she loved me. She gave it to me, and I will treasure it forever.”

After that, they corresponded by letter and spoke on the telephone. She was 83 when she died in 2001.

“I really regret that she did not know that Frank had been adopted by good parents and that he had a good life. It would have meant so much to her,” Biagio said.

For his part, Frank said, he is filled with an “incredible gratefulness” that his mother allowed him to be adopted when she couldn’t care for him. As for finding his biological family after all these years, well, “It feels surreal,” Frank said.

“At this point in my life, out of the kindness of the Heavenly Father’s heart, this happens. What a gift.”

Written by Judy Emerson
Lawmakers visit adolescent campus

Rep. Adam Kinzinger has message for teens

U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) toured the Rosecrance adolescent treatment center in July and met with some of the 78 teens in treatment, commending them for seeking professional help and encouraging them to make healthy choices when they return home.

“This is a time of decision for you,” he told them. “By being here, you are taking a huge first step toward having a successful life. You can do anything you want. You can be anything you want.”

Rosecrance President/CEO Philip W. Eaton showed Kinzinger around the 50-acre residential Griffin Williamson Campus, which has a koi-stocked pond and a Healing Garden, a conservatory, a school with seven classrooms, a full-size gymnasium, fitness facilities and outdoor sports fields. Rosecrance is recognized as having one of the finest adolescent treatment programs in the nation.

Kinzinger, 35, is a former U.S. Air Force pilot who was elected in November 2012 to represent Illinois’ 16th District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Some of the teens told Kinzinger they want to join the military in the future. The congressman encouraged them to stay in recovery because substance abuse is inconsistent with the military’s high standards. He urged them to prepare themselves physically and mentally to “put on the uniform of the greatest country in the world.”

Kinzinger and Eaton spoke at length about heroin addiction among teens and young adults, a growing problem in northern Illinois and one that is being reflected in the patient population at Rosecrance. Several teens told Kinzinger that they are being treated for heroin addiction.

Sen. Dick Durbin sees drug problem’s impact

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-IL, learned firsthand about the impact of drugs on young people during a visit in May to the Rosecrance Griffin Williamson adolescent campus.

During his stop at the 78-bed residential treatment center, Sen. Durbin talked with adolescent clients about their progress in the therapeutic program. The senator toured the onsite school, gymnasium, fitness center, Ipsen Conservatory and adolescent living spaces.

Visiting with Rosecrance President/CEO Philip W. Eaton, Durbin expressed particular concern about the growing problem of heroin addiction among Illinois youth, the importance of addressing the issue at an early age and how drug activity is a major factor in Rockford’s current crime problem.

Before his visit to the adolescent campus, Sen. Durbin met with local and federal law enforcement officials, along with U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, at the federal courthouse in Rockford to discuss strategies to combat crime in the city.
Boards welcome new chairs, members

Rosecrance has announced several changes on its boards of directors, including the appointment of new chairs for both the Rosecrance Health Network (RHN) Board and the Foundation board.

Jeffrey C. DiBenedetto, executive vice president of DiBenedetto & Associates, has been named to lead the RHN Board. Lisa Lindman, vice president of CBro Development, will chair the Rosecrance Foundation Board.

Both are seasoned members of Rosecrance boards who have worked under the outgoing chairs. DiBenedetto succeeds Thomas C. Furst, who has chaired the RHN Board for eight years. Lindman follows John Griffin, who served eight years at the helm of the Foundation, the organization’s fundraising group, which also oversees the endowment accounts.

Furst will continue to serve on the RHN and Foundation boards, and Griffin continues on the Foundation board. DiBenedetto said he is honored to lead the organization’s governing board. He has served on the Foundation Board for seven years and joined the RHN Board three years ago.

“I am proud to be involved with an organization that helps children and adults deal with some of the toughest issues around,” DiBenedetto said. “The staff we have is the best of the best. We are dedicated to care and to producing positive outcomes and changing lives.”

Lindman has served on the Foundation Board at various points in recent years. She returns in the leadership role during a period of rapid growth for the organization.

“The intricacies of substance abuse treatment and mental health care are intertwined,” she said. “By serving both populations, we are reaching a much broader community and making a more profound difference.

“I am honored to be a part of an organization that helps so many individuals overcome obstacles that prevent them from leading healthy, productive lives.”

In addition, Rosecrance has announced three new members on the Rosecrance Foundation Board. Bill LaFever, president of Doran Wholesalers, and Laura Rosecrance were named to the Foundation’s Rockford Board. Mary Cesare-Murphy, retired executive director of the Behavioral Health Care Accreditation program for The Joint Commission, has joined the Foundation’s Chicago Board.

Harrison Campus honors clients and staff

Rosecrance hosted its Second Annual Recovery Warrior Banquet for residential clients and its first Health Center Recovery Warrior Luncheon in June. Speakers included Juan Hernandez, executive director of A Fresh Start Sober Living in Chicago, and Steve C., a Rosecrance alumus who celebrated five years of sobriety. Both shared their stories of recovery.

Rosecrance also honored Shirley Ann Redden, a respected counselor who recently retired after 14 years of service, with a Recovery Warrior Lifetime Achievement Award. Staff members also were honored with a video and slideshow, and clients received awards after being nominated by staff and peers.
Run for the Kids

Rosecrance took second place at the Run for the Kids 5K, which was held July 18 at Soldier Field in Chicago. The race was presented by Ignite the Spirit and co-sponsored by Rosecrance.

Several runners from Rosecrance placed individually, a number of walkers from Rosecrance participated in the 5K, and volunteers helped with registration.

The race is held annually by Ignite the Spirit, an organization that was launched in 2003 by Chicago firefighters. This year’s event helped Chicago children’s hospitals, as well as children affected by the Sandy Hook and Boston Marathon tragedies.

Rosecrance among America’s healthiest companies

Rosecrance Health Network has been named one of the “Healthiest Companies in America.” The award is given by Interactive Health Inc., the leading provider of outcomes-based wellness solutions.

Rosecrance was one of 72 honorees (among 1,600 eligible companies) for health and wellness initiatives in 2012. The “Healthiest Companies in America” award is given to organizations across the nation that attain a company-wide low-health-risk status while achieving high employee participation in their wellness programs. The selection process analyzes clinical test results demonstrating improved employee health across an index of key health indicators.

To receive the award, companies must achieve low-to no-risk status for two consecutive years. Of the staff members who needed to improve their health scores from 2011, 70 percent were successful in their efforts, according to 2012 clinical test results. In addition, Rosecrance’s overall wellness score improved from the previous year.

Accepting the award, Rosecrance President/CEO Philip W. Eaton thanked the organization’s Goodwill and Wellness Committee, made up of staff members, for their ongoing efforts to promote healthy lifestyle choices among co-workers.

“I believe in my heart that healthy employees make a healthy company,” Eaton said. “Our Goodwill and Wellness committee has provided great leadership in keeping this issue in front of staff.”
Generous grants help Rosecrance help others

This year to date, Rosecrance has received over $200,000 in grants from local organizations and service clubs. These funds make it possible to provide quality programs and treatment for our clients.

- The Community Partners Grant through Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois provides funds to support the Rosecrance-Crusader Community Health Collaboration, which integrates Primary Health Care and Mental Health Services for persons with serious mental illness.

- The Dr. Louis and Violet Rubin Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois awarded Rosecrance a grant to train two individuals as Mental Health First Aid instructors, who will then train Rockford-area law enforcement officers and other first responders.

- The grant from Rotary Club of Rockford East/Cherry Valley was used to purchase furniture for the Ipsen Conservatory.

Generous gifts also were received from Alpine Kiwanis Club, Rockford Park District and Rotary Club of Rockford East/Cherry Valley.

- Alpine Kiwanis provided funds to help furnish the new Ipsen Conservatory and purchase tickets for clients to attend the Harmony for Hunger concert.

- Rockford Park District provided a grant supporting psycho/social rehabilitation programs for chronically mentally ill clients at Rosecrance Ware Center.

- The grant from Rotary Club of Rockford East/Cherry Valley was used to purchase furniture for the Ipsen Conservatory.

Support received from United Way agencies

United Way of Rock River Valley: $50,000 funding for the Mental Health Triage Crisis Emergency Center at Rosecrance Ware Center and $25,000 funding to support the Recovery Resource Center for chronic mentally ill clients at the Rosecrance Ware Center

McHenry County United Way: $36,000 to support treatment for Rosecrance McHenry County program clients

Boone County United Way: $30,000 to support Rosecrance mental health services in Boone County

Joint Commission recognizes Rosecrance for quality care

Rosecrance Health Network has had its accreditation renewed for another three years by The Joint Commission, signifying that all operations meet the highest health care standards for treatment of individuals with substance use and mental health disorders.

TJC inspectors spent most of a week in May visiting Rosecrance treatment facilities to review processes and quality of care. According to the award letter, the inspection methods are designed to help treatment agencies “continuously provide safe, high-quality care, treatment and services.” Rosecrance met all standards and earned re-accreditation, a hallmark of quality that is valid for three years.

Rosecrance President/CEO Philip W. Eaton credited staff for a daily commitment to quality care delivered with compassion and professionalism and the Board of Directors for visionary leadership.

“It takes dedication to the goal that we will provide the best quality of care and, further, it takes consistency in processes and a system of accountability to ensure that we meet that goal,” Eaton said. “I could not be more proud of our staff, which is committed to serving the people who turn to us for care.”
Rosecrance takes recovery to Twitter with ‘12 Tweets’

In September, Rosecrance began sharing the principles of recovery in a new way with its Twitter account, “Rosecrance 12 Tweets.”

Each day, alumni, potential clients and others who follow “Rosecrance 12 Tweets” on the social networking platform Twitter receive a short message inspired by one of the 12 Steps of recovery. For example, the first message said “You are not ‘God.’ Own it. You will be better off if you did. We all would. Make space for God — the real deal.” That Tweet, written by Rosecrance Church Relations Coordinator Rev. Dr. William Lenters, relates to Step 1, “We admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable.”

Along with Rev. Lenters, Tweets are being written by Alumni Coordinator Melissa Garrison, Clergy Community Relations Coordinator Rev. James E. Swarthout and other Rosecrance employees.

“Our staff brings tremendous wisdom and understanding to the 12 Steps, and we’ve found a way through social media to share that passion on a daily basis with people in recovery from substance use and mental health disorders,” said Rosecrance Director of Communications Judy Emerson, who originated the project. “The 12 Tweets are relevant to anyone, really, as they contain wisdom for living each day with gratitude, humility, acceptance and honesty.”

How to follow 12 Tweets

1. If you don’t have a Twitter account, go to Twitter.com and click on “Join for free.” Follow the instructions.
2. In your Twitter account, type “Rosecrance 12 Tweets” into the search area at the top.
3. The icon for Rosecrance 12 Tweets will appear to the left under “People.” Click on it.
4. When you see the Profile Summary Box for Rosecrance 12 Tweets, click on “Follow.”

New websites showcase Aspen Counseling, TMS Center of Madison

Aspenbh.com
The site for Aspen Counseling & Consulting L.L.C., features information about employee assistance programs, women’s services, counseling, psychiatric care and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, which is offered through Aspen. It also has a link to schedule an appointment, staff profiles and other features.

Tmscenterhelp.com
The site for the TMS Center of Madison, Wis., (a collaboration with Connections Counseling) includes explanations of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, profiles of staff members, videos, information and news about TMS, information about depression, a link to schedule a free consultation and more.

Other ways to connect

1. Go to our website: www.rosecrance.org
2. Friend us on Facebook: facebook.com/lifeswaiting
3. Follow us on Twitter: @rosecrancenews

Rosecrance 12 Tweets is free and easy to follow on your Twitter account. See instructions on this page.
Presentation spotlights mental health treatment

Christina Bieche, Rosecrance Crisis Residential Coordinator, and Lindsay Gjoni, Rosecrance Triage Center Coordinator, will share their expertise in psychiatric crisis issues in a presentation at the 2013 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Illinois Conference, which will be held Oct. 18-20 in Itasca, IL.

The presentation, “Innovative Approaches to Community-Based Crisis Intervention,” will focus on Rosecrance’s Triage Center and Crisis Residential Program, both of which are dedicated to providing care in the least restrictive environment to individuals experiencing a psychiatric crisis. Bieche and Gjoni will give an overview of each program to highlight how community-based early intervention during a crisis promotes overall recovery.

“It’s great to share the community options we have here at Rosecrance,” Gjoni said.

The Rosecrance Triage Center, located at the Rosecrance Ware Center, 526 W. State St., Rockford, offers a safe, comfortable environment for individuals in psychiatric crisis who are awaiting assessment and referrals to appropriate levels of care. The Crisis Residential Program is a voluntary, short-term program for individuals with serious mental illness who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis. Though it has been determined they do not need inpatient care, they do require stabilization in a 24-hour supervised setting.

Smith named to lead Berry Campus

Stephen W. Smith, MS, LPC, CADC, who has been the Director of Aspen Counseling and Consulting, L.L.C. since 2010, has been named Director of the Rosecrance Berry Campus. Smith will oversee operations at the Berry Campus, which offers mental health assessments and treatment for children and adolescents. Smith, who joined Rosecrance in 2006, has extensive experience working with individuals and families dealing with addictions, mental health issues, life skills development, LGBT issues and life issues specific to young adults.

Smith will continue in his role as Director of Aspen Counseling, which provides treatment for clients with mood disorders, as well as therapy for individuals and families. Aspen is also the first provider of transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), a non-invasive treatment for depression, in the northern Illinois area.

Generosity blooms on Flower Day

The skies were cloudy on May 9, but that didn’t stop avid gardeners and supporters of Rosecrance’s recovery efforts from stopping by Gensler Gardens’ two locations and buying annuals, perennials and gorgeous hanging baskets.

Each year, the Gensler family generously donates a portion of the proceeds from the day’s sales at its Davis Junction and Loves Park locations. The proceeds benefit Rosecrance programs and services for clients in need of treatment for mental health and substance use disorders.
Our flavor-filled fundraiser is Oct. 6

Sample delicious food and bid on silent auction packages Sunday, Oct. 6, when the Rosecrance Foundation Chicago Board holds its fourth annual Cooking Up Hope at the Naperville Country Club.

The event will include Alchemy, Casey’s Foods, Francesca’s Restaurants, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Ivy, Kuma’s Asian Bistro, Labriola Bakery Cafe, Miramar Bistro, Food Network Chef Kevin Molidor, Naperville Country Club, SugarToad, Uncle Bub’s BBQ and Yerbabuena Mexican Cuisine. The silent auction will include a Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup jersey signed by MVP Patrick Kane, Chicago Bulls and Northwestern tickets, a golf package to Big Foot Country Club in Lake Geneva, a fabulous designer handbag and many other great auction items.

Last year, more than 200 people attended Cooking Up Hope. This year, proceeds will help establish a collegiate sober-living residence for Chicago-area students. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 815.387.5602 or go to rosecrance.org/events.
Let Rosecrance be your ‘favorite charity’

A respectful way to honor the life of a loved one or cherished friend who dies is to make a memorial donation to a charitable cause.

Often, the surviving family members request memorials to charity in lieu of flowers. They may direct gifts to a specific charity, or they may ask donors to remember their loved one with a gift to their own “favorite charity.” Surviving family members may be comforted by the knowledge that certain charitable work will continue thanks, in part, to a loved one’s legacy.

Memorial gifts are important to Rosecrance because they support substance abuse and mental health treatment. These gifts pay tribute to special people who always will be treasured in memory. At the same time, they help Rosecrance save lives and prevent tragedies that too often accompany untreated substance use and mental health disorders.

Gifts given “in honor of” someone are also a great way to pay tribute to important people in your life on their birthdays, holidays or anniversaries. An honorary gift can even joyfully celebrate recovery milestones.

Truly, these donations keep on giving happiness long after the birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions have passed. We will not only thank you for your generosity, we also will recognize your giving and notify the family or individual of your kindess.

Let Rosecrance be your “favorite charity” when the time comes to honor and remember people in your life. Your gift will touch the lives of those who struggle with addictions and mental illness and will help offer them the best opportunity for lasting recovery.

If you would like more information about The Rosecrance Foundation, please contact Senior Vice President of Development Lynne Vass at 815.387.5602.
Boards of Directors and leadership team

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Rosecrance provides help, hope and recovery to children, youth, adults and families.

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Rosecrance will offer the best opportunity for lasting recovery.

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Upcoming events

To register or learn more about these and other events, visit: Rosecrance.org/events

Rosecrance Naperville Open House
Thursday, Oct. 3, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Rosecrance Naperville Office
2135 CityGate Lane, Suite 300
Naperville, IL 60563
Enjoy light refreshments, meet our staff, network with professionals and hear a presentation by Rosecrance Outreach Manager Chris Yadron. Admission is free.

For more information about Rosecrance open houses, call 815.387.5607 or email jlyttle@rosecrance.org

Rosecrance Frankfort Open House
Friday, Oct. 4, noon to 4 p.m.
Rosecrance Frankfort Office
20635 Abbey Woods Ct. N, Suite 310
Frankfort, IL 60423
Speak with Dr. Jorge Fernald, MD, Medical Director of Outpatient Programs, pick up informational materials and referral forms and enjoy a light lunch and gift. Admission is free.

Cooking Up Hope
Sunday, Oct. 6, noon to 2 p.m.
Naperville Country Club
25W570 Chicago Ave.
Naperville, IL 60540
Enjoy cuisine prepared by area chefs and bid on unique items in the silent auction. Tickets are $125, and proceeds will help establish a collegiate sober-living residence in Chicago.

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