



THE CARING VOICE

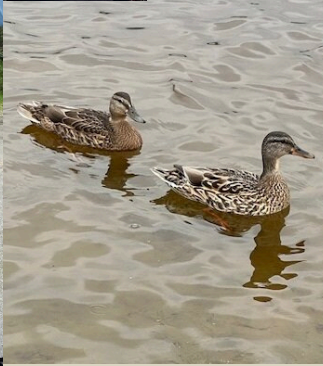
A NEWSLETTER FROM

Hospice of Anchorage

A caring community of help, hope and comfort.



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HOSPICE OF ANCHORAGE HOURS:

VISITORS TO THE RESOURCE CENTER, COMMUNITY WALK-INS, & REFERRALS FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS
MON - THURS: 11AM - 4PM

CURRENTLY REGISTERED CLIENTS AND TEAMS
SUPPORTING THEIR CARE
MON - FRI: 8AM - 4PM

A Note From the Executive Director

Friends of Hospice of Anchorage,

As summer draws to a close, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible community that surrounds Hospice of Anchorage! Thanks to your unwavering support, we continue to hold grief support events two times each month. Additionally, in August we held a beautiful Remembrance Ceremony honoring those we have lost in our community this year. It was a lovely afternoon spent at Goose Lake sharing stories of loved ones. This summer, we achieved a record number of intakes, bolstered our Childhood Grief programming, and our volunteer numbers continue to soar well beyond anything we have seen since long before the Pandemic. We cannot thank you enough for the kindness you have shown HOA! Your time, talents and treasure are such beautiful testaments to your dedication and belief in the work we do.

Looking ahead to the fall, we are excited to build on this momentum. We are proud to report that HOA will have two new social work interns with us this fall. Additionally, we are elated to announce the long-awaited return of our grand Hospice of Anchorage Heroes of Healthcare gala! Please join us on October 26th, from 5 PM - 10:30 PM at the Hilton Hotel for an evening of celebration, impact, and giving as we come together to support Hospice of Anchorage. We hope you will join us as we continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. We are actively seeking sponsorship and would appreciate your support if you might know of an organization or individual willing to purchase a table at the event! You can find more information on sponsorship and ticket sales here: www.event.gives/hoagala.

I am continually inspired by the generosity and commitment of our community! It is the bedrock of our success and together, we are creating positive change for Alaskans at the end-of-life. Thank you for being a part of our journey.

With Deepest Gratitude,
Susie Smith

IN-HOME CARE



GRIEF SUPPORT



END OF LIFE PLANNING

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



platinum **\$5,000.00**

- 2 TABLES - 20 ATTENDEES
- FULL PAGE COLOR AD IN PROGRAM
- PLATINUM RECOGNITION IN ALL PRE/POST EVENT PR & MEDIA

gold **\$2,500.00**

- 1 TABLE - 10 ATTENDEES
- HALF PAGE COLOR AD IN PROGRAM
- GOLD RECOGNITION AT EVENT AND SOCIAL

silver **\$2,000.00**

- 1 TABLE - 8 ATTENDEES
- QUARTER PAGE COLOR AD IN PROGRAM
- SILVER RECOGNITION AT EVENT AND SOCIAL

individual tickets **\$300.00**

SCAN QR CODE

TO VISIT OUR EVENT SITE &
BUY TICKETS ONLINE WITH A
CREDIT CARD



CHECKS

PAYABLE & MAILED TO
HOSPICE OF ANCHORAGE
2612 E. NOTHERN LIGHTS BLVD
ANCHORAGE, AK 99508

Calendar of Events

Good Grief

Gather with community members for our new, informal grief support group, "Good Grief." This is an opportunity to meet with others from our community who have experienced loss and are looking for a safe place to share memories and make new friends at an informal gathering of remembrance. This group is volunteer/peer-led.

September 12 12-2pm
October 10 12-2pm
November 14 12-2pm

Crochet and Commemorate

Come along with us as we weave memories with every stitch. Together we will explore the healing powers of crocheting in the grieving journey. This group is volunteer-led and no experience is required.

September 19 6-7:30pm
October 17 6-7:30pm
November 21 6-7:30pm

Location for these Events:
2612 E Northern Lights Blvd.

Trick or Treat in the Heat

A memorial fundraiser that supports Hospice of Anchorage, Make-A-Wish Alaska & Washington, and the Seattle and Anchorage Ronald McDonald Houses. This year it will be celebrated in participating neighborhoods in Anchorage, Wasilla and Eagle River.

Visit <https://totith.org> for more info

September 8 5-7pm

Heroes of Healthcare Gala

October 26 5:30-10pm
Anchorage Hilton Hotel

Calendar continued...

Compassionate Companion Training

This training is required in order to work directly with our clients. Compassionate Companions offer advocacy, socialization, respite care, and non-medical support. Visit our website to sign up! This takes place at the HOA office. Background check, fingerprints, negative TB test, and one year commitment required.

September 21 9am-4pm

Navigating the Holidays

Navigating the Holidays is an annual bereavement event to acknowledge loss and to provide you with helpful tools as you approach the upcoming holidays and year ahead.

Date and Time TBD

*Please check our website and social media pages for more information.

Volunteer Thank Yous

Thank you so much to all of our dedicated volunteers, for just being THE BEST! Special thanks to our weekly office volunteers that keep us in line:

Linda McCarthy Beckworth
Lynn Dewey
Emily Read
Laurel Epps

Below: Drumming circle led by Gail Jackson during Remembrance Ceremony, thanks to a grant from Alaska Council on the Arts.



Donor Thank Yous-

Alaska State Council on the Arts
Anchorage Log Cabin Quilters
Anchorage Sand and Gravel
Anchorage Senior Center
Aurora Integrated Oncology
Baileys Furniture
Fashion Pact
First Congregational Church
First National Bank Alaska
HomeWell Senior Care
Kroger/Fred Meyer
Municipality of Anchorage
Northern Skies Credit Union
State of Alaska
United Way of Anchorage

*CUI-2024 Leading Change Partner

Thank you to all our monthly donors for your continued support! Your loyalty and trust in the work we do for our community means so much to us all. We could not do this without you!

Below: Childhood grief books purchased with a grant from First National Bank Alaska.



Testimonial

"Allowing me to volunteer at Hospice of Anchorage has been great. It gives me something positive to do and to look forward to. It is important to me to help beautify the HOA grounds to leave a legacy of something positive and joyous. Flowers are my joy. I'm hoping to bring that joy to others."

-Mary Heiner



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How You Can Help Hospice of Anchorage

All the services we provide at Hospice of Anchorage are completely free of charge. Please consider making an investment in our community through Hospice of Anchorage today so together, we can continue to help individuals and families prepare for and live well with serious, life-limiting illness, dying, and grief throughout the Anchorage community.

Ways to Serve:

Become a Hospice of Anchorage volunteer on our website:

www.hospiceofanchorage.org under the 'Volunteer' tab, choose 'Apply Now.'

Ways to Donate:

1. Scan the QR Code and donate.
2. Donate at www.hospiceofanchorage.org
3. Send a check to Hospice of Anchorage: 2612 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage/AK 99508

