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No matter your faith tradition, Springtime represents rebirth and new beginnings. This is especially meaningful this year. After a dark twelve months, we are encouraged and hopeful for the future. We are anxious to hold our loved ones again; we can see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel...we just have to be patient a little longer. If 2020 taught us anything, it's patience and appreciation of the little things. We learned to be still and to be thankful for all our many blessings. We have grown as individuals and a community. As we slowly get back to "normal life," we can reflect on these times and remember not to take anything for granted and to live each day like the gift it is.

HAPPY



PASSOVER!

The azaleas are popping with color. Everything is covered in pollen. The wind is blustery and the temperature goes from 40 degrees one day to 80 the next. Our out-of-town guests are returning to our coastal community.

We wouldn't change a thing!

Spring has sprung in the Golden Isles indeed!

Thank You to our Dove Society!

To show our appreciation, and to honor our Dove Society* Donors, HGI recently hosted a reception at the spectacular Village Creek Landing on St. Simons Island. The weather was perfect for an evening of (long overdue) socially distant socializing! The music, food, and views were the icing on the cake! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us as we raised a glass in your honor.



We are especially grateful to [Southeast Georgia Health System](#) for sponsoring this event!

**Dove Society donors are those who give a gift of \$1000 or more in a calendar year.*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get to know your Hometown Hospice team

John Shaner, MD
Chief Medical Officer

Dr. John Shaner hails from the Buckeye state and is a proud alumnus of Ohio State. Formerly board certified in Geriatrics, Dr. Shaner served as Medical Director of nursing homes in Ohio before becoming Hospice of the Golden Isles' full-time Chief Medical Officer in 2010. Double-board certified in Hospice & Palliative Medicine and Internal Medicine, he also serves as the Medical Director for Golden Isles Palliative Care in conjunction with Southeast Georgia Health System.

Dr. Shaner brings over 35 years of experience and knowledge to our hospice and our community, and is committed to providing expert pain and symptom management for patients to promote comfort and quality of life. We are fortunate to have him on the HGI team!



About Hospice of the Golden Isles

[Hospice of the Golden Isles](#) provides expert, compassionate care for those living with an advanced illness. The special care that hospice provides allows patients to live life to the fullest. We are proud to offer The **Best Care When It Matters Most** regardless of ability to pay.

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