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### **Haystack Dinner and Presentation on Hospice and Palliative Care**

Two of the world's leading experts will be featured on  
August 18<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Hope Event Center

Millersburg, OH – The Center for Appalachia Research in Cancer Education (CARE) announced that a haystack benefit dinner and presentation on palliative and hospice care is scheduled for August 18, 2017 at the Mount Hope Event Center, 8076 State Route 241, Mt Hope, Ohio, 44654. “There has been so much interest on this topic from community members that we purposely set up a separate event from our recent national conference that addressed the health care needs of Amish and Plain communities,” said Dr. Mellissa Thomas, Founding Director. “We believe it is so important to have a location and time specifically for all community members to be able to access and learn.”

Hospice, end-of-life care, and palliative care are words we hear more often as our family members age and live longer with chronic diseases such as cancer, kidney failure, and other long-term health issues. Doctors Frank D. Ferris and Charles F. von Gunten are two of the world's leading experts on hospice and palliative care. They will share their wisdom and answer questions about topics all families should be discussing. Staff members from local agencies will also be in attendance to share programs and services available in the community. All residents are invited to attend.

Community members are preparing the haystack dinner for all to enjoy. Carry-out will begin at 3:00 p.m. and dinner will be served between 4:30-6:00 p.m. The presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. Donations are accepted and 100 percent of the proceeds will benefit women's health programs of PROJECT HOFFNUNG<sup>sm</sup>: The Amish and Mennonite Breast Health Project.

The event is hosted by the Center for Appalachia Research in Cancer Education (“CARE”), a community-led nonprofit organization whose mission is to reduce the burden of cancer in Appalachia and rural communities.

**For more information on the program and event, please visit:**

**[www.appalcare.org](http://www.appalcare.org)**

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