Impact Report
FY21
Dear Friends of Hospice of Anchorage,

Fiscal year 2021 was an amazing year for Hospice of Anchorage because of people just like you. As we sifted through all of the unknowns that faced us, our staff remained steadfast and resilient. Our focus is, and will always be our patients, their loved ones, and the greater Anchorage community we serve. We aim to increase connectedness and decrease suffering and hopelessness. One patient wrote, “To you dear folks – you are a lifeline to my family and me. May we all survive these times.”

How did we do it? What did working through COVID-19 teach us? Our Board President, Sarah Groogan realized that for her sanity, she had to get outside into wide open places! “I’ve had a renewed appreciation for the state we live in and all of the adventures it has to offer,” she shared. “Watching how we all adapted and rose to the circumstances presented to us;” is what our Board Vice President, Ivan Rivera remembers. “I saw the true spirit of this town come to life through these tough times. Looking back at it I realize that we all took it in stride and did what we needed to do to keep each other safe. I am proud to call all of you my neighbors and I am proud to say that I did my part to keep you safe too.”

Our nurse, Sharon, experienced the best birthday she can remember. “What made it so wonderful was being together without any distractions. I felt so loved,” she expressed. Bethany, our clinical director, found working from home had its benefits! “I couldn’t believe I was working just eight-feet away from my home espresso machine!” she quipped. And for Summer, our program manager, the joy of finding more time for her creative side made managing the pandemic more tolerable.

As a new executive director, I found myself doing many things for the first time. I never canceled a major fundraiser in my life (and did so twice). I never applied for a PPP loan before. Thank goodness for the kind FNBA loan officer who walked me through it. I never managed a team remotely before. I knew nothing about Zoom. To keep me company, I brought my dog, Kami, to work with me (as I was the only employee in the office). Kami, my staff, and I muddled through the unknowns.

Actually, we did more than muddle. We thrived. The pandemic provided Bethany the time to bring her dream of an expanded Resource Center to life. Grants enabled us to fill bookshelves in our center with titles ideal for caregivers, for those suffering with chronic pain, for those experiencing grief or suffering from dementia. We have books about end-of-life, and writing one’s life story. Books for adults and children. We created a Dementia Care Corner complete with robotic pets, music players, and fidget blankets. Summer was able to stock our Loan Closet with essentials that would keep Alaskans safe in their homes -- wheelchairs, bedside commodes, shower chairs, and more. Sharon enjoyed bringing palliative nutrition to our patients or those in the community struggling with proper nutrition and a serious illness. Lillian and Summer facilitated an eight-week, online bereavement group. One attendee logged on from vacation as she “didn’t want to miss anything.”

Thank you for standing by us this past year. Please enjoy highlights from our last 365 days. We reached so many milestones and did so through the generosity of you, and people like you. For that, we are grateful.

Respectfully,
Amy Tribbett, APR
Executive Director

Hospice of Anchorage

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Our First-Ever Electronic Medical Record

Hospice of Anchorage debuted its first-ever electronic medical record! The fact that we could say goodbye to our paper charts was beyond liberating.

The cornerstone of the Hospice of Anchorage Resource Center is our library. We have hundreds of books available to the community free of charge. Books are available in each of the following subjects: caregiving, child loss, children's grief, chronic illness, dementia, end of life, grief, and life review/after a death planning.

The Hospice of Anchorage Resource Center has three additional components aside from the library. Our Loan Closet contains a variety of durable medical equipment such as walkers, shower chairs, and wheelchairs to equip Alaskans to retain as much of their independence as possible. Our Advanced Directives section has all the paperwork needed to get your health care wishes and power of attorney status in order. Our Dementia Care Corner features robotic pets, music players, fidget blankets, and dementia care toolkits available filled with a variety of sensory items that may bring joy or relief to individuals experiencing some form of dementia or cognitive impairment.
20 New Fully-Trained Volunteers

Hospice of Anchorage conducted its first-ever online Compassionate Companion training to 20 new volunteers in October and April! The fact that our community is still showing up for each other, even when we have to do things so differently than any of us are used to, fills us with gratitude and hope. We are so happy to have a bigger team to help deliver care to our patients.

April is Volunteer Appreciation month and we had a million reasons to celebrate our awesome volunteers!

Hospice of Anchorage hosted a “succulent bar,” a meditative mini retreat right at our office where volunteers came in and created their own succulent terrarium while listening to relaxing music.

Navigating the Holidays

A well-loved tradition every November here at Hospice of Anchorage is to partner with all the hospices in town and put on an event called “Navigating the Holidays,” available for free to anyone in the Anchorage area who wants a little help after having lost a loved one.

This year, we brought Navigating the Holidays to people’s homes. We recorded a DVD program designed to help guide and support people through what could be a difficult time of adjustment after having lost a loved one. The Alaska Community Foundation’s generous grant allowed us to partner with several local businesses to put together a kit to go along with the program.

Remembrance Tree Campaign

Every year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Hospice of Anchorage puts up Remembrance Trees. For the past two years, we’ve partnered with Bailey’s Furniture who sponsors a tree at their store and donates substantial media coverage to promote our Remembrance Tree campaign. Remembrance trees are trees that are adorned with ornaments displaying the names of loved ones who have died. We light up their lives in remembrance because they brought love and light to our lives when they were here with us.

In 2020, we shined a light on Shelton, a special patient of ours who was just shy of his eighth birthday when he died on January 9th.
Our First-Ever Online Grief Support Group
For eight weeks, Hospice of Anchorage facilitated an online grief support group reviewing the book, Bearing the Unbearable by Joanne Cacciatore.

Additionally, we are offering free nutrition consultations with our registered nurse for those experiencing life-limiting illness. We have a variety of books and samples to help those experiencing difficulty with their nutrition.

We also have new grants available for anyone over the age of 60 to pay for transportation to medical appointments and copays for prescriptions. This program requires a provider referral that can be applied for on our website.

Care for the Carer
Hospice of Anchorage launched its Care for the Carer program this summer.

We know that caring for a loved one can be very rewarding. It can also be hard work. From helping with errands, to cooking, to eventually even bathing or helping a loved one eat, the role of caregiver is time consuming and will tug on heartstrings.

During the summer, Hospice of Anchorage distributed 300 Care for the Carer support boxes to caregivers in our community.

Our New Website
Hospice of Anchorage, with help from the AK Web Studio, realized a dream of a new website.
Hospice of Anchorage was the local charity for the Subaru Share the Love Event, receiving more than $21,000! Thank you, Continental Subaru, we certainly felt the love!

Patient Care & Community Outreach FY21

Hospice of Anchorage cared for an average of 32 patients and their family members each month and we provided 4700 units of case management in the year.

Between mailings, social media, news coverage, and published articles, Hospice of Anchorage reached 119,736 individuals.

Through Resource Center loans and calls to our office, Hospice of Anchorage provided information, assistance, and referral support to 1,225 individuals.
Our Volunteers

“The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.” - DeAnn Hollis

Karen Shoemaker
11 YEARS

Nancy Alzheimer
10 YEARS

Marjorie Deakins
8 YEARS

Karen Shoemaker
Nancy Alzheimer
Marjorie Deakins

Marie Hopkins
7 YEARS
Wendy Withrow
6 YEARS

Janie Taylor
5 YEARS

David Hollingsworth
4 YEARS

Lyndsey Kleppin
Erin Pesznecker
Denise Shelton
Kim Millett
3 YEARS

Laurel Epps
Christine Reichman
2 YEARS

Carol Devalle
1 YEAR

Rebecca Valentine
Pamela Puls
Chris Miller
Elizabeth Kiddie
Julie Raymond-Yakou
Kim Reynolds
Susan Towlle

NEW
Karen Gillis
Kai Kokesh
Geneveive Daniels
Stephanie Sorley
Suzie Smith

SPECIALTY VOLUNTEER
Dennis Morner
Jacque Morner
Zachary Burgess
Robert Thomas
Bill Tribbett

Our Leadership
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2020-2021
President Sarah Groogan
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Secretary Courtnie Husmann
Kim Nifong
Ilona Besseney
Ariel Burr

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Executive Director Amy Tribbett, APR
Clinical Director Bethany Burgess, LCSW, APHSW-C
Nurse Case Manager Sharon Mauri, BSN, RN, CHPN
Program Manager Summer Thomas
Palliative Care Social Work Clinician Lillian Rosa Rivera, MSW
Program Assistant Kim Reynolds

The Hospice of Anchorage staff gathers for the Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the expansion of the Resource Center.
Our Supporters

If you donate through Pick.Click.Give, select Hospice of Anchorage as your charity of choice on Amazon, Fred Meyers, or Kroger, donate through Facebook, or donate to us through United Way, THANK YOU!

The following are FY21 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021) supporters who donated $200 or more:

Advanced Oncology Associates and the Alaska Cyberknife Center
Aguilar, Rebecca
Alaska Cake Studio
Alaska Community Foundation
Alaska Frontier Constructors, Inc.
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
Alyeska Pipeline Service Co
Anchorage & Valley Radiation Therapy Center
Ancora Home Health and Hospice
Anderson, Curtis
Anderson, Georgia
Anderson, James
Andrews, Donald
Andrews, Elaine
Arc Interiors
Armstrong, Chrissy
Atkinson, James
Bailey’s Furniture Outlet, Inc.
Baker, Cindi
Bassett, Kimberly
Baugh, Andrew
Becker, Adelheid
Benintendi, Tim
Bering Straits Native Corporation
Boisen, Suzanne
Boniface, Renee
Bradley House Food & Spirits
Broadhead, Robert & C Y
Brown, Susan
Burdick, Jessica
Burgess, Zach & Bethany
Call, Susan
Cameron, Linda
Chaney, Alice
Collins, John & Hannah
Columbia Properties Anchorage, LP
Corey, Guitta
Daniels, Albert Michael
Davis, Lorraine
Davis, The Estate of Sylvia Ann
Dreibelbeis, Eric
Durcanin-Robbins, Joyce
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Farr, Ann
Fell, William
Ferrari-Palmer, Trina
First Congregational Church
First National Bank Alaska
Fraley, Bert
Gabrys, Theresa
Galganaitis, Michael
Garzel, Eunice
Geddes, Mary
Giffith, Gary & Debora
Griffin, Charles
Hagen, Renee
Halcro, Mary E.
Hall, Barbara
Hamm Jr, Ernest
Hand, Eileen
Hanna, Judith
Hardin, Deena
Heimke, David
Hendron, Charles Michael
HMS Inc.
Hoffbauer, Diane
Hollar, Carolyn
Holta, Kristi
HomeWell Senior Care
Horning, Dr. Morris R
Katmai Oncology Group
Kerr, Margery
Kimbell, David & Rebecca
Kroger
Krysinski, Amanda
Legacy Funeral Home
Lewis (dec), Lynn E.
Livingston, Thomas
Lorian, Alexandra
Lyden Inc
Maddy’s Run
Marrinan, Sarah
Matson Navigation Company, Inc.
Mattson, Greg
McEvoy, Terrie L.
McGuire, Linda
McManamin, John P.
McMorrow Sr., Robert
Means, Katharine
Midnight Sun Home Care
Millar, Caroline
Moerlein, George
Morris, Anna
Muise, Alan & Nancy
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Nevick, James
Noffsinger, Ross
Notti, Cindy
O’Connell, Phoebe
Okeson, Pamela E.
Orlinsky, Susan
Paesani, Lisa
Parnow, David
Pick.Click.Give
Piromalli, Dr. Chris & Barb
Pizz, Elizabeth
Quinlan, Clarissa
Rankin, Barbara
Rasmussen, Cathryn
Registe-Richardson, Roselyn
Risch, Deborah
Rooney, Florence
Roth, Gayle
Rubin, Jeffrey
Sager, John
Sarah’s Specialty Food & Gift Cache
Schmidt, Tan
Schraer, David
Schwab, Charles
Segelhorst (dec), Mary Ellen
Seguin, Mary
Sheafet, David
Sherwood, Elizabeth
Smith, James
Spinelli Homes
Stallone, Barbara
Staneck, Ronald
State of Alaska SHARE Campaign
Stauffer, Dennis
Stephens, Donna
Sterling, Ron
Stewart, Dr. Mary
Straub, Catherine
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Subaru of America
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The Carr Foundation, Inc.
The Importance of Little Things
Till, Alison
Tribbett, Amy
UBS Financial Services
United Way of Anchorage
Valentine, Michael
Van Den Top, Jeraldine
VanDaff, Jacquelyn
Vander Jagt, Don & Anetta
Veltre, Doug & Kathryn
Wade, Michelle
Watterson Construction Company
Watterson, Helga
Watts, Glen
White, Rebecca
Wildner, Marcy
Wilson Fink Family Charitable Fund
Womack, Robert
Yerbich, Thomas

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Independent Accountant’s Review Report

Board of Directors
Anchorage Hospice, Inc.
Anchorage, Alaska

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statement of Anchorage Hospice, Inc., a nonprofit organization, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2019, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management’s financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusions.

Accountant’s Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018, were audited by us and we expressed an unqualified opinion on them in our report dated December 17, 2018, but we have not performed any auditing procedures since that date.

Foster and Company, LLC
Wasilla, Alaska
January 22, 2020

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Remembering

Hospice of Anchorage celebrated the lives of our patients who passed this past year. With their names written on special rocks, we took time to remember each patient, their families, and their time with us.