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The HAP Foundation welcomes Jill Kottmeier, MS, BSN, RN, CPLC as Board of Trustee

[The HAP Foundation](#) inducted five new members into its Board of Trustees including Jill Kottmeier, MS, BSN, RN, CPLC. The HAP Foundation, an independent nonprofit, provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research around hospice, palliative care, grief, and serious illness for children and adults. With the addition of these leaders, The HAP Foundation aims to leverage their knowledge and experience within their specialties to expand its reach. Kottmeier resides in Hanover Park, IL.

“The HAP Foundation’s Board of Trustees remain committed through their strength, history, and keen vision for the future. Ms. Kottmeier’s passion for pediatric palliative care, community spirituality, and grief education make her a fitting addition to the Board of Trustees,” said Joseph Matty, President of The HAP Foundation. “I am confident of her impact and look forward to working with her as The HAP Foundation continues to grow.”

Kottmeier Biography:

Jill Kottmeier has been a nurse for 24 years and has been working at Northwest Community Hospital (NCH) since 1997. She worked for 17 years as a labor & delivery nurse and focused a lot of her care on those families experiencing a loss. In 2015, she transitioned to the role of Perinatal Palliative Care Coordinator so she could solely focus her career on supporting and advocating for families on the continuum of loss. In this role, she has supported countless families through the loss of their baby, ran monthly support groups, and planned two memorial services each year for grieving families to honor their children. Jill has served as the chair of the Alliance of Perinatal Bereavement and Palliative Care Facilitators of Northern Illinois from 2016 to present. Additionally, she served on the planning committee for the 2020 PLIDA conference.

Recently, Kottmeier’s role transitioned to be the Director of Wellbeing and Bereavement Services at NCH. Kottmeier understands that grief is not a one-time event, but rather a lifelong journey that families integrate into their lives. Because of her passion for the bereaved, Kottmeier recently graduated with her master’s degree in Thanatology, which is the study of death, dying, and bereavement.

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About The HAP Foundation:

The HAP Foundation is an independent nonprofit that provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research around hospice and palliative care for all ages. With four decades rooted in direct patient care, it currently focuses on educating communities and professionals on hospice and palliative care; engaging in community-based research to better understand and impact disparities in hospice, palliative care, and grief support; and advancing policies that assist individuals and families during end of life.



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