

MADRONE HOSPICE, INC.

Quality, Compassionate Care

April-June 2024



A message from the Executive Director

Hello friends of Madrone Hospice!

What a delight to step into the warmer weather and new life of Spring. We hope the season is feeling fresh and rejuvenating to you all.

I am happy to report that our 35th Annual Art Auction held in March was a resounding success. The event brought together a community of artists, patrons, and volunteers to support the Madrone House. We raised more than \$22,000 while enjoying serene music courtesy of Victor and Allison and delicious food from Raymond's Catering. I feel a deep gratitude for the many hands that brought this event together. From the setup to the teardown to creating decorations and more, the art auction is made possible by the people of this community - thank you to everyone involved!



We are looking ahead to Volunteer Appreciation month when we take the opportunity to honor those who give of their time and skills freely for the benefit of hospice. In April, we will host our annual Volunteer Luncheon to share a meal and express our appreciation for those who make Madrone possible out of the kindness of their hearts.

I realize at this time of year just how blessed Madrone is by the people who believe in our mission. Without the donations of time, resources, and money from this community, Madrone wouldn't be there for our loved ones at their end-of-life. It is an absolute honor to represent this organization and to connect with everyone committed to our cause.

Sincerely, *Chris Clother*

“One random act of kindness at a time.”

Imagine a world where every act of kindness has the power to create a ripple effect that spreads positivity far beyond their initial impact.

Welcome to the heartwarming celebration of National Volunteer Month. Every April, we join communities across the nation to celebrate and shine a spotlight on the effects that volunteers have on our society and how anyone can make a contribution through volunteering. Our volunteers at Madrone Hospice are truly the heart of our organization. Our mission is so vital to the patients and families we serve and we couldn't do it without our volunteers. They freely give their time, talents and kindness to our community and their efforts will not only touch the lives of those in need but also inspire others to join the cause of hope and compassion.

Together, let's celebrate the true essence of volunteerism by spreading love, kindness and light, one act of service at a time.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, there's a place for you at Madrone Hospice. Please contact Diana at 530-842-3160 to see how you can get involved.



Celebrating Volunteers

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Director of Patient Care



Corrine Medlin, BSN, RN, PHN began her nursing career at Madrone Hospice fresh out of nursing school. A very personal experience of Corrine's created a connection with our hospice nurses and sparked in her a love for nursing. After a time, she moved on to Fairchild Medical Center to grow her career, gaining knowledge in the fields of Med/Surg, Emergency, and Surgical nursing. Life circumstances, timing, and a passion for ensuring quality of life, eventually led her back to hospice care. We caught up with Corrine to ask her these questions:

What does your role as Director of Patient Care at Madrone Hospice involve?

There is so much that goes into my role here at Madrone Hospice. My main goal is to make sure all patient care is going smoothly and in compliance with agency policies. I am generally the first point of contact for patient referrals and admissions. I assign families to appropriate staff and oversee the nursing staff and social workers to make sure the plan of care is being implemented. We hold weekly team meetings and communicate regularly with our Executive Director concerning support, training, and overall quality of care. It is also my job to provide families and the community with information and education about the services we offer at Madrone Hospice.

How does hospice care begin?

A hospice referral can begin when a friend, family member, or physician sees that a patient would no longer benefit

from curative measures and has a life-limiting illness. This means a physician believes that the patient has six months or less to live. That's when we get called in. We assess the patient and turn the focus to improving quality of life. Hospice care is given wherever the patient resides, whether that be at a facility or in their home. We work diligently with families and caregivers to help guide and support all involved in the end-of-life process. We also have a hospice house where we can provide respite and care for those in crisis.

Describe your experience at Madrone Hospice

My personal experience of how Madrone Hospice cared for my loved one impacted my life and has trickled down. To be able to pay it forward today and provide support, guidance, and comfort is a great honor and privilege. We have a wonderful team here at Madrone Hospice. What our employees do, they do with their heart; going out into the community to help families at a very vulnerable stage of their lives. What we do here is not something we take lightly.

What would you like to see for hospice care in the future?

I would love to see more education about hospice care in general. There has been an ongoing stigma regarding what hospice does and it would be nice to dispel some of the myths. We do more than just give medications. Often, folks come in at the patient's final stages of life when they have less than a week to live. It is heartbreaking to see patients and their families not receiving the full benefit hospice has to offer. I would love for them to come to us sooner so they can make the most of the time they have and improve the quality of their end-of-life journey.

If you or a loved one would like more information about hospice care, please call Madrone Hospice at 530-842-3160.



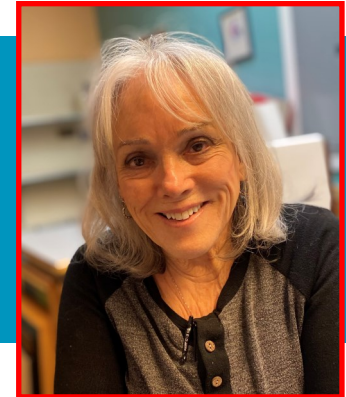
WE ASKED SOME OF OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS: OUT OF ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN SPEND YOUR TIME, WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO VOLUNTEER AT MADRONE HOSPICE?



I really enjoy it. The people are very nice and caring. I like helping them and being part of the community. I have gained life experiences and just like giving back.
-Maggie Harris



As a retired nurse and massage therapist, I have a lot to offer hospice patients. I love people and it's an honor to bring them comfort at such an important time in their life. -Helen Forbes



I have always been a community volunteer, my dad instilled that in me. After working for Hospice for over 10 years, I love that I am still able to help patients today.
-Charlene Broce





My husband was on hospice and they were so good to him up there. It's nice to be able to help someone that helped us. To pay it back...you couldn't ask for anything better. -Sharlene Lackey

Hospice supports one of the greatest gifts we humans can give to another: to be there for someone during their journey, and to lessen their burdens. It's amazing that a small community like ours has such wonderful hospice services and I want to support that. -Mary Neill



I fell in love with the store and the people. Everyone is so nice and friendly. I like working in all the departments helping to make it look good.
-Esperanza Alaniz



My loved ones were taken care of by hospice, even in Germany. It is a good way to give back. I really enjoy retail and all the crafty items at the Boutique. It is such a great idea to support Hospice. -
Denise Raumaker



Memorial Donations~

In recognition and appreciation of our donors and in honor of the ones they love— the following list represents donations received between December 16th-March 15th

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Meet Our Team

Josh has been working as our Maintenance Person since the summer of 2023, and quickly became an important part of our team. Josh expresses that working at Madrone Hospice has been one of the best job he has ever had and it sure shows. He has been excellent in taking care of our grounds and keeps our building in good repair, mending broken sprinklers, unclogging pipes, and shoveling snow. He really embraces that part of his job description that states- *All other duties as assigned.*

He supports Madrone's Senior Services by filling in with meal deliveries and driving our bus if our driver is out. He provides support at the Hospice Shops if they have necessary repairs, and he is tremendously helpful with events. For our Art Auction, Josh worked the whole week beforehand setting everything up, and then stayed late helping to tear everything down.

Josh has been a part of Yreka's community his whole life, and personally knows many of our staff and volunteers, as well as those we support with Senior Services. We are truly lucky to have him working with us and appreciate all his efforts.



Josh Soule

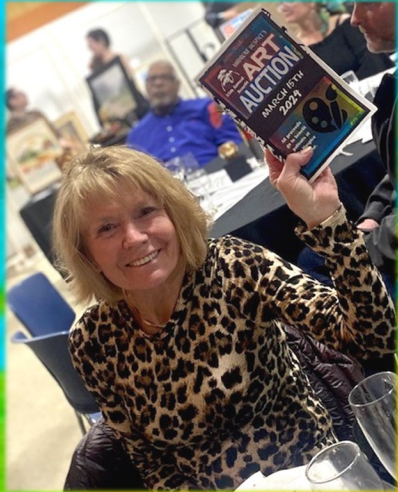
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MADRONE HOSPICE'S

ART AUCTION

A night full of smiles!





Bereavement Support

SUPPORT FOR BEREAVEMENT AND GRIEF



The loss of a loved one is a devastating experience, we are faced with the unimaginable task of coping with all that bereavement brings and the challenge of finding a new sense of life and purpose. All of this takes time – nearly always longer than we think. During these times, it is important to reach out and be intentional with the healing process. At Madrone Hospice, we have a FREE grief support program available, so that no one ever grieves alone.

Our bereavement facilitator, Debbie Maxine, LMFT holds grief support groups the **2nd & 4th Monday** of each month; Right here at the Madrone House living room-255 Collier Circle from **12:00pm-1:30pm**; these groups provide a safe, supportive environment to share memories, experiences, to honor, remember and to gain tools to help you transition through difficult times.

If you think you might need individual grief counseling, we can help with that too, please call us at **530-842-3160**.



Madrone Senior Services'
2024-25 Senior Resource Directory will be
available in May. To grab a copy of this year's
directory, call the Senior Center at
530-841-2365.

Join us

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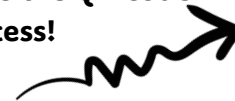
Death Cafe

6:30pm-8:00pm

Preservation Hall-304 Lane Street, Yreka

Facilitated by Lisa Marie Conine

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 – use the QR code for quick access!





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