



HAND-IN-HAND COMFORT FROM GATEWAY HOME!

Providing dignified comfort, care and support for our residents and their families.

DIRECTOR'S Corner

When Care Hits Home

There is a moment in caregiving when time begins to feel different.

Days and nights blur together. Sleep becomes something you measure in minutes, not hours. You learn the rhythm of breathing, the meaning behind small movements, the quiet signals that only come from knowing someone you love so deeply.

For many families, this is what it looks like to care for someone at home. It is love in its purest form, but it is also exhausting. It is sitting vigil through the night, holding hands, adjusting pillows, listening for every change. It is wanting to do everything right, while quietly wondering if you are enough.

I have seen this professionally many times and this season I experienced it personally.

There is a weight that comes with being "the one." The one who stays awake. The one who notices. The one who carries the responsibility of comfort, of presence, of making sure your person is not alone.

And there is also a moment, often filled with both relief and guilt, when you realize you cannot do it alone anymore.

That moment is where Gateway Home steps in.

When families walk through our doors, they often arrive carrying more than just bags. They carry exhaustion. Worry. Love that has been poured out, hour after hour, day after day. And sometimes, they carry the quiet question: Is it okay to let someone else help now?

Our answer is always the same—yes.

Yes, you can rest.

Yes, you can sit beside your loved one without being the one responsible for every need.

Yes, you can simply be a daughter, a son, a spouse again.

Because here, care is shared. We step in not to replace the love you have given, but to hold it with you. To create space for peace. To allow families to return to what matters most in those final days. Connection, presence, and love without exhaustion.

When care hits home, it changes you. And it is our privilege to meet families at that moment—with open doors, open hearts, and the promise that no one walks this part of the journey alone.

With gratitude,
Sara Brunner, Director

DID YOU Know?

Legacy Giving: Create a Future That Reflects Your Values

Legacy giving—also called planned giving—allows you to support our mission through a future gift in your will or estate plans. It costs nothing today and ensures your compassion continues to make an impact for years to come.

Why Leave a Legacy Gift?

Your legacy gift helps ensure that our mission remains strong and sustainable, future generations benefit from your generosity; and your values and commitment live on. A legacy gift is a powerful way to create lasting change.

Three Easy Ways to Leave a Legacy*

1. A Gift in Your Will (Bequest): Include a specific amount, percentage, or asset in your will. Sample language: "I give and bequeath ___% of my estate to Gateway Home, located at 91 Main Street, Attica, NY 14011, for its general charitable purposes."

Let Us Honor Your Intent

If you include us in your estate plans, please let us know.

Your information is confidential and non-binding: it simply allows us to express gratitude and honor your wishes.

*Please consult your legal or financial advisor for guidance.

2. Beneficiary Designations: Name Gateway Home as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), life insurance policy, or bank/investment account (POD/TOD).

3. Other Planned Gifts: Using your retirement savings to make a difference through Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA (portion of your Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA can be tax free).

Benefits of Legacy Giving

- Does not affect your finances today
- May reduce taxes for your heirs
- Provides long-term stability for the mission
- Creates a meaningful, lasting impact.

PRESIDENT'S Message

With the arrival of a new year comes a natural season of change...

...and for Gateway Home, 2026 brings both fresh energy and continued dedication at the board level.



Angela Zymowski

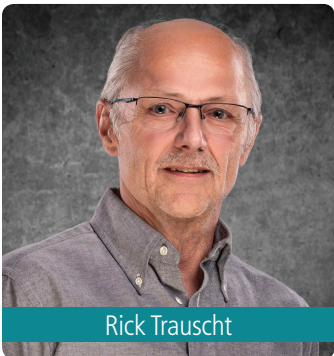
Angela Zymowski, Jodi Nichols, and Rick Trauscht each bring a deep sense of community, service, and personal connection to Gateway Home.

Angela, a Bennington resident, first became involved through her workplace and grew from volunteer to board member, inspired by her family's experience and a passion for compassionate end-of-life care.



Jodi Nichols

Jodi, of Wyoming, NY, offers 34 years of experience in the financial industry along with a longstanding commitment to supporting local youth programs. She joins the board with a heartfelt desire to give back in a meaningful way.



Rick Trauscht

Rick, a lifelong Attica resident, brings decades of experience as a project manager in the heavy highway construction industry, along with deep community roots through public service, church involvement, and his early contributions to the Home's restoration. Inspired by his father's hospice volunteer work, Rick views his board service as a way to support families during life's most meaningful moments.

We also take this opportunity to honor those whose service has helped shape Gateway Home. We extend our sincere gratitude to Donna Ferry for her years of dedication, compassion, and unwavering support of our mission. Her impact will be felt for years to come. We are equally grateful to Doug Domes for his leadership as Board President and are thankful he will continue to lend his experience and guidance as he steps into the role of Vice President.

In the year ahead, we are pleased to have Kimberly Kadziolka serving as Secretary, Jim Russell as Treasurer, Doug Domes as Vice President, and Todd Gadd as President. Together, this leadership team is committed to thoughtfully guiding Gateway Home forward.

As always, we remain deeply grateful for the many individuals who support our mission. It is a true privilege to serve this community and to walk alongside families with care, compassion, and dignity.

Todd Gadd, President

IN My Words

Dear Gateway Home Volunteers,

"Words cannot adequately express our thanks for the kindness, warmth, respect, and love shown to our family during the recent loss of Sandy Curtis. We interacted with your patient, caring staff with ease. Walking into your home made us feel instantly welcome and we knew that Sandy was finally in the right place. Our only regret is not moving her there sooner. It would have made such a difference in her care and our peace of mind."

*Sending Love,
Maryann and Larry Labenski*



Brick by Brick

Honor someone you love with a Gateway Home memorial brick—a quiet, lasting presence in a place of peace. Each name becomes part of our story, a gentle reminder that love endures, even in goodbye, and is always held close here.

Visit our website:
gatewayhome.org or
call us: 585-708-4331
for more information.

Cans and Candy:

How sweet it is to have friends in the retail community that sell Oliver's candy bars on behalf of Gateway Home.

Extra special thanks go out to:

- ACE HARDWARE, 59 Market St, Attica (also sometimes in Warsaw!)
- ATTICA PHARMACY, 2 Market St, Attica
- HARDER O'DONNELL POST 734, 83 Market St, Attica
- WYOMING COUNTY CHIROPRACTIC, 2407 N. Main, Warsaw

WOW! Your donations of cans and bottles work to pay for most of our utilities every single month! CAN you believe it? We have bins behind Gateway Home and at CanJam in Corfu!

A special thank you to THE BEACHHEAD, 3188 Broadway Rd. Alexander, that donates their cans and bottles to Gateway Home!

If your business would like to sell candy bars or contribute cans and bottles too, please reach out and we will do the "heavy" lifting!



VOLUNTEER Spotlight



Kelly Kronbeck is a brand new volunteer with a heart on fire for end-of-life care.

After taking care of her mom as she ended her journey she found Gateway Home to use her skills and fill her heart. You can find Kelly volunteering for several shifts a week, always showing up with a bubbly smile and a knack for keeping folks company.

We asked Kelly why she volunteers at Gateway and what she takes from it. Here was her reply, "I volunteer here because supporting those who can't advocate for themselves gives me a deep sense of purpose. It truly fulfills me to be there for both our patient in care and their families during some of their most difficult times. It also brings me joy knowing that someone's loved ones are treated with compassion, respect, and dignity at the end of life."

Thank you, Kelly, and all of our beautiful volunteers for making Gateway a home. We cannot do it without you!

DONOR Spotlight

NOTE: Memorials are acknowledged separately on a quarterly basis via the local Pennysaver. We have several anonymous donors that prefer that they not be listed; we appreciate their support.

Thank you to our donors!

COMMUNITY (ANY)

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You Don't Have to Care For Your Loved One Alone

THREE FREE WORKSHOPS for family and community caregivers of older adults in Wyoming County:

Join us for two hours of assistance for the caregiver. We will connect you with resources to help you navigate the tough road of caretaking for a loved one. Talk you through difficult feelings and conversations. And give you some tips and tricks to take care of yourself. With special thanks to the Ralph Wilson Foundation and A Storied Life for making this possible!

"It can be isolating and feel impossible, at times. But it is also a gift that we are privileged to offer those we love."

Sara Brunner, Director

Monday, May 11:

4:30–6:30 PM
Perry Public Library
70 N. Main St., Perry

Wednesday, May 13:

1:00–3:00 PM
United Church of Warsaw
22 S. Main St., Warsaw

Saturday, May 23:

10:00 AM–12:00 PM
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
11 Washington St., Attica

To Register: Contact Sara Brunner 585-708-4331 or sara@gatewayhomeattica.org

EVENTS Calendar

- Sun., May 3rd: **Russell Family Chicken BBQ – World Famous** (we think it is!)
Attica Elementary School / Drive Thru
- Sat., May 23rd: **Letchworth Masonic Council Benefit Golf Tournament**
at the Club at Silver Lake
- Wed., July 1st: **Sale begins of our Buffalo Bills Regular Season Squares**
- Sat., July 11th: **The 5th Annual Judy Russell Memorial Golf Tournament**
at Batavia Country Club
- Thurs., July 23rd **Golfing for Gateway** at Quiet Times Golf Course
- Sun., July 26th **Junkyard Reunion Car Show**
at Vincent Almeter Memorial Park in Varysburg
- September (TBD) **Gateway Fall Chicken BBQ**
- October (TBD) **Sale of tickets for Holiday Cash Raffle**
- Sat., Nov. 14th **Annual Gateway Meat Raffle** at Alexander Fire Hall



Follow us on Facebook to learn more about all our fundraising events!

We are always looking for helping hands at our events, particularly our biggest fundraising program during the year, the Darien Lake Concert Series as concession stand volunteers. It is a fun way to help Gateway Home while listening to favorite artists! If you are interested in volunteering for one or more concerts, please contact Sara Brunner at sara@gatewayhomeattica.org.



For More Information:

You can find more information on each of the above events on our website at: gatewayhomeattica.org.

ANNUAL Pancake Breakfast

Another successful Pancake Breakfast at a New Location! A special thank you to the Town Line Lutheran Church for allowing us to use their fellowship hall. We also want to thank all the volunteers and basket donors that made it happen. Fundraising for Gateway Home is a blessing of time and talent from so many people who want to see our mission succeed. We couldn't do it without them!

It hurts to lose someone.

Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.

You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Find a Grief Share support group or event near you: www.griefshare.org

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Sue Herman, Office Manager

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Gateway Home Mission Statement

Gateway Home is established to give comfort care to people who are medically determined to be in their last stages of life (three months or less). Our organization will provide both medical and spiritual care to support the residents as they pass from this life to the next. Gateway Home staff and volunteers are committed to provide dignified care, comfort and support for our residents and their families. Gateway Home is a nonprofit organization and does not charge for services provided. Funding is accomplished through donations, bequests and community support. Admission is based solely on need.