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United Hospice Holds Second Annual Ambassador Breakfast with Hudson Valley Legislators During Hospice and Palliative Care Awareness Month

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Assemblymember Patrick Carroll Recognized as 2026 Ambassador of the Year at Event Focused on Raising Awareness About Hospice Benefits

WEST POINT, NEW YORK - Today, during Hospice and Palliative Care Awareness Month, United Hospice, a premier leading nonprofit hospice provider in Orange and Rockland Counties, held their second annual Hospice Ambassador Breakfast to recognize individuals and businesses throughout Orange and Rockland Counties who have worked to raise awareness about the benefits of hospice care. United Hospice also used this event to urge their ambassadors and supporters to encourge Governor Hochul to sign A.10310-B / S.9620, legislation that has passed both houses that would require every nursing home in New York State to maintain a written agreement with at least one licensed hospice provider, helping ensure that residents who choose hospice care can access those services without unnecessary delays.

Honorees included Congressman Mike Lawler, Congressman Pat Ryan, State Senators James Skoufis, Pete Harckham, Bill Weber, and Rob Rolison, and Assemblymembers Patrick Carroll, Aron Wieder, Chris Eachus, Jonathan Jacobson, and Brian Maher. In addition to elected leaders, United Hospice honored champions of hospice care from the medical field including Garnet Medical, Polaris Health, Enexia Specialty Pharmacy, MJHS Health System, PDC-RX, Montefiore St. Lukes, Montefiore Nyack, WMC Good Samaritan, Central Valley Medical Supplies, VNS, and Hudson Valley Hospice as well as town and county officials from Orange and Rockland Counties, and members of the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State.

In total there were 60 individuals and businesses named "United Hospice Ambassadors" for 2026. Assemblymember Patrick Carroll was recognized as, "Ambassador of the Year," the top honor of the morning. The event was held at the Thayer Hotel, in West Point, New York.

Cara Pace, President and CEO of United Hospice, said: "United Hospice is so grateful for all of our allies, both in the government and in the business and nonprofit communities. Today, we held our second annual Ambassador Breakfast to honor those who have supported our efforts to raise awareness about the benefits of hospice and the care options available to Orange and Rockland County residents. Congratulations to Representatives Ryan and Lawler, Senators Skoufis, Harckham, Weber, and Rolison, and Assemblymembers Wieder, Eachus, Jacobson, and Maher for being named United Hospice Ambassadors and a special congratulations to our Ambassador of the Year, Assemblymember Patrick Carroll. I look forward to continuing to work with you all to support the compassionate, end of life care that United Hospice provides."

Assemblymember Patrick Carroll said: "All New Yorkers deserve the highest quality end-of-life care and United Hospice provides compassionate, patient-centered care families can trust. I've seen firsthand the incredible care they deliver for their patients which is why I've been proud to secure funding for their children's grieving program and their veterans pinning program. It's an honor to receive the Ambassador of the Year Award, and I look forward to continuing partnering with United Hospice on behalf of the Hudson Valley."



