

# Purpose

This picturesque and colorful garden, located on the lawn between Onondaga Lake and the Parkway in Liverpool, is a gift to the community. It provides a memorial to the deceased and a place of comfort for the grieving.

A butterfly shape was chosen because it is a symbol of HOPE -- not only for grieving people, but for all who need HOPE in their lives.

People visit the garden to enjoy its beauty, for pictures or events, and for memorial gatherings.

Funds raised beyond garden needs enable HOPE to provide grief support at no charge to our community.



# Our Mission

HOPE for Bereaved, Inc. provides support groups, peer counseling, and resources at no charge to grieving Central New York youth, adults, families, and organizations.

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# Butterfly Garden of Hope

*at Onondaga Lake Parkway*

**HOPE**   
**for bereaved**  
As you journey from grief to HOPE.

Sponsored by:

**Excellus**   | **Everybody Benefits**



# History

HOPE for Bereaved, Inc. established a public garden in 1992 with support from Onondaga County Parks, Sollecito Landscaping Nursery, and the Board of Directors at that time.

Starting with 135 trees, flowering shrubs, evergreens, rosebushes, geraniums and other flowers - the Butterfly Garden of Hope was born! The first memorial brick pathway was installed in 1996. Additional pathways continue to be added, as requests for memorials are received.

In subsequent years, myriad items were added, such as: electricity, welcome signs, a wishing well, gazebo, pergola, benches, and additional gardens and greenery.

Each year, thousands of people come from all over Central New York to visit the Butterfly Garden of Hope. In 2003, the Post Standard recognized it as one of the best places in CNY to enjoy a sunset.

## Special Thanks to

**Excellus BCBS** for their sponsorship and volunteer efforts | **Sollecito Landscaping Nursery** for their ongoing support | **Kathy Cardina** and **Ken Bush** for their constant efforts to maintain the gardens and grounds | **Kevin Victory** for going above and beyond in his weekly caretaking | **Tim & Valerie Sikora** for their hard work refinishing the benches



# Offerings

## Dedications

We invite you to remember your loved one by purchasing an inscribed brick or butterfly. Bricks are placed in our memorial pathways, and butterflies are placed on garden structures. Upon request, HOPE can provide a framed announcement to be displayed at a wake / funeral or given as a gift.

## Memorials

Throughout the year, HOPE commemorates meaningful days of grief by hosting memorials at the garden. Memorial Day, Day of Remembrance, and National Drug Overdose Awareness Day are just a few. If you are interested in reserving the garden for a memorial, contact us.

## Reservations

If you're looking for a beautiful location for your special event, consider reserving our Butterfly Garden of Hope. The gazebo and pergola are set against Onondaga Lake and make for spectacular views of the water. Both are equipped with electrical outlets and can be decorated to your liking.