FRIENDS of HOSPICE
Southwest Washington

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Message from our President

A Toast to Success!

After a four-year hiatus, Friends of Hospice resumed with fervor its Annual Fall Luncheon. On the afternoon of September 27, 2023, 155 truly remarkable people gathered at Royal Oaks Country Club to celebrate our 38th year of helping hospice and palliative care patients and their families in Southwest Washington. They freely opened their checkbooks for which we are eternally grateful. I believe they had fun doing so.

As mentioned in the following article, the event was quite a success, with revenues reaching nearly $64,000, the most we've ever raised at one fundraising event. Kudos to our members who worked tirelessly, visiting businesses to collect auction items and helping with the day of organization, to our committee members for their endless attention to all the details, and to our emcee and auctioneer for their boundless energy, charm, and enthusiasm.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the many businesses and individuals who generously sponsored our event and donated items from their inventories for our silent and live auctions. They are identified later in this newsletter. I encourage all of you to patronize these donors in gratitude for their compassion. When you do, be sure to tell them that your business was sent their way by virtue of their generous donation to the Friends of Hospice Annual Fall Luncheon. An affirmation of additional benefits to their philanthropy.

I hope to see you next fall for a repeat performance. Better yet – an even bigger performance!

My best wishes to you all as we approach the Holidays.

Cheers!

Pattie Miller, President

Events of the Quarter

Dec 2nd @ 10am - 1pm
Poinsettia Pick Up
& Christmas Decor Sale!

Dec 18th @ 11am
Friends of Hospice
Christmas Luncheon

Ongoing Fundraisers

Pets of Friends of Hospice

Fred Meyer Rewards

2023 General Membership Meetings

HOPE BEREAVEMENT CENTER -
Willow Room (Downstairs)
Address: 5400 MacArthur Blvd
Vancouver, WA 98661

Monday, Nov 20, 2023 @ 10:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

POINSETTIA PICKUP AND CHRISTMAS DECOR SALE!

DECEMBER 2ND @ 10AM - 1PM

IT'S TIME TO SELL CHRISTMAS DECOR!

Fessler's Nursery will once again provide their beautiful poinsettias for us to sell for the holidays. Pick up on Dec 2, 10 a.m. to 1 pm., location to be announced. We will also have our second annual Christmas Décor tag sale. Set aside all the new or gently used Christmas items to donate to our sale. We made $1500 last year…let's beat that number in 2023!

FRIENDS OF HOSPICE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 18TH @ 11AM
UNIVERSITY PLAZA, SALMON CREEK

The annual Friends of Hospice member Christmas Luncheon is scheduled to be held at the beautiful, new University Plaza in Salmon Creek.

Last Quarter's Events

FALL LUNCHEON APPRECIATION

Thanks to all who attended, those who organized and executed the event, our hosts at Royal Oaks, to our wonderful emcee, Benjamin Surmi and our lively auctioneer, Amy Schmidt. Everyone contributed to make this luncheon the best ever!

We already have a tentative date (Wednesday, September 25) set for our fall luncheon in 2024, so add it to your calendar now!

ELKTOBERFEST!

Friends of Hospice participated in the craft fair at the Vancouver Elks Lodge's Elktoberfest in September. Members donated handmade craft items to sell which netted over $300. A few brats and beer were consumed, too!

A couple of fun days to welcome autumn!

PIC-A-NIC IN THE PARK IN JULY

What a lovely summer day it was for our members' potluck picnic at Marine Park. Yogi Bear and BooBoo would have been proud of the excellent food. President Pattie Miller made pulled pork sliders and members brought a fabulous assortment of salads, chips, fruits, veggies and desserts.

We can't wait to do it again!

Community Happenings

PEACEHEALTH RICHARD NAU HOSPICE HOUSE

PeaceHealth will reopen the doors of what was formerly called Longview Hospice Care Center carrying on the 45-year legacy of providing hospice care in Cowlitz County in November.

Community Home Health & Hospice had operated in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties since 1997, sold its outpatient home health and hospice business to Eden Health in May. Following that sale, they reached out to PeaceHealth as the preferred partner to continue their legacy.

PeaceHealth will assume operation of the 12-bed hospice house located at 1035 11th Avenue, remaining committed to ensuring future patients experience the same level of exemplary care and compassion delivered by the care team as patients received in the past. It will be renamed PeaceHealth Richard Nau Hospice House.

We are honored to operate the facility and thank Community Home Health & Hospice for this partnership that enables continuity of this important service in our community.

We look forward to caring for patients at the PeaceHealth Richard Nau Hospice House and carrying on the 45-year legacy built by Community Home Health & Hospice.

CARING CLOSET'S NEW LOCATION

The Caring Closet moved to a new, larger location to better serve the hundreds of individuals who donate and receive durable medical equipment at no charge.

Business Information:

- **Address:** 7500 NE 16th Ave Suite 1c, Vancouver, WA 98665
- **Hours:** Tuesday | Thursday | Friday @ 10a.m. - 1p.m.

HOPE DEMENTIA SUPPORT

Hope Dementia Support, a program of CDM Caregiving Services offers ZOOM and in-person classes for patients with dementia, their families, friends and caregivers.

Contact Information:

- **Email:** alwayshopeinfo@gmail.com
- **Phone:** 360.513.5754

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

The Alzheimer's Association held their annual Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 24 at Ester Short Park. There were 807 participants, 93 teams and $246,640 was raised on their goal of $150,000. Congratulations on a walk well done! Donations are still being accepted.

Call **503-416-0213** to donate.

CLT CARE ACADEMY NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM

CLT Care Academy Nursing Assistant Training Program held an open house on October 6. The building is beautiful, spacious, and conductive to learning. The Academy is in full swing training students to become Certified Nursing Assistants. The need for CNAs is so great, so this program will help fill a much-needed service as well as provide jobs in our healthcare community. Congratulations to Connie Thompson and her amazing staff.

Fourth Quarter Birthdays!!

October

9	Rita Alverez
9	Jeannie Berg
15	Beth Shelton
18	Ellen Kane
22	Carole Kelley
23	Karin Fisch
23	Sue Curry
31	Joan Cummings
31	Mike Colburn

November

3	Barbara Tilford
5	Bobbie White
5	Melissa Gardner
19	Jane Sporre
23	Christina Keys
23	Karen Bernhardt

December

-	Jessica Wine
10	Jessica Goursolas
12	Sherry Kallman
17	Mary Quinn
17	Judy VanTifflin
22	Lin Melton
25	Edurne Andrea
29	Twanna Cooksey
-	Amanda Eastman

“Your birthday is the beginning of your own personal new year. Your first birthday was a beginning, and each new birthday is a chance to begin again, to start over, to take a new grip on life.” — Wilfred Peterson

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Our Mission

Mission Statement: "To provide funds for the care of hospice and palliative patients through established hospice organizations in Southwest Washington."

Vision: "To bring awareness through education to community members about hospice care, and how it assists families during their dying process. Our fundraising events provide an avenue for members of our community to turn this awareness into passionate giving for hospice care."

Core Values: "Compassion, Diversity, Education, Leadership, Respect, Integrity and TEAMWORK"

Become a Friend!

Online: Go to our website: www.friends-of-hospice.org and click on the "Membership" tab.

By Phone: Call 360-696-5056 and leave a message

In Person: Attend a fundraising event or general meeting and ask for more information.

Already a Friend?

Have your phyisical address, phone number or email address changed? : If you have any changes, please notify us via our website by clicking the "Contact Us" tab on the main menu.

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