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Friends of Hospice,

As autumn unfolds and we welcome the beauty of the season, we're reminded of the many reasons we're grateful—and you are at the heart of that gratitude.

Your generous support continues to make a profound impact at Hospice of Anchorage. Because of you, we experienced a 15% increase in the number of Alaskans served this fiscal year. More than 513,000 community members received end-of-life education, and grieving individuals found comfort through 28 community grief support events hosted throughout the year.

Your compassion brings hope, warmth, and transformation to our community—mirroring the spirit of the season itself.

From all of us at Hospice of Anchorage, thank you for standing beside us. May your fall be filled with peace, joy, and the same kindness you so generously share with others.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Suzanne R. Smith
Executive Director

A Note from the Board

Many of you may have seen recent news regarding misdemeanor charges filed against a former board member of our organization. This individual was not serving on the board at the time of his arrest and to our knowledge, at no point were our organization's resources, client information, or funds involved.

Our standard background check process did not reveal any concerns or prior charges, and no past issues were known to us or mentioned by references. Nonetheless, we have taken this as an opportunity to pause and reassess how we can improve our operations.

As an organization that is built on trust, compassion, and care, we take the responsibility of making sure our leadership team reflects the values we hold dear very seriously. In our commitment to transparency and integrity, we are actively reviewing our vetting procedures for prospective board members to ensure we continue to uphold the confidence placed in us. We are grateful for this community — for your trust and support. Your belief in our mission allows us to serve alongside families through some of life's most difficult seasons with clarity, accountability, and heart.

Paloma Hawn, Board President

Welcoming Our New Team Member > Krista Petersen

Krista is our Volunteer Program Coordinator serving our clients through trained and talented community volunteers. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Family Systems from Brigham Young University. She has worked in over ten industries garnering superior customer relations skills and insights to support clients, team members, and volunteers. Krista has lived in Alaska for over 20 years with her husband and four children. Alaska is home. The beauty and pace of life here still take her breath away. Making time for art, traveling, reading, and family adventures is a regular part of her life. She continually seeks opportunities to learn and share with others. Krista is excited to lend her passion and skill to Hospice of Anchorage to fulfill its mission.



< Welcoming Our New Team Member Carolyn Stone

Carolyn is a Master of Social Work Intern from University of Alaska Anchorage. Her winding career path includes themes of caregiving, office management, mindfulness, and working with animals. She has worked with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and prefers connecting with people outside of an office environment. She grew up in Wisconsin, earned her Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Colorado College, then moved to Alaska and felt immediately at home. It probably helps that winter is her favorite season. She likes being outdoors with her spouse, two kids, and dog, then relaxing inside with either one of her two cats in her lap. Working at Hospice of Anchorage is an opportunity for Carolyn to honor her dear friend she lost to bladder cancer, her clients, and their families.



We're Hiring! >

Clinical Program Manager

Full-time 40 hours/week

\$65,000 - \$75,000

Send resume to:

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Upcoming Events

Masquerade in the Garden Gala Sponsorship Tiers



*Diamond
Sponsor*

- Primary sponsorship of champagne wall at event
- Two full tables for 20 guests
- Full page color ad in the program
- Diamond Recognition in all event PR and media
- Recognition on the Partner Wall at the Hospice of Anchorage office



*Platinum
Sponsor*

- Two full tables for 20 guests
- Full page color ad in the program
- Platinum recognition in all pre/post event PR and media
- Recognition on the Partner Wall at the Hospice of Anchorage office



*Gold
Sponsor*

- One table for 10 guests to the gala
- Half page color ad in program
- Gold recognition at event and social media
- Recognition on the Partner Wall at the Hospice of Anchorage office



*Silver
Sponsor*

- One table for 8 guests to the gala
- Quarter page color ad in program
- Silver recognition at event and social media

*Masquerade in
the Garden
Oct. 25 at 6PM
Hilton Downtown*



Seats are
limited,
reserve
yours
today!



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**Friday's 10 - 11AM
Nov. 14 - Feb. 20**

Join us for a 12-week open support group offering a safe and compassionate space to explore the journey of grief and caregiving. Each week will focus on themes such as understanding grief, sharing our stories, coping with waves of emotion, caring for yourself, finding meaning in memories, navigating important dates and triggers, and moving toward hope and new identities.



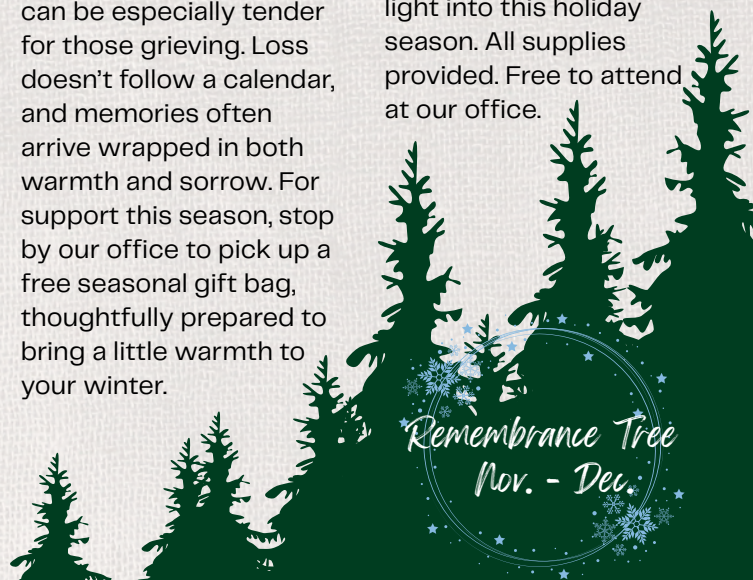
**In-office Pick up
Nov. 1 - Jan. 31**

As the holidays approach, we recognize this season can be especially tender for those grieving. Loss doesn't follow a calendar, and memories often arrive wrapped in both warmth and sorrow. For support this season, stop by our office to pick up a free seasonal gift bag, thoughtfully prepared to bring a little warmth to your winter.



Dec. 9 6-7PM

Join us in remembering your loved one by creating an ornament. Your ornament will honor the memory of your loved ones, and shine a caring light into this holiday season. All supplies provided. Free to attend at our office.



*Remembrance Tree
Nov. - Dec.*

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Dear Donors,

Thank you for holding us in your thoughts and for being part of this compassionate community. Your support allows us to listen, to hold space, and to remind those we serve that they are not alone. Even as the seasons shift, you help Hospice of Anchorage remain a source of light, hope, and healing.

With gratitude,

Hospice of Anchorage Team

Lotto Alaska
Parkside Guest House
Alaska Wildland Adventures
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Anchorage Yoga
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Odd Man Rush Brewing
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Arctic Roadrunner Inc.
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Alaska Sealife Center
Anchorage Museum

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