



December 29, 2016

Ms. Mary Barrett Costello  
Francis M. Barrett Memorial Foundation  
1235 Bedford St  
Abington, MA 02351-1273

Dear Ms. Costello:

Thank you for the donation of \$1,500 given by the Francis M. Barrett Memorial Foundation received on December 8, 2016 to the 2017 *Walk for Hospice*.

This year's Walk supports Hospice of the South Shore and enables us to continue to care for all Hospice patients, regardless of ability to pay. The Walk is an essential way for Hospice of the South Shore to fulfill its mission and helps ensure that our comprehensive health system is operating as one to provide the best care possible.

Many families have experienced the exceptional care provided by Hospice of the South Shore, including the Connolly family of Marshfield. Marie Connolly of Marshfield passed away on September 23, 2015 one month after turning 80. Marie and her husband Paul were married for almost 59 years. Although she was very sick in her later years, the devoted couple spent their time together, in their own home, thanks to Hospice of the South Shore. She was cared for by Hospice for almost two years. Stephen Connolly, one of the couple's seven children, said:

*"Whatever the nurses told my father was like gold. My father felt safe with the instructions they gave him, and that's why my mother did so well and was able to stay home. It was a peaceful last few years thanks to Hospice of the South Shore."*

This gift to the Walk for Hospice is a powerful way to advance South Shore Health System's mission of healing, caring and comforting.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. O'Connor, MBA, CFRE  
Senior Vice President, Philanthropy

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