The Parmenter Foundation’s Fourth Annual Hoedown raised thousands of dollars for the local children’s bereavement programs: HEARTplay™ and Camp Erin® Boston. Decorative mums, hay bales, and cornstalks donated by Cavicchio Greenhouses created a festive fall setting at the Wolbach Farm in Sudbury. Guests enjoyed a barbeque feast prepared by Tennessee Barbeque and The Dudley Chateau and then enjoyed dancing into the night.

The Annual Lights of Remembrance Garden Lighting Service was held on October 19th at the Miriam Boyd Parlin Hospice Residence in Wayland. The Dora Efthim Healing Garden is lit up in honor of deceased loved ones. The garden will remain lit throughout the winter, providing a calm and peaceful place for hospice families to rest and reflect.

The Parmenter Foundation acknowledges with appreciation its Hoedown for Hope sponsors.

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The Parmenter Foundation provided significant funding for the 2016 Camp Erin® Boston weekend which was the most well-attended to date - serving 60 campers. Camp Erin® Boston, provided by CareGroup Parmenter Home Care and Hospice, is a FREE weekend overnight camp for children and teens ages 6 through 17 who are coping with the death of a loved one. This three day, two-night experience is filled with traditional and fun camp activities combined with grief education and emotional support facilitated by bereavement professionals and more than 120 trained volunteers. We plan to provide for even more campers next year as we have committed to funding an additional camp session in June, 2017.

THE GRACE JOHNSON VOLUNTEER AWARD LUNCHEON

Catharine Nicholson, (left) was the 2016 recipient of The Parmenter Foundation’s Grace Johnson Volunteer Award. Cathy is a long-term hospice volunteer who has donated countless hours to provide vigils, friendly visits, food preparation and many other tasks to meet the needs of patients and their families. She has also been a counselor and cabin monitor at Camp Erin® Boston since its inception.

The Parmenter Foundation created the Grace Johnson Volunteer Appreciation Award in 2005 to recognize individuals who demonstrate the commitment to volunteering that Grace Johnson embodied. Grace’s husband Bob and their daughter, Anne Evans (top left) attended the Volunteer Luncheon in her honor.