

A 2022 Success Story for... Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice



Samaritan offers a free, 6-week online group designed to provide guidance and support to those who may have lost someone they love due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Each session runs for 90 minutes and offers supportive information about coping, communication and compassion for self and others, while reinforcing the importance of self-care and addressing the unique challenges the pandemic poses on those in need of grief support. This group was particularly impactful in 2021, because it included Samaritan staff, several of whom live in Gloucester County.

“The reality is that some individuals have been uniquely touched by or have directly experienced the loss of a loved one during the pandemic,” explains Kimberly Rumaker, MSS, LCSW, Manager of Social Work and Counseling Services at Samaritan. “This kind of loss can be extremely difficult to deal with under normal circumstances. But when you consider the fresh emotional trauma brought on by the pandemic, these individuals need a special kind of support. That is where we can step in – showing individuals that they never have to face their loss or grieve alone.”