



# Member Newsletter

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## Meet Ana Bendaña

### *New Executive Director of Christus VNA Hospice*

Friends of Hospice donates our money each year to Christus VNA Hospice, to use to fund care for their uninsured Hospice patients. In 2022, we paid for 2001 days of Hospice care, thanks to your generous donations and the fundraising efforts of our Board of Directors and Membership. CHRISTUS VNA Hospice has a new Executive Director who started in September 2022, Ana Bendaña. Ana has a B.Sc., an RN License and a Master's degree in Thanatology, the study and understanding of death, dying, grief, loss and bereavement.



She is passionate about end-of-life issues, educating others to see the end-of-life in the context of a journey that all of us will take, minimizing fear and instilling compassion and empathy into end-of life care. Ana is dedicated to making CHRISTUS VNA Hospice a happy and loving environment where patients and families will get quality care that meets their specific needs as they make their final journey. She is building a new Hospice team which includes a new Medical Director, Nurses, Volunteer Coordinator, Bereavement Specialist, Social Workers and Chaplains working together to ensure each person gets holistic care. Partnering with Friends of Hospice, Christus VNA is able to serve everyone in our community regardless of their ability to pay.

Ana was our speaker for the Valentine Luncheon, and she will be attending most of our events. She is looking forward to meeting our membership and she is grateful for the support that we give CHRISTUS VNA Hospice. When you see her, please introduce yourself as a member of Friends of Hospice so she can get to know how much our membership supports her efforts!

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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.

**Poinsettia  
And  
Prosecco  
Party**



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**Mark Your Calendars  
Spring Lecture and  
Annual Meeting/Spring  
Party combined into one.  
What: Reception and Din-  
ner  
When: May 9 4:30 p.m.  
Where: St. George Maro-  
nite Church, Phoenician  
Event Center**

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 Beloved  
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God's Garden by  
 Katie Evans

He put His arms  
 around you  
 And lifted you to  
 rest  
 God's garden  
 must be beautiful  
 He always takes  
 the best



## Valentine Luncheon, Auction and Style Show

We had a great time at the Valentine Luncheon! We had 172 people attend and over 160 Auction items. Our raffle winners were: Caro Canales, LaDonna Riley and Marilou Moursand. Beverly Bybee won our door prize: a beautiful bag from J. McLaughlin.



Special thanks to the Valentine Co-Chairs: Lois Armor and Betty Ferrell, the Board, businesses and members who donated all of the auction items, the auction committee (Stacey, Patti, Terri and LouAnn), Lynne Breuer and all the beautiful runway models, all the crew who volunteered to help process the auction proceeds, Kenda for her beautiful set-up and decorations and Ruth for her gorgeous centerpieces. So much work went into making sure everyone had fun and that we raised lots of money for uninsured Hospice patients. J. McLaughlin had a Sip and Shop the following week and we received a \$1950 donation from the proceeds of that event. **OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE AWESOME!**