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A Lasting Legacy: Honoring Dr. John Mulder



A few months have passed since we said goodbye to our beloved leader, teacher, and friend. Dr. John Mulder, former Medical Director of Faith Hospice and Executive Director of the Trillium Institute, left behind more than a list of accolades—he left a legacy of compassion, integrity, and a vision that continues to shape the future of hospice and palliative care.

Dr. Mulder's journey into hospice and palliative medicine began in 1984. With a rare blend of clinical excellence and deep empathy, he quickly became a guiding force in the field. He was board-certified in palliative care in 2000 and went on to teach and mentor the next generation of physicians at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. As Director of the Division of Palliative Care at MSU, he instilled in others the same commitment to patient dignity and comfort that defined his own practice.

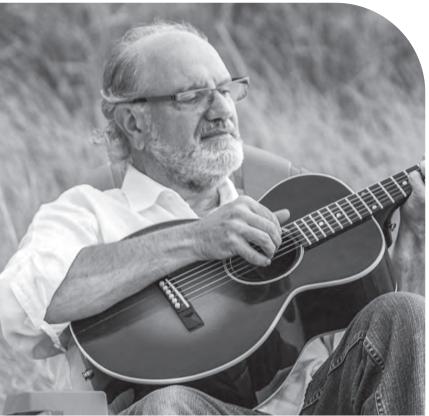
In addition to his work at Faith Hospice and the Trillium Institute, Dr. Mulder led the Trinity Health Grand Rapids Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program, chaired the ethics committee at Corewell Health and University of Michigan Health-West, and served on the Michigan Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management. He also provided expert testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives during discussions on the opioid crisis. His influence was recognized nationally in 2019 when he received the Palliative Medicine Community Leadership Award from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

But Dr. Mulder's impact extended far beyond the clinical. He radiated Christ in every interaction—through his humility, his empathy, and his deep commitment to being a light in the community. Whether at the

bedside of a patient, mentoring a young physician, or speaking at a caregiver event, he embodied the mission of Faith Hospice: to provide comfort, choice, and compassion.

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He didn't just teach by words, but by example. Dr. Mulder reminded us daily that true compassion is rooted in understanding and respect. He taught us not just to treat others how we would like to be treated—but how they would like to be treated. That distinction, simple yet profound, shaped the culture of care at Faith Hospice and continues to guide our approach today.

While his professional accomplishments are vast, Dr. Mulder's greatest impact was personal. His work through the Trillium Institute helped deepen public understanding of palliative care and empowered individuals and families to navigate some of life's most difficult moments. Thanks to his leadership, countless lives have been touched—and will continue to be for years to come.

At Faith Hospice, we feel the weight of his absence but also the strength of his legacy. Dr. Mulder helped shape who we are and how we care. As we move forward, we carry his vision with us: that every life deserves comfort, dignity, and compassionate care.

We remain deeply grateful for Dr. Mulder's life—and the enduring difference he made in our community and beyond.

A Celebration of Generosity

On August 5, more than 100 guests gathered at the Terrace to celebrate the successful completion of the \$1.1 million BretoNext Campaign and to enjoy the unveiling of the newly renovated West Patio — a long-awaited, three-season gathering space.

Troy Vugteveen, President and CEO offered heartfelt thanks to the BretoNext donors for their extraordinary generosity and commitment. The campaign not only met its goal — but exceeded it by nearly \$14,000, a testament to the community's spirit and support.





























Together in Mission: Your Impact Through Trillium Living

As a valued supporter of Holland Home and Faith Hospice, you are an essential part of our mission to serve with compassion, excellence, and Christ-centered care. Your generosity continues to make a profound difference in the lives of aging adults and families across our community.

Earlier this year, we took a significant step forward by launching Trillium Living—the newly formed governing body of our wholly owned divisions: Holland Home, Faith Hospice, Faith Palliative Care, Trillium Institute, Dementia Institute and Reliance Community Care Partners, and our collaborative partners: Atrio Home Care, Care Resources and Tandem365. This strategic change reflects our ongoing commitment to align with our Christian mission while honoring the unique and diverse ways we care for others. The name Trillium Living represents both our foundational faith and our focus on compassionate, expert care across every stage of aging and end-of-life.

Because of your support, we've been able to go beyond basic care—to meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs through innovative programs, expanded services, and personal connections. From residents living independently to families walking through grief, your impact is present in every corner of our community.

On behalf of everyone at Holland Home and Faith Hospice, thank you. Your continued support fuels our mission and helps build a stronger, more compassionate community for generations to come.

From Inheritance to Legacy: A Mother's Tribute to Her Daughter

In 2022, Mary VanderWeide inherited an IRA from her daughter Ruth VanderWeide, a beloved English teacher at Godwin Heights High School who passed away at the age of just 59. Today Mary is enjoying gifting from that IRA in ways that she knows honor Ruth's memory and would be meaningful to her. Recently, Mary made a generous donation to Holland Home Foundation from this IRA in memory of Ruth. She notes, "She loved this place as much as I do." Mary's husband Bud was a Holland Home resident for eight years prior to his death and Ruth enjoyed almost daily walks from her nearby condo to visit with her dad during those years. She saw and was grateful for the care he received.

Mary, now a Holland Home resident herself and a donor of more than 30 years, notes "If you want funds to keep growing, invest in a Christ-centered facility like Holland Home that follows His plan, and you will never be sorry. I've seen personally how Holland Home takes care of people whose money runs out."

If you are 70% or older, you can give from your IRA and receive significant tax benefits in return. To learn more about gifting from an IRA, contact the Holland Home Foundation today at 616-235-5125 or foundation@hollandhome.org.

















Enjoying Lake Life

We had the privilege of celebrating our 1892 Heritage Society Members at our annual gratitude event. The Society honors donors who provide a planned gift to Holland Home, Holland Home Foundation, or Faith Hospice.

This year we held a luncheon at Gun Lake's
Bay Pointe Inn. The picturesque lake setting and
breeze along with the beautiful summer weather
helped to carry out our nautical theme. We
enjoyed hearing from guest speaker Mike Cazer,
CEO of the New York Yacht Club's American
Magic Sailing Team which competes in the
America's Cup Race. Mike captivated the audience
with stories of their club's history and successes.

We are so grateful for our Heritage Society Members and the legacy they are building.

Contact the Foundation office for more information on how to become an 1892 Heritage Society member with a planned gift 616-235-5125 or foundation@hollandhome.org.

Celebrating 30 Years of Compassionate Care: The Legacy of Faith Hospice

This year marks a meaningful milestone for Faith Hospice—30 years of providing expert, compassionate care to individuals and families facing life's most difficult journey.

Since our founding in 1995, Faith Hospice has been a place of hope, dignity, and peace for thousands in our community. As West Michigan's only faith-based hospice provider, our mission has remained constant: to walk alongside patients and their loved ones with excellence, empathy, and the love of Christ.

Over the past three decades, Faith Hospice has grown from a small team with a big vision into a comprehensive hospice and palliative care provider, serving patients in private homes, nursing facilities, and at Trillium Woods, our dedicated inpatient residence. We've expanded services, added grief support programs for adults and children, introduced complementary therapies, and advanced education in end-of-life care—all because of generous donors like you.

Your support has made this possible. Because of you, we have been able to care for more than just physical



needs. We've offered comfort during final days, support through seasons of grief, and dignity when it's needed most. You've helped us ensure that no one walks this path alone—regardless of their financial circumstances.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to the values that have defined us for 30 years—and we are excited to build on that legacy with continued innovation, expanded services, and unwavering compassion.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your partnership sustains our mission and allows us to serve with grace and love—just as we've done for the past three decades. Here's to the next 30 years of making every moment matter.

A "Tee-Rific" Day!

Thanks to all who supported and were a part of the 36th Annual Holland Home Foundation Golf Outing. With 234 golfers and a record \$112,000 raised for the Holland Home Foundation, the day was a huge success. The generosity of all involved helps to keep the promise of continued care for all residents.

We are also thankful for more than 50 volunteers, staff and celebrity golfers that worked at the Holland Home Foundation golf outing. We could not do this without you!

We hope you'll join us next year on June 1, 2026 for another great day of golf while supporting the Holland Home mission.

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