Hospice Newsletter



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Getting to know Mitch Haas, DPT, Administrator of Iroquois Memorial Hospice and Iroquois Home Health









- Mitch grew up on a livestock and grain farm near Rossville, Illinois.
- He attended Olivet Nazarene University on a full athletic scholarship and was their #1 tennis player for 3 years. His two younger sisters also played college tennis.
- Mitch earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology from ONU and was then certified as a Personal Trainer under the American College of Sports Medicine.
- He then attended the University of Central Florida where he earned his Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2010.
- Since his graduation, Mitch has worked as a physical therapist in home health and skilled nursing facilities, as a clinical auditor, and most recently as a physical therapist at Iroquois Home Health.
- Mitch enjoys playing tennis, working out, cooking on his Weber grill, and taking his 7 and 10 year old nieces to Starbucks.
- His interests include astronomy and theoretical physics, especially the study of the relationship between time and space. He would like to go skydiving and is quite certain that one jump will be enough.
- His vision for Iroquois Memorial Hospice is to grow their work to provide our outstanding service and care beyond Iroquois County and the portions of the 4 surrounding counties which we currently serve.
- Mitch, welcome aboard, we look forward to your leadership and advocacy to develop and advance the work of Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

Iroquois Memorial Hospice Receives SHP Top 20% Award

Iroquois Memorial Hospice has been awarded the Strategic Healthcare Program (SHP) Top 20% Best Hospice Caregiver Satisfaction Award for achieving an overall score that ranked in the SHP national hospice benchmark score among almost 7,000 healthcare providers nationwide. Iroquois Memorial Hospice was one of four hospice organizations awarded top honors in the state of Illinois in 2022. These scores are measured from the caregiver's point of view.



A Life Celebrated - Eva Curry



A Life Celebrated is an opportunity for loved ones to share memories with others. "My favorite memory of my mother is of her hostess skills. She loved throwing a party or get together. She would plan events well in advance, prepare elaborate foods with her own hands, clean her home, get the yard immaculate, arrange seating, and make sure there were plenty of refreshments. When the time

came for the event, she showed up with her hair done up, make-up on and dressed to the t's. She loved every minute of it. And she welcomed any and all to be her guest. She brought joy and happiness to many through her hostess skills."

- Barbara Curry, Daughter