

MADRONE HOSPICE, INC.

Quality, Compassionate Care

July-September 2023





A note from the Executive Director~

Hello Madrone Hospice Community!

We hope you are enjoying the warmer months so far. Here at Madrone Hospice, we have been thrilled to watch the beautiful changes Spring has brought to our region and our grounds. Volunteers are an important part of the work we do, and we have been excited to have their support in the gardens around the Madrone House.

Madrone Hospice has been the proud recipient of a Rotary Grant to renew our Labyrinth Garden, allowing us to resurface and repaint the labyrinth itself as well as to surround it with new plants and flowers. Work commenced in July and will be supported by the hard work of Rotary Club volunteers – thank you, Yreka Rotary Club!

We have another big announcement: the launch of our revitalized website. Anyone seeking to learn more about hospice and specifically what Madrone can provide will find a wealth of information and beautiful images to explore at madronehospice.org. We are also very much looking forward to our coming collaboration with Grenada Gardens: a Poker Night fundraiser to be held in their beautifully renovated facility. All are welcome to join in an evening of refreshments and games, with proceeds benefiting our hospice services. Thank you to Grenada Gardens for this fun opportunity!

Through endeavors like these, it is our hope to personally connect with our neighbors in North Siskiyou County. What a blessing to be a part of such a rich and vital community!

Sincerely, Chris Clother

GRENADA GARDENS SENIOR LIVING PRESENTS

Date:
Thursday
August 3rd

Time:
6:00pm- 9:00pm

ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY TONIGHT?

"ALL IN FOR HOSPICE"

HIGH ROLLER NIGHT

POKER | SILENT AUCTION | ENTERTAINMENT | COCKTAILS

Please RSVP by July 15th to be added to the guest list.
All proceeds in support of Madrone Hospice.



Admiration for Administrative Assistants

They're the ones who are always on top of things, the go-to people and know the in and outs within the organization. They are well informed, organized and know exactly what to do in almost every single situation. They're dependable, trustworthy, honest. They know your family, they're most likely your friends and their work is so essential for any successful company.

Administrative Assistants are so much more than "assistants" – that word does not describe them accurately. They're the glue that holds everything together, totally invaluable and irreplaceable. A good Administrative Assistant possesses a wide range of skill sets that encompasses a bit of everyone else's within an office; they're incredibly well-rounded, are easy to work with and have good communication.

For the customers, the Administrative Assistant is their first impression of the company. They answer the phones and greet the guests, making them the "voice" and the "face" of the organization. They also manage our social media presence and implement our community outreach. Their clerical and organizational skills keep the office running smoothly. They maintain paper and electronic filing systems, are trained in multiple computer software, and all office equipment/inventory. They create spreadsheets and reports, input patients and billing, facilitate grant opportunities, handle the bookkeeping and accounting with accuracy, and keep us in compliance with all laws and regulations. Our Admin team works with vendors, plans and coordinates meetings and all of our community events, they come with a wealth of information for clients as well as employees, and if they don't know the answer they always have a way of finding it. Performing beyond their role is quite common; being known as the go-to person at the office should be included in the formal job description.

At Madrone Hospice, our administrative team are absolutely invaluable. They are dedicated, knowledgeable about all aspects of our organization and we are so thankful for their work ethics and passion to get the job done right. We would cease to exist without them.

If you're an Administrative Assistant, be proud of the impact you make and those you help day in and day out. We encourage you, that if you work with an amazing Administrative Assistant, thank them today.

ADMIN squad

Meet our Admin Team-Left to Right:

- ◆ **Cheryl Fontanoza**-Hospice Shop Manager
- ◆ **Claudette Fansler**- Bookkeeping
- ◆ **Terry Woodward**- Hospice Shop Manager
- ◆ **Trudi Reyes**- Executive Administrative Assistant
- ◆ **Sara Kerr**- Madrone Senior Services Program Manager
- ◆ **Coreen Wilson**- Home-Delivered Meals/ Administrative Assistant
- ◆ **Adrienne Pere'**- Patient Care/Administrative Assistant
- ◆ **Diana Starling**- Human Resource Manager



Considering Hospice Care for yourself or a loved one?

When faced with a life-limiting illness, some people choose not to seek aggressive, curative treatments when, for them, the possible benefits do not outweigh the negative aspects of the treatments. In some cases, the progression of disease limits the options for any type of curative treatment. Hospice care can offer comfort and support when curative treatments are no longer pursued.

| What is hospice care?

Hospice care is not a treatment. It's not a place. It's a philosophy of care that supports the end-of-life goals of people with a life-limiting illness that no longer responds to curative treatments. Hospice care is provided by a team of medical professionals who specialize in managing symptoms, pain and discomfort. Along with teaching and providing physical care, the hospice team helps the terminally ill person and their family work through the emotional, social and spiritual aspects of the dying process.

| Who is eligible for hospice care?

Anyone is eligible for hospice care if their attending physician certifies that they have a life-limiting illness and the progression of it may limit life to six months or less.

| When should hospice be considered?

Under the close supervision of a physician, a person may consider hospice care when curative treatments are no longer being pursued. It may be that there are no longer curative treatments available for the illness or the person is exhausted by doctor, hospital and emergency room visits and prefers to focus on quality of life.

Hospice care can help terminally ill people and their caregivers navigate a difficult time and make the most of their final days.



We have recently partnered with Hospice 101. They are a great resource, providing education regarding hospice.

Scan the QR code using a smartphone or tablet to watch a short video about hospice care.



Death Cafe

at the Madrone Hospice House
255 Collier Circle, Yreka
Saturday, July 15th @ 1:00pm

Join us for light refreshments and open discussions on issues surrounding death, dying, living, and life. This is a safe space open to all. Registration is free.

Hosted by Neda Proficient Death Doula Kitty Keim

Please contact Kitty @ 310-488-9242



Memorial Donations

In recognition and appreciation of our donors and in honor of the ones they love-the following list represents donations received between March 1st-May 31st

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Meaningful ways to give

Your generous gift makes a difference in the care and lives of our patients and their families. Here are just a few ways you can make an impact:

- ◆ Make Memorial Donations or general monthly monetary gifts
- ◆ Buy a Memorial Leaf to place on our Madrone Tree Sculpture
- ◆ Place a Commemorative Plaque on the Memorial & Recognition Wall
- ◆ Donate your gently used items to The Hospice Shop
- ◆ Volunteer your time
- ◆ Attend and contribute to our annual community events.

When you give to Madrone Hospice, you're giving the gift of comfort, support and dignity. Thank you so much!



TAKE A PEEK!

at our New Website

**WE'VE GOT A NEW LOOK,
FULL OF FEATURES,
RESOURCES AND
INFORMATION**

WWW.MADRONEHOSPICE.ORG

Every year, our Administrative Assistant, Coreen creates a phone directory targeted for older adults in our area with services that would benefit them. The new 2023-2024 Senior Resource Directories are out! If you would like a copy, please contact the Senior Center at **530-841-2365**



The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club out-and-about group has been very active lately. We would like to remind the community of that. The Breakfast Club is not necessarily a “support group” but a group of once strangers who all had something in common. Loss. While they will never, ever forget their loved ones, they do not focus on the loss, but now realize it’s okay for them to continue on and live life to the fullest and now, they certainly do! They strive to enjoy every moment of it. They do this by meeting up and establishing friendships and adventuring together with group outings. If you would like to check them out, and get connected, they meet the **2nd** and **4th Friday** of the month at **11am** at **Casa Ramos in Yreka**. Please feel free to drop in or call Shari or Stan at 530-842-7279 or Doris at 530-340-0190.



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