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Hospice of the Foothills provides
*compassionate end-of-life support for our
patients, their families, and the community.*





Hello Friends,

Throughout the last year, our lives have been turned upside down by the pandemic. Hospice of the Foothills has stepped up to the challenge; we have adapted and kept our focus on providing compassionate whole person, end-of-life care to our patients and families. Because of the incredible generosity of our community, coupled with the extraordinary commitment of our staff, we have been able to meet each patient's and family's unique needs.



Viv Tipton
Executive Director

In this time of great financial uncertainty, we are pleased to share that Hospice of the Foothills never charges for the care we provide. We are

able to do this because of the generosity of this community.

If you are interested in helping, here are a few suggestions:

- *Make a financial gift to help close the fundraising gap*
- *Plant a seed for the future by naming HOF in your estate plan*
- *Donate an old vehicle through our CARS donation program*
- *Shop/donate at our Gift & Thrift stores*

In this challenging time with so many unknowns, it is important to know that HOF will be here for you and your family when the need arises.

Stay well.

With love,

Viv

Our 2019-2020 fiscal year began with Moonlight Magic, a joyful celebration of HOF's 40th year of serving Western Nevada County. We were "over the moon" with the community's response!

A few months later, HOF received the highest level of national accreditation possible from The Joint Commission. We are very proud to be the only provider of hospice services based in Nevada County to receive this award.



Sally Gallagher
Board President

Since March, we have been living with the impact of COVID-19 on every aspect of our professional and personal lives. However, the

hundreds of patients and families we serve on an annual basis continue to need our help. Now, with the skyrocketing cost of medical equipment, we need your help more than ever!

At a time when many organizations are seeking your support, we ask you keep Hospice of the Foothills in your hearts and continue to support our mission.

On behalf of our patients and families, we are incredibly grateful!

Sally



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Living His Best Life

Bill Drown made our community a much better place and he made those who knew him better people, simply by the example that he set.

Bill founded the Nevada County Law and Fire Enforcement Council in 1999. He also served on more than two-dozen nonprofit boards, and volunteered thousands of hours with the Grass Valley Police Department. Bill and his wife Susan received many awards for their service to our community. Bill was unstoppable—then he received his cancer diagnosis in November of 2019.

According to Susan, his wife of 42 years, “The morning of November 11, Bill and I attended a presentation from Hospice of the Foothills at our Rotary Club. That evening, Bill’s doctor called with results of a recent exam—Bill had Stage 4 esophageal cancer. He was told that any treatments would only prolong his life by about a month. Bill decided that he’d rather spend that time with family and friends and help others for as long as he could.” They decided to call Hospice of the Foothills to get support as they faced his illness together.

“Bill never wanted to talk about death, but after his diagnosis, his attitude changed,” said Susan. “He wanted to talk about it, to make sure everything was in order.”

Susan shared that the support they received from Hospice of the Foothills was amazing. “Bill’s needs were met, but so were mine, by the caring staff who understood what we were going through every step of the way.”

They were able to experience the full range of services provided: the medical team, social workers, hospice aides, respite volunteers and spiritual care. “Having this support was awesome. Knowing what to expect along the way helped get us through this,” added Susan.



Bill was able to continue living his best life; visiting friends and continuing his volunteer work until the end.

Bill was determined not to die on March 24, Susan’s birthday. Just three days later, he slipped into a coma and took his final breath. Hospice continues to be there to support Susan and her family as they adjust to life without Bill.

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—Susan Drown

The Tuesday following his death, Susan’s doorbell rang. It was Grass Valley Florist with a beautiful bouquet of flowers that Bill had arranged to have delivered to Susan after his death with a message of love.

That’s the kind of man Bill Drown was.



Bill at the MEB2 Turkey Trot

Moonlight Magic



THANK YOU
to all who attended,
raised your paddle,
purchased auction
items, & celebrated
our joy!

Our inaugural **Moonlight Magic** event on September 13, 2019 beautifully celebrated Hospice of the Foothills' 40th Anniversary. We are grateful for our guests, sponsors and donors for their heartwarming generosity.

The money raised that evening has allowed us to continue providing exemplary care to our end-of-life patients and their families. Because of your support, we never have to bill our patients or families for hospice services they receive.

THANK YOU to our sponsors!



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2019-2020

100%

OF FAMILIES WOULD **RECOMMEND**
HOSPICE OF THE FOOTHILLS*

*Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers & Systems (CAHPS) Survey

"Thank you and your loving team; we could not have wished for better care."

"Each and every one of you had such tenderness with our loved one."

WE PROVIDED **COMPASSIONATE CARE TO**
492
PATIENTS & THEIR FAMILIES

350 VOLUNTEERS GAVE
28,677 HOURS IN 2019

"Because of you, my husband's death was peaceful and beautiful. Thank you."

"I really was not aware of all you do - now I know!"

FRIENDS OF HOSPICE AUXILIARY EVENTS
RAISED \$137,498 (gross)

1,459 DONORS
GAVE **\$515,013**

"I don't know how you do it. It must be a gift that is rooted deeply inside you."

"You are such special people - exceptional in every way!"

GIFT & THRIFT STORES RAISED
\$1,099,780 (gross)

Hospice Of The Foothills Earns *Deemed Status* Accreditation

In early 2020, Hospice of the Foothills underwent a rigorous on-site assessment by The Joint Commission. Accreditation validates the merits of the organization, as well as compliance with industry standards. Achieving a 'deemed status' survey is the ultimate level of distinction.

You have a choice of which hospice agency you would like to care for you or your loved one, and it is helpful to be able to base your decision on which agency has the highest quality scores and best reputation for care.

The Joint Commission's gold seal reflects Hospice of the Foothills' commitment to excellence.



2020 Dame Cicely Saunders Awards

For most people, the name Dame Cicely Saunders does not evoke an image or story, but for those involved with hospice care, she was the pioneer of the modern hospice movement. Her compassion for the terminally ill inspired her to become a nurse, social worker, and finally, a physician. It was her life's work to ensure the best possible care and comfort was available for the most fragile among us.

The Dame Cicely awards are presented annually to those in our community who epitomize this same commitment for exemplary care.

We were delighted to honor the following for their support of our mission:



Dame Cicely Saunders

THE ROBINSON FAMILY



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SARI TRUNK, RN, HOSPICE OF THE FOOTHILLS TRIAGE NURSE



Please Remember...

HOSPICE OF THE FOOTHILLS IN YOUR ESTATE

Remembering Hospice of the Foothills in your estate through a tax-advantaged or deferred gift is one of the most meaningful ways you can ensure compassionate end-of-life care will continue to be available in our community for generations to come. Consult your financial advisor or attorney to make the most of your bequest.



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Bears that Care



Friends of Hospice bear cubs lovingly await their new home.

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FRIENDS OF HOSPICE
please call 274-5121.

The Hospice 'Caring' Bear was born in 1993 by our Friends of Hospice auxiliary. These adorable stuffed bears are made-by-hand with love, and offered to each patient to provide comfort through their end-of-life journey.

When Maxine Cozby, (age 102) became a HOF patient, her nurse delivered a bear on the first visit. According to her daughter, "This bear was so special to my mother. She cuddled with it, talked to it, and always wanted it near her. It gave her so much comfort and peace."

"Everyone from Hospice of the Foothills who interacted with mom and me were wonderful. The whole organization is so special," added Maxine's daughter.

Maxine passed on April 13—with her bear right beside her. "That bear was so special to mom that she was buried with it in her arms."

Our Friends of Hospice members have given life to approximately 5,500 of these adorable companions who bring joy to our patients' lives.