

# MADRONE HOSPICE, INC.

Quality, Compassionate Care

*January-March 2024*





## A Note from the Executive Director

Happy New Year to you all! For Madrone Hospice, 2023 was as productive and meaningful as ever. Madrone's Senior Services provided hundreds of meals and rides to seniors in need, our volunteer-run Shops continued to run profitably, and the Madrone House provided residential care to numerous patients. Of course, at the heart of our mission, Madrone medical staff provided hospice support to a great many patients in our county, helping with both comfort and quality of life.

In December, we were honored to hold our annual Light Up a Life event, where we invited community members to join us for a contemplative evening of preserving the memories of those we've loved and lost. Over \_\_\_\_ names were read at the event and \$22,805.00 were raised to support the work of hospice. We are deeply grateful to all who participated.

Coming up in March, Madrone will host our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Auction. We encourage area artists to donate work to be auctioned off and invite the community to buy tickets as soon as they are available. For details, give us a call at 530-842-3160, or swing by the office to say hi.

We look forward to achieving our mission in the year to come, and extend our gratitude to everyone who has helped Madrone stay as strong and as vital as we are. Thank you!

*Chris Clothier*





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530-842-3160 to receive your artist  
submission form.**

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# Light Up a Life 2023

We, at Madrone Hospice would like to thank everyone that participated in our annual Light Up a Life ceremony for 2023. This special event is a one of Madrone Hospice's most sacred traditions. Recognizing, honoring and embracing the passing of our loved ones are at the core of what hospice care is all about. We held a candle-light vigil, honoring those loved ones with the most fitting theme "When Feathers Appear, Angels are Near"; reminding us that even long after our loved ones pass, they're love can be seen everywhere. If you would like to view our Light Up a Life ceremony, please visit our website at [madronehospice.org](http://madronehospice.org).





When *Feathers* appear *Angels* are near

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*In Loving Memory*



# Providing Comfort Through Pets

The next time you visit the Madrone Hospice House, you may be greeted by some of our most loved volunteers...our Hospice Pet Volunteers. Boots, Simba, Chica, Lucy and Butters are just some of our volunteers that bring wagging tails and loving hearts to patients, families, and visitors. The presence and devotion of these four-legged friends has proven beneficial to our patients and staff alike. The therapeutic use of pets in the hospice setting continues to gain attention and widespread acceptance as it brings measurable benefits to a variety of needs.

Hospice Pet Volunteers play a special role in patient care. They can offer a welcome distraction from illness and grief and help people feel just a little less lonely. Dogs are particularly attuned to human emotions and can provide comfort to people at their most vulnerable time. Research has shown that Human-Animal Interaction (HAI) has proven helpful to both the physical and mental health of hospice patients. Some of

these benefits include:

- ◆ Improving heart health – Petting an animal can lower your heart rate and reduce blood pressure.
- ◆ Releasing “feel good” endorphins that produce a calming effect.
- ◆ Stimulating memories and communication.
- ◆ Decreasing pain by re-directing the patient’s focus, making pain medications more effective.
- ◆ Offering a fun distraction to not only the patients, but their families as well.
- ◆ Encouraging activity.
- ◆ Providing companionship and unconditional love.

Pet volunteers at the Hospice House also benefit our employees as they can improve morale, encourage teamwork, and help our staff feel more resilient in handling work-related stress. The presence of these devoted, loving pets is truly a blessing and we are grateful for their role as part of the Madrone Hospice care team.

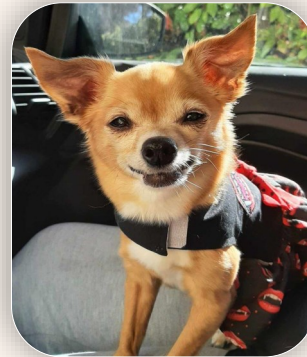
**Simba**



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**Boots**



**Butters**



# 2023 Facts & Figures

Total Senior  
Transportation  
Trips  
**4,358**

Hospice Shop  
& Boutique  
Revenue  
**\$203,662**

Total Patients  
Served  
**164**

Total Senior  
Meals Served  
**30,431**

Total  
Bequests  
**\$210,670**

Total  
Donations Received  
Including Fundraisers  
**\$143,622**

Total  
Volunteers  
**89**

Total Volunteer  
Hours  
**13,436**



Please Join us for Madrone Hospice's  
**35TH ANNUAL  
ART AUCTION**

**Friday, March 15th**

**Doors open at 5:00 with a Champagne Art Preview. There will be Live Music, Catered Dinner and the Live Auction starts at & 7:00. Tickets will be \$40 and available in February. Please stay tuned for more information.**

One of our goals at Madrone Hospice is to provide regular news and updates to our community, and one of the most effective ways for us to achieve this is to connect via email.

Please consider adding your email address to our contact list at [madronehospice.org/contact](mailto:madronehospice.org/contact) – use the QR code for quick access!



- **Death café– February 7th @ 7:00pm ~Preservation Hall, Yreka**
- **Super Bowl Tailgate Sale-- February 11th @ 10:00– 3:00~Hospice Shop**
- **Art Auction Donations Deadline- March 1st**
- **35th Annual Art Auction-March 15th @ 5:00pm ~810 N. Oregon St. Yreka**



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