

Andrea Weyrauch: **Bringing Comfort & Joy**

The holidays are a special time to spend with family and friends, but for those spending time with loved ones facing a terminal illness at Family Hospice and Palliative Care in Pittsburgh, PA, the holidays may seem like any other day. **Andrea Weyrauch** changed all that when she joined Cura Hospitality five years ago. Not your everyday cook, Andrea is a comfort to the patients and family members at Family Hospice – creating a meaningful holiday for those who just need a warm smile or a hug.

According to Family Hospice Manager Mark Clink, “What makes Andrea special are the things she does above and beyond her job. That includes spending Thanksgiving and Christmas Day volunteering her time to prepare a feast for family members who don’t want to leave their loved ones during the holidays. It’s a difficult time, so Andrea will do anything she can to make the patients’ stay, and for the people who visit them, comfortable,” said Clink.

Andrea will prepare special menu requests, create anniversary/birthday celebrations, and even cry with family members. “I do this because I want to. I love my job. Not only do I have feelings for the patients, I care about the family members, too,” she said.

In addition, Andrea continues to honor the memories of those who have passed by dressing as Eat’n Park’s Smiley for the annual Family Hospice Memorial Walk. “You don’t want family and friends to forget what happened, but creating some happiness during those moments, especially for the children, is heart fulfilling,” she said.

A jack of all trades, Andrea also coordinates all of the community’s catering functions, and prepares fruit and vegetable carvings for events at other Cura locations including St. Clair Hospital and Providence Point in



Andrea Weyrauch, cook at Family Hospice and Palliative Care

Pittsburgh, PA and Longwood at Oakmont in Verona, PA. She even shows off her newly-acquired baking skills by preparing freshly baked Eat’n Park pies for all to enjoy.

“I want to be here. I love the interaction with patients and families. You really don’t know how much a hug can do...”