Hands that Share, Hearts that Care

National Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 15-April 21

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

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Message From the President

April 15-21 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week!!

In recognition, I share a few quotes of inspiration. Sometimes the right words can perform magic helping us reach new horizons and inspiring us to do good for others.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." ~Elizabeth Andrew

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." ~Winston Churchill

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." ~Erma Bombeck

When people are emotionally invested, they want to contribute. **This is YOU; this is US!!!** Nothing beats the power of a VOLUNTEER**! THANK YOU**, to each and every one within this caring and giving community organization.

I am honored and excited to tell you about two new great opportunities that have presented! Have you heard of the wonderful organization, **100 Women Who Care?** They are meeting on April 16 at which time three charities will be selected from a group of charitable organizations that have been nominated. Friends of Hospice SW Washington was submitted as a nominee for the group. Those three charities will be given the opportunity of "pitching" their charity and its work. Once that is done, there is a ballot vote and the charity with the most votes will receive $100 checks from all the members, this can amount to well over $10,000!!! Now for the really exciting news! There is a group that has just started titled, **100 Men Who Care.** They meet on April 18th. Friends of Hospice has already been selected as one of the three and we will be speaking about our great and giving organization on the 18! Another opportunity of receiving over $10,000! Oh, I pray we might have all the correct and inspiring words for all to hear!

Gail Czech, President

A heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers!

2018 Calendar of Events

Fundraisers

Art Walk	August 3
Fall Luncheon	September 11
Give-More-24.Org.	September 21
Poinsettia Sale	Nov 26-Nov 30
Divine Trees	Nov - Dec

Ongoing fundraisers

Amazon Smile Rewards
Divine Consign
Fred Meyer Rewards

Other Dates of Interest

One hundred Women who care	April 16
One Hundred Men Who Care	April 18
Buccaneer's ball	May 4
Senior Hero's Award	May 6

Please Join Us!

General Membership Meetings

3rd Monday of every month
10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

PeaceHealth Building
5400 MacArthur Boulevard
Vancouver, Washington 98669

Mary Ellen Vaughan
January 11, 1923 – February 16, 2018

Mary Ellen Vaughan's name has been etched on the Friends of Hospice SW Washington Member of Distinction plaque, which hangs in the entry of the Ray Hickey Hospice House.

Mary Ellen was the true meaning of a "volunteer." She began her volunteering with PTA, Scouting and Little League. Her civic involvement included Children's Home Society, Medical Auxiliary and serving on the Governor's Advisory Council for Drugs and Alcohol. Mary Ellen became involved in the local chapter of the Medical Association Auxiliary and became president of the national organization in 1980. When she completed her national term, she set out to touch more lives in the Vancouver area. Mary Ellen was one of the founders of Friends of Hospice SW Washington and served as our first president. Mary Ellen remained active in our organization for over 30 years. She was loved by all and will be missed.

Alone we can do so little
Together we can do so much
Helen Keller

Annual Fall Luncheon
September 11, 2018

Place: The Heathman Lodge
Time: Doors open at 10:30
Lunch served at 11:30
Tickets $50 each

Watch for more information on how to get your tickets, in our next newsletter.

Photos for Families

Friday June 8th
1:00-6:00 p.m.
The Quarry Senior Living
(In the Theater Room)
415 SE 177th Ave.
Vancouver, Washington,

Join us for "Photos for Families" a fundraiser event to help support the Friends of Hospice SW Washington mission. Caring Transitions of Clark County will be taking pictures of seniors to help create wonderful memories for family and friends. Pictures can be taken of seniors alone or with family, caregivers or friends. There is a $10 donation per print which can be paid in cash or check. Rights to digital prints will also be available for an additional donation.

For more information contact:
Christina Keys at 360-833-3530
ckeys@caring transitions.com

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- Friends of Hospice SW Washington selection will appear; check the circle and click enroll.

Selecting us as your charity will not affect your reward dollars in any way.

Handmade Fused Art Plant Stakes

Once again, the gracious hearts of Terri Shinners, Fused Glass With Friends, and our friends have made beautiful fused glass heart plant stakes. These beautiful stakes will be available at our general membership meetings and fundraisers for only $10 each. **Thank you** for sharing your talents and your commitment to the mission of providing funds for hospice patients and their families in southwest Washington!

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DIVINE CONSIGN

Friends of Hospice SW Washington will receive 60% of the sale of your unwanted

If you are spring cleaning, 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, WA, **accepts approved used furniture, décor items, jewelry, etc. on consignment.** Upon request, Friends of Hospice SW Washington will receive 60% of the proceeds from the sale of your donation.

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 call Friends of Hospice SW Washington (360-696-5056), leave a message and someone will return your call.

Buccaneer's Ball

This Gala is a Party with a Purpose

Friday, May 4, 2018
5:30 pm-9:30 pm
Cowlitz Regional Conference Center

The Community Home Health & Hospice annual gala has become the largest event in Cowlitz County. We are delighted to list Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington as a major sponsor. Thank you for being such wonderful advocates and supporters!

At *Buccaneer's Ball*, you will hear the story of Will - a Boy Scout who died in our care at the age of 17. He battled osteosarcoma (a form of bone cancer) over a long period. He was determined to earn his Eagle Scout Rank. His project was Lily Pads, an aid for young people who deal with IV poles at Doernbecher as he did. This young man made a circular device that slips onto the pole and allows the patient to glide around comfortably. He was able to complete his project and deliver the devices to Doernbecher while he was in our care.

Guests at this year's gala will meet Will's parents, who will join us to share a glimpse of his life. You will learn what **Will Power** means to those whose lives he touched.

Support raised at the event will fund our charity care and community benefit programs.
The event sells out, so be sure to get your tickets soon.
Go to https://chhh.ejoinme.org/buccaneer
Come as you are, or dress for the theme and talk like a pirate!

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

Bunco Night

Linda Melton & Greg Pang

A FUN evening with a sell-out crowd for our 4th annual event. Thank you Linda Glover for hosting our event at Divine Consign! Profits for the evening of $3,400 were split between Community Home Health & Hospice for their Veteran's Program and PeaceHealth Hospice for their Nobody Dies Alone Program.

Lots of delicious food provided by The Mad Hatter Connoisseur and Caterer! Thank you to Nancy Kotrlik for always making sure we don't go away hungry and to Dee Memering and Judy Davis for making sure our thirsts were quenched!

Many thanks to Greg Pang, for his assistance with the auction of the fabulous gift baskets. Winners were Jessica Goursolas, winning the "All Things Black and White" basket, Carol Collins now the proud owner of a Valentino designer handbag, Linda Melton went home with "Everything One Ever Needs for a BQ," and Beth Anderson left with the "Breakfast at Tiffany's" basket. The door prize, a gift basket valued at over $500 went to Janet LaMere.

Cash bunco prize winners were Greg Pang and Linda Melton; a tie for most wins. Derril Larson won most buncos and Jolyn Plough won most losses.

Thank you to all our wonderful supporters! This is an event that truly demonstrates that fundraising is FUN!

Hospice is about end-of-life care and quality of life and with the help of Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington, PeaceHealth Hospice is also about creating happy memories for both patients and their family members.

By Colleen Storey

This One Didn't Get Away

Friends of Hospice SW Washington provided funds for 20 Stepping Stones children to attend this years Klineline Kids Fishing Derby held on April 14, 2018. For a small fee of $5, each child received a fishing rod & reel complete with gear and an event t-shirt. The kids were paired with mentors who helped teach them how to fish. The memories created were free!

Let's All Go to the Lobby.

We can all probably agree movies allow us to escape. Movies take us to places we've never been and offer us a window onto the wider world, broadening our perspective and opening our eyes to new wonders. Is it any wonder why a five year old PeaceHealth Hospice patient loves to go to the movies? Movies allow him to experience all the things a 5 year old can imagine. Friends of Hospice SW Washington provides our patient and his family with a monthly $100 Regal Cinema gift card. The entire family can enjoy taking a break from their worries and have a little fun. Friends of Hospice definitely earns two thumbs up from movie critics Siskel and Ebert and from our hospice family!

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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

2018 Donations

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.

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What are Friends for…
..Helping Each Other in a Time of Need!

That is exactly what we do through our fundraising!
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 Membership Join/Renew tab,
- Call 360-696-5056 and leave a message or
- Attend a fundraising event and ask for more information.

General meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month
10:00a.m.-12:00 noon

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2018 New Members

100% Volunteers

Chris Allen
Erin Aitchison
Lexie Bartunek
Carole Collins
Lynn Crawford
Colleen Daniels
Julie Donovan
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