

## Betty J. Plank Hospice Memorial Endowment Fund established

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Hospice of North Central Ohio (HNCO) received a bequest in the amount of \$25,683 from the Estate of Betty J. Plank of Ashland. Plank, who died in June of 2016, was a former teacher and well-respected local historian. She was also philanthropic, supporting a number of local, non-profit organizations.

As a result of this gift, Hospice of North Central Ohio will establish The Betty J. Plank Hospice Memorial Endowment Fund at The Ashland County Community Foundation. Available income from the endowment will be used to support HNCO's core mission programs which include grief support and services and end-of-life care.

William Kahl, executive director at Hospice of North Central Ohio, stated: "We are grateful that Mrs. Plank provided for HNCO in her estate. This bequest will not only provide immediate support for operations, but will perpetuate Mrs. Plank's memory in a community where she was well known and respected."

Headquartered at 1050 Dauch Drive in Ashland, the nonprofit Hospice of North Central Ohio continues to serve 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties with palliative and hospice services. Additionally, free continuous bereavement services are provided for hundreds of families of hospice patients and to anyone in the community experiencing grief. Call 800-952-2207 for more information. HNCO is a partner agency of United Way of Ashland County.