

Spring 2025

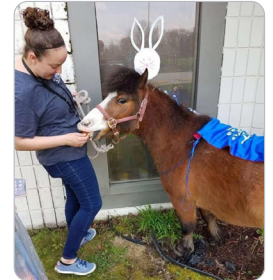
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Getting to know Mallory Redeker, Hospice RN Clinical Coordinator



- **What is it that you do here at IMH?** I am a Registered Nurse Clinical Coordinator
- **How long have you been doing this?** I have been with hospice since 2011 and the coordinator since 2014
- **What made you want to become an RN and then work in Hospice?** My Grandma was in IMH hospice when I was a senior in high school. This led me to become an RN in the hospice field.
- **Is there someone who inspired you to choose this as a career?** My mom, Nancy, inspired me to become a nurse. If I could be half the nurse she is then I have really accomplished something.

- **What is the best, most rewarding thing you have done in Hospice?** Bringing my pony Norm with me to work during the covid pandemic to do window visits at several of the area nursing homes.
- **What is the hardest part?** Seeing people wait too long to come onto hospice. The sooner they come on the more we can help them prepare. If it's a last minute hospice admission, they don't get the full benefit of our care.
- **What is something about you that others may not know about?** I am a single mom and I have a little hobby farm. My daughter and I have 3 horses, 2 dogs, a cat, a rabbit, 8 chickens, and a garden with vegetables and flowers.
- **Do you have any advice or words of encouragement for someone thinking about getting into healthcare/hospice?** Don't be afraid to consider hospice as a field of nursing to join. It's not all sadness and loss. We see happiness and we see people meet their goals. We laugh and we cry with our patients. Sometimes we are almost like a member of their family. We are in their home and get to know them on a deep level. The happy moments and successes that we see greatly reward us in this field of nursing.



The 2025 Annual Spring Hospice Brunch was a Huge Success!

On Sunday April 6, 2025 the Annual Hospice Brunch was held at Watseka high school. This year's theme was subtle hints of sapphire butterflies. Carley, one of our hospice RN's, graciously provided us with her beautiful balloon arch that highlighted the butterfly theme and welcomed our guests. Veteran and Hospice Volunteer, Aaron Hattabaugh, honored Veterans with a pinning. The brunch had a different flair this year as "A Natural High", a local southern gospel singing group, graced us with extraordinary upbeat, spiritual and entertaining musical talent. There was a lot of toe tapping and singing along and even a little dancing. Our hospice volunteers had the annual basket raffle and silent auction which brought many smiles and hopes of being the highest bidder! A delicious menu was served, which consisted of egg casseroles, biscuits and gravy, fruit and INCREDIBLE sweet rolls.

We would like to thank the outpouring of support from our community, local businesses, and everyone who was a part of making this year's hospice brunch such a success! We are thrilled to continue to serve the needs of our patients and take away the stress and burden of paying for things they need for their care that insurance does not cover. Thank you again!

