



Member Newsletter



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Dr. Ken Smith and Dr. Robin Dillard at the Spring Lecture/Annual Meeting event on May 9th at St. George Maronite Phoenician Event Center.

Welcome everyone to our final Newsletter for our 2022-2023 fiscal year. It has been a great year filled with new challenges and opportunities. We have lost some cherished members and supporters and we have added some new Friends to our Membership, which reached 306 this year and raised \$27,725. The members that we have lost can never be replaced and they will live on in the work that we continue to do to help Hospice patients and families.

Our major goal was to raise \$150,000 for uninsured Hospice patients, and we exceeded that goal! Last calendar year, we paid for 2001 days of Hospice care for uninsured Hospice patients through CHRISTUS VNA Hospice. What a wonderful accomplishment, to support those in our community who need us most in their last days.

Our Poinsettia Ball was transformed into our First Annual Poinsettias and Prosecco Party. Liz Jauer, Laura Humphries and Heather Miller did a great job and we raised \$62,628 from that event. We will be continuing that tradition again this year with the event happening on November 30th at the San Antonio Country Club (save the date in your calendar!).

Our holiday traditions continued with our Angel Tree, which raised \$1725 and our Holiday Card Drive, which raised \$5310. We have such dedicated members that use us every year to send out their Holiday cards and to remember their loved ones during the holiday season. Lois Armor does a great job of making our Angel Tree look beautiful and we love honoring and remembering loved ones who have passed or who make a difference in our lives.

Our Valentine Day Luncheon at the Country Club started 2023 with a bang. Lois Armor and Betty Ferrell and their auction team put on a great lunch and style show. J. McLaughlin provided the fashions and they hosted a Sip and Shop event the week after the event that raised \$1951 for our cause. Our Valentine Event was a big success and we made \$35,337 through our raffle and auction items. Everyone was excited to bid on over 150 auction items donated

Please follow us on Facebook this summer!

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The mission of Friends of Hospice San Antonio, Inc. is to increase community awareness and understanding of hospice and to raise funds in support of patients and their families in end-of-life care.

by our Board and Membership and the raffle was very popular this year. Everyone was so generous that day and most of us went home with something special to remember the occasion.

We decided to combine our Annual meeting with our Spring Lecture as we did last year. We tried a different venue for the event which was held at St. George Maronite Church Event Center on Babcock Road. Dr. Robin Dillard and her committee (Ken and Shary Smith and Betty Ferrell) provided us with a beautiful meal and a lecture by Dr. Lajja Patel on Disparities in Hospice services. Despite a rainy evening we had a great time! We also honored our retiring Board members and Committee Chairs with gifts to show them how much we appreciate their support and dedication. The Amy Shelton McNutt Charitable Trust provided a grant to underwrite the event, which was gratefully appreciated and helped us to fulfil our mission of providing Hospice education to the San Antonio community.

We are ending the fiscal year with the Champions Fore Charity event which raised \$5222 thanks to member donations and support from Valero. Thanks to Betty Ferrell who always spearheads this event each year. The Memorial Day appeal has so far brought in \$1500, and we are continuing to get money each day to honor our fallen Veterans.

The letters are going out this week to renew memberships. We hope you will consider increasing your membership donation this year if you can, and that you will invite a friend or family member to join us this coming year for all our appeals and events.

Next year, we would especially like to encourage some of our members who no longer drive to come to our events. If you would like to come but don't feel comfortable driving, please contact Terri so she can help arrange a ride from one of our members who might live in your area. Any member who would like to volunteer to pick up another member so they can attend, please contact Terri as well. We want to make sure that all our supporters, past and present, can join us!

New Executive Committee 2023-24

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Executive Director's Report 2022-2023 by Terri Gutierrez

June represents the end of my first year as Executive Director at Friends of Hospice. It has been a year filled with changes, new challenges and learning as I have experienced a full year of all the wonderful meetings, fund-raisers and activities that fill our calendar. Everyone has been so supportive and patient with me as I've learned the way our organization works. I especially want to thank Ginger Cave who has spent a lot of time with me, showing me the ropes and walking me through the processes that make this organization run.

I would also like to thank Kathy Beer, who helped to step in when needed this year, and everyone on the Board of Directors. Lois Armor, Betty Ferrell, Patti King, Melinda Schultz, Liz Jauer, Stacey Darr, Dr. Robin Dillard, Kenda Willoughby, Heather Miller, Laura Humphries, Kresta Wright, Lynne Breuer and Trinka McGehee really stepped up to help me through all of our events and they all were a great support in helping me to navigate this year's challenges.

It has been a pleasure meeting all of our members in person and by phone and I would like to thank all of you for your generosity and support this year. I am looking forward to the coming year as we grow and change together to make our organization stronger!

Special Gifts as of June 12 , 2023

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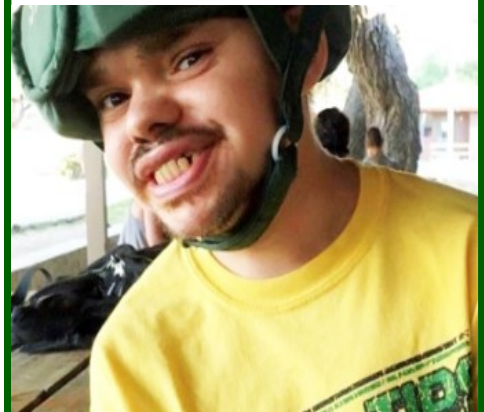
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**REMEMBERING
MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS**



David Spoor



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Liz Jauer, Member at Large, Lois Armor, Treasurer and Patti King, Historian waiting for the lecture to begin.



Board Members Adana Hilkemeier and Cynthia Duvall are looking lovely despite the rain.



Betty Ferrell and Shary Smith were in charge of registration and did a great job on the Spring Lecture Planning Committee.



Board Member and long-time supporter LouAnn Noll smiling for the camera.



Tim Sullivan, Debra Thomas and Chris Cortina from CHRISTUS VNA Hospice/Palliative Care had an information table at the event.



Ana Bendana, the Executive Director for CHRISTUS VNA Hospice, had a table for nurses and staff.

Spring Lecture/Annual Meeting