FRIENDS of HOSPICE
Southwest Washington

Volume 1 Issue 3 September, 2017

Fall Into the Season of Giving!

Our mission is to provide funds for the care of hospice patients through established hospice organizations in Southwest Washington.

Message From the President

With the giving season upon us, it seems appropriate to write a seasonal message.

"Gifting expresses our generosity; Giving expresses our LOVE."

The holidays are a time of giving. We give all sorts of things; we give our loved ones presents under the Christmas tree and kisses under the mistletoe; Father Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa give gifts to children all over the world; we give holiday greetings to our neighbors and to our friends and smiles to strangers. The Holidays are indeed a very special time of the year.

There is another kind of giving that we also do, and not just during the holiday's, but throughout the year. This kind of giving is not directed towards our loved ones, but towards strangers. We call it "Charitable Giving." Research shows it's good for you; it gives you a feeling of satisfaction knowing that you're making a difference in the world. It is contagious!

Giving more to charity this year, not only will you help others, but you will feel better about yourself; you will encourage others to give and they in turn will feel better about themselves. My message to you is to give, not just to your loved ones, but to your favorite charity, Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington.

"Gifting changes the mood; Giving changes the WORLD."

Happy Holidays!
Debbie Iverson

2017 Calendar of Events

Poinsettia Sale
November 27-November 30

Divine Trees
November 3-December 15

Fred Meyer Rewards
Every day oif the Year

Divine Consign
Every Day of the Year

GuideStar

We are pleased to announce that Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington is now registered with GuideStar USA, Inc., an information service specializing in reporting on U.S. nonprofit companies. GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on IRS-registered nonprofit organizations. It enhances a charity's standing and the chances of obtaining donations to have as much information that can be publicly published about itself on GuideStar.

Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington Joins the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

Friends of Hospice SW Washington is proud to announce that Beth Anderson, Board Member, is our ambassador and will be representing our organization at the Greater Vancouver Chamber functions. Beth's presence will increase our visibility in Vancouver and in the community as well as within the businesses in Vancouver.

Thank You, Beth!

Poinsettia Sale

November 27 - November 30

Yes, Christmas is just around the corner! Plan ahead!

Order early to guarantee you get what you want! **Order deadline is Monday, November 13, 2017.**

Go to our website at www.friends-of-hospice.org and place your order.

The dedicated volunteers of Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington will be selling poinsettias provided by Fessler's Nursery, in a wide variety of colors and sizes, including red, white, pink, burgundy, bicolor, as well as Christmas cactus in 4" and 6" pots (perfect for an office desktop). Whether you are surrounding your home or work place with beauty and holiday cheer, your purchase will benefit our community hospice patients and their families. We look forward to your holiday support!

The Poinsettia Fundraiser will be held:

Monday, November 27th through Thursday, November 30th
from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the following locations:

November 27th & 28th	**PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center** (Firstenberg Tower & 92nd Street Entrance) 400 NE Mother Joseph Place, Vancouver, WA
November 29th	**Fairway Village Clubhouse** 15509 S.E. Fernwood Drive, Vancouver, WA **Touchmark** (Lobby) 2911 S.E. Village Loop, Vancouver, WA
November 30th	**Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center** (Lobby) 2211 N.E. 139th St., Vancouver, WA

Orders OVER $150 can be delivered upon request.

Orders UNDER $150 can be picked up at the following locations:

Monday, November 27th	at Peace Health SW Medical Center, 92nd Street Entrance from 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
OR	
Thursday, November 30th	at Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center lobby from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Divine Trees

November 3rd—December 15th

Ever dreamed of having a beautiful, professionally decorated Christmas tree in your home during the holidays? For just $5.00 per raffle ticket, you can have that opportunity, plus a gift under the tree valued at $500. Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington, along with several other non-profit organizations, will be participating in the "Divine Trees," a long-standing Vancouver, holiday tradition, formerly known as *The Festival of Trees*. We are excited to have design artist, Kathy Hammer, who has been donating her talents for more than 15 years, designing the Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington tree. A winner for each tree will be drawn December 15th and the trees will be delivered on December 16th or the following week, just in time for the holidays!

Kick-off to view these beautiful Christmas trees and purchase your chance to win will be Friday, November 3rd with the "Downtown Friday Art Walk" at 5:00 p.m. The trees will remain on display at Divine Consign, 904 Main St., Vancouver, WA, through Friday, December 15th. Divine Consign is hosting "Tea Among The Trees," Sunday, November 5th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; a perfect time to drop by and pick out the tree of your dreams!

Purchase your raffle tickets at Divine Consign or from members of Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington.

Divine Consign

Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington receives 60% on the sale of your item, year round!

Now is the perfect time to donate your slightly used items. Divine Consign, a local non-profit, supporting local charities, located at 904 Main Street, Vancouver, Washington, accepts approved used furniture, décor items, jewelry, etc. on consignment. **Thank You Divine Consign**!

For more information about getting your donation approved by Divine Consign, send an email to:

shop@divineconsignfurniture.org or call the store at 360-695-6443.

Need assistance with pick-up and delivery of the heavier items? Divine Consign will assist you for a nominal fee or send us an email at **customerservice@friends-of-hospice.org** for assistance.

amazonsmile You shop. Amazon gives.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.

- Click this link **https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4672767**
- It will take you to your account.
- You will be asked if want to select Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington as the charity you want to support.
- Click "Yes"!
- You are done and ready to start shopping!

You Shop, Amazon gives!

FredMeyer community rewards Where shopping & giving unite

Where Shopping and Giving Unite

Fred Meyer has an excellent program that enables Friends of Hospice SW Washington to receive charitable money from their program simply by registering on their website. If you shop at Freddies and have a Fred Meyer Rewards card, you, **YES YOU** are able to designate Friends of Hospice as the charity donation of your choice!!!! Every penny you spend at any Fred Meyer store will be raising funds for Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington.

SELECTING US AS YOUR CHARITY WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR REWARD DOLLARS IN ANY WAY!

This is all you have to do:

- *Call 866-518-2686 to link in*
- Or go online to www.fredmeyer.com
  - Click the "Rewards" tab across the top of the page.
  - Select Community Rewards from the drop down menu.
  - Select "Link Your Rewards Card" located in the middle of the page.
  - Enter your email address and password (you can make one up if (needed) for your Fred Meyer Account. On the "Find your Organization" page enter 82315 in the box provided.
  - Friends of Hospice SW Washington selection will appear; check the circle and click enroll.

Recipe For Life

4 cups of **Love**

2 cups of **Loyalty**

3 cups of **Forgiveness**

1 cup of **Friendship**

5 Spoons of **Hope**

2 Spoons of **Tenderness**

4 quarts of **Faith**

1 Barrel of **Laughter**

1. Take love and loyalty, mix it thoroughly with faith.
2. Blend it with tenderness, kindness & understanding.
3. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter.
4. Bake it with sunshine.
5. Serve daily with generous helpings.

Third Annual Bunco Night

It was a HOT night packed with lots of FUN and great FOOD raising $4,378 for the hospice cause in southwest Washington.

The night's auction winners included Carol Collins winning a Louis Vuitton bag packed with goodies, Beverly Bollinger taking home a one week's stay in a Palm Desert condo, Cindy Sardo enjoying a wine and chocolate treasure chest and Linda Melton winning a handmade exotic woods jewelry box filled with watches and turquoise jewelry.

Bunco prize winners were Sara Lynch and Carol Stiles for most wins, Darril Larson and Storme Telford tied wining the most buncos, and Noah Johnson took home the prize for most losses.

Janna Telford was the winner of the Solar and Lunar Eclipse basket door prize.

The amazing appetizers were created by **Delicious Dishes**; thank you Regan!

Many Thanks to **EVERYONE**
that made this evening so successful!

Carol Collins

Noah Johnson

Derril Larson and Storme Telford

2017 Fall Luncheon

We exceeded our goal of $25,000!!!!!
THANK YOU to everyone that participated!

Another smashing success!!! Our Mardi Gras themed luncheon was truly a celebration of the support Friends of Hospice SW Washington provides the hospice cause in our community. Jim Cummings, MC, and Debbie Iverson, President, welcomed the 200 guests to the Heathman Lodge ballroom which was festively decorated. Thanks to Greg Pang, CEO, Community Home Health & Hospice and John Singeltary, Director, Home Health and Hospice, PeaceHealth Hospice Southwest, whose vibrant personalities led a successful paddle raise. The generous gifts of our loyal supporters allowed us to exceed our goal! Thank you everyone!

Lunch was followed by Susan Lanford, Manager of Spiritual Health, PeaceHealth, giving a thought provoking speech on "Giving." Sonjia Houser, Assistant Nurse Manager, Ray Hickey Hospice House broke out the tissue with her presentation on how important Friends of Hospice SW Washington is to the community and the many ways in which we help. "People don't stop living just because their dying."

Our stylish interests were peaked with the fashion show provided by Robyn Hawthorne from her Secret Garden's fall collection.

Guests adorned in mardi gras beads continued in the fun with a spirited game of Heads or Tails. The winner, Bev Cruickshank, went home with the prize consisting of a one night's stay at the Heathman Lodge, dinner for two at Hudson's, wine with two keepsake wine glasses and a $100.00 gift certificate to Beaches. Congratulations Bev!

And, the day wasn't over yet! Sixteen lucky raffle winners went home with prizes worth $300 to $400! Congratulations to:

Home Décor Package-Joan Johnson
Car Care-Greg Pang
With Kids in Mind-Carol Collins
Wake Up Your Day-Janet LaMere
Spree!-Jolyn Jones
Oh Baby-Joyce Field
Date Night-Linda Glover
Read Between the Wines-Laurie Cantonwine.
With Adults in Mind-Judy Davis
Arts and Entertainment-Apryl Graham
Who Wants to be a Millionaire-Mandy Daley
Your Arts Desire-Janice Harvey
Wine a Little, You'll Feel Better-Linda Schorr
Pamper Yourself-Carol Collins
Mystery Box-Terri Shinners
All About Me!-Mimi McAneny

2017 HONORS TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The following awards were presented to the recipients at the 2017 Annual Fall Luncheon.

Honorary Life Membership Award

This is the second year that we have honored members who have been active participants for at least 10 years and who have shown commitment to the mission, vision and core values of our organization.
Honorary Life Membership awards were presented to **Patricia Generaux, Barbara Bell** and **Carolyn Kerr**. **Ann Bump** was also awarded this honor but could not attend the luncheon.

Certificates of Recognition

Also recognized were businesses, individuals and members who have demonstrated outstanding dedication, support, love and understanding of our mission. The 2017 Recognition Awards went to:
Acuity Forensics, Tiffany Couch CPA/CFF, CFE. Tiffany has donated her expertise, time, knowledge, skills and staff support to ensure the highest level of financial professionalism with the Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington.
Divine Consign, President Carol Smith and all Volunteers. We have developed a true fundraising partnership with Divine Consign over the years. They have opened their hearts and doors allowing us the use of their facility for fundraising events, The Art Walk, Bunco Night, 70%/90 days and a new event this year, Divine Trees.
Fessler's Nursery, Marv and Katy Fessler. Year after year, not only does Marv grow the most impressive poinsettia plants for our annual poinsettia sale, he also delivers them to our sites of sale.
Pat Guttormsen. Pat has been a major contact for over 15 years for the poinsettia sales and her annual angel Christmas tree that she and her daughter, Laurie Cantonwine, provide the Ray Hickey Hospice House. Throughout the year Pat also provides angels for families who have lost their loved ones.
Killian Pacific, Janet Wuestneck and Shannon Donnelly. Killian Pacific has been very important in providing us the controlled environment storage space that is needed for the poinsettia and spring basket plants.
Ron and Mary Legg Family Fund. This generous fund has supported our Give-More-24 campaign by providing a matching funds drive. They offered this challenge in 2015, 2016 and again for 2017.

Certificates of Appreciation

Jo Brockman. Jo has made it her personal mission to coordinate the aspects involved in setting up and manning the poinsettia sale at Fairway Village.
Craft Warehouse, Jerry and Sonja Williams. Craft Warehouse has supported the Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington over the years by donating goods and services that are used at our various fundraisers.
Glass Fuse Art, Terri Shinners. Terri provided the glass, kiln and other art supplies to make the fussed angels and angel plant stakes. These angels have raise over $600 for the hospice causes in southwest Washington.
Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish. We greatly appreciate their very generous gift of $5,000.
Virginia Jenkison. We offer our sincere appreciation for the countless hours of organizing, labeling and addressing envelopes and invitations. Her dedication in helping the Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington is greatly appreciated.
Tim Parsley. We are very thankful to Tim for her dedication and accuracy in providing the poinsettia ordering form, year after year.

Winner of the Leonard Wren Painting Raffle

AND THE WINNER IS - **Debbie Iverson**! Debbie knew this beautiful Leonard Wren original, entitled "Provence Patisserie" deserved a special home. So, she graciously donated the painting to the Community Home Health & Hospice where it will grace the walls of the Elaine and Don Heimbigner Hospice Center, for all to enjoy. Thanks to Jessica Goursolas, who donated the painting for the raffle, we raised an amazing $1500 for needs of hospice patients.

Pictured is Debbie Iverson (left), Don Heimbigner (center) and Julie Rinard (right) in front of the Wren in its new home.

GIVE MORE 24! SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON'S DAY TO GIVE
Powered by the Community Foundation

Another Banner Year!

YES! Once again, thanks to our generous supporters, Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington received a very generous matching funds gift of $3,000 from the Ron & Mary Legg Family Fund through the Give More 24 campaign!

Friends of Hospice
Caregiver Respite Program

Are you caring for a loved one with a terminal illness or maybe you know of someone who is?

Friends of Hospice SW Washington recognizes that caregivers forego their lives to care for a loved one with a terminal illness and that these incredible individuals **need and deserve a break**. Our Caregiver Respite Program allows family/friend caregivers time off to recharge so they have the strength, energy and spirit to carry on. Each relief opportunity is valued at $2,000 and the hospice patient and family select a professional, licensed, in-home care agency of their choice so they can focus on themselves and not caregiving. The families that have used the fund shared that Friends of Hospice has given them back "normalcy" in their life. If you know of someone that would benefit from the Caregiver Respite Program or would like more information, please contact:

Sherilyn Brown at 360-839-3069 at PeaceHealth Southwest Hospice Home Care
Linda Hamilton at 360-414-5466 at Community Home Health & Hospice

Serving Those Who Served Us

Did you know that today, one in four dying Americans is a veteran? These men and women often carry experiences from their military service that present unique challenges at the end of life.

Community Home Health & Hospice has joined **We Honor Veterans**, a project of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the US Department of Veterans Affairs. We have stepped up to build our skills and accept the mission to serve our nation's veterans. The program teaches respectful inquiry, compassionate listening and grateful acknowledgement – to comfort patients with a history of military service and possibly physical or psychological trauma.

It is a great honor to care for those who have served our country and we believe it is never too late to give them a hero's welcome home. Thank you, Friends of Hospice SW Washington for supporting veterans in our care and providing respite and peace of mind for their families.

Mr. Leslie Stiebritz

Community Home Health & Hospice Chaplain Linda Beattie Inlow honors Leslie Stiebritz, who served in the US Army Air Corps. He served under General George Patton in every major World War II battle on the European front. This year – 70 years after World War II – he received the French Legion of Honor for his contribution to the liberation of France at the Battle of Normandy. Mr. Stiebritz just turned 104 years old. We are privileged to know him and recognize his service to our country.

By Julie Rinard, CFRE
Community Relations Director
Community Home Health & Hospice

A huge THANK YOU goes out to Lyn Dee Rhodes, Joan Cummings, Terri Shinners, Robin Bunce, Wendy Mikota, Patty Simmonds and Nancy Foley-Hibbert, who got together and created beautiful glass-fused guardian angel plant stakes and window light catchers.

Terri Shinners, Fused Glass With Friends, (www.glassfusingwithfriends.com) graciously provided all materials and kiln time. The angles were sold for $15 each, raising $600 to date, with all proceeds going to Friends of Hospice SW Washington. There are a few light catchers left, which would make wonderful Christmas gifts!

Thank you for sharing your talents and your commitment to the mission of providing funds for hospice patients and their families in southwest Washington! Once again, it is proven, "working

AUTUMN

2017 Donations

Without you, what would we be? Thank you for your support! Without your generosity we would not be able to help make a meaningful difference in the end of life journey for hospice patients and their families. Everyone benefits with paying kindness forward and helping others. **Thank You!**

Debra Ackerman
Beth Anderson
Connie Baxter
Ray and Connie Baxter
Barbara Bell
Paula Christopher
Joan Crowe
Barbara Crowley
Jim Cummings
Gail Czech
Stephen & Colleen Daniels
Sally Day
Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Inc.
Patricia Everson
Donald Heimbigner
Kathryn Hendrickson
Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish
Renee Hubbell
Debbie Iverson
Carol Jones
Steve and Judy Klier
Janet Lamere
Terri Larson
Kathy Lawton
Brian McClary
Robin Melen
Harold and Kathryn Parrett
Marcy Maxwell
Molly Monroe
Jim Palmer
Mark Pierce
Nancy Renton
Mary Russell
Richard and Laurie Samaduroff
Barbara Samples
Katherine Scarlett
Judy Scott
Nancy Soller
Scott Studley
Dawn Thomson
Barbara Tilford
Evelyn Turner
Linda Tymer
Mary Ellen Vaughan
Anne Vitort
Sharie Westby
Paul Westcott
William & Debra Whitcomb
Joey Yourchek

Join our Team...Become a Member!

We would love to have you join us! Become a member!
For more information:

- Go to our website: www.friends-of-hospice.org and click on the Renew/Join Member tab.
- Call 360-696-5056 (leave a message).
- Attend a fundraising event and ask for more information.
- Attend a general meeting, which are held on the 3rd Monday of every month from 10 am - 12 noon at the Peace Health Building 5400 MacArthur Boulevard

26 New Members in 2017

Litonya Allen
Corey Balkan
Jessica Barela
Jaime Boaglio
Jessica Campbell N.D.
Bonnie Sue Carter
Tina Cygrymus
Melissa Gardner
Jessica Goursolas
Patti Gray
Ann Greer
Don Heimbigner
McClary, Brian
Irene Melton
Linda Melton
Renee Mitchell
John Nord
Gregory Pang
Gerry Reitsch
Julie Rinard
Barbara Samples
Carol Singeltary
John Singletary
Dan Spjut
Colleen Story
Pamala Vandendriessche

Our team is made up of 100% awesome volunteers!

Board of Directors

President
Debbie Iverson
Vice President
Gail Czech
Secretary
Carollee Kraut
Co-Treasures'
Terri Larson
Tiffany Couch, CPA,CFF, CFE

Board Members
Beth Anderson
Apryl Graham
Carole Kelley
Nancy Kotrlik
Dee Memering
Linda Schorr

Contact Us

We are a 501(c)(3) tax exempt non-profit organization registered with the State of Washington. Federal tax ID# 20-4672767

Mail: P.O. Box 3116
Vancouver, WA 98668
Phone: 360-696-5056 (leave a message)
Website: www.friends-of-hospice.org
Email:
customerservice@friends-of-hospice.org

If you know of someone that is interested in receiving our newsletter or if you wish to unsubscribe please contact us at customerservice@friends-of-hospice.org.