

# MADRONE HOSPICE, INC.

Quality, Compassionate Care

*October-December 2023*

*November is National Hospice & Palliative Care Month*

# A Letter From the Executive Director

Hello and Happy Fall,

We hope this newsletter finds you settling into a cooler season. We have had a dynamic summer here at Madrone, what with launching our new website, enjoying a lovely 'Poker Night' event with our friends at Grenada Gardens, and otherwise connecting with our extended community here in Siskiyou County.

Fall brings preparations for our two biggest annual events: Light Up a Life and the Art Auction. Our Light Up a Life event will be on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Miner's Inn Convention Center and will promise to be a lovely,

contemplative evening for all of us to gather and offer up remembrance to those we've lost. Look for invitations in the mail soon, or visit our website to see additional details and to contribute to this event.

Though our Art Auction is still a ways off, we'd like to make sure area artists have this event on their radar. We will begin soliciting donations of art and handcrafted items in the coming months, and we are thrilled to see what our local artisans come up with. Our Art Auction is not only a fundraiser, but it is an opportunity for all of us to connect with the creativity that permeates this county, and for local artists to show what they've been working on.

We at Madrone Hospice are able to achieve our mission because of the support of our donors and volunteers. We are deeply grateful to those who have already given generously to our cause, and we invite those with a heart for hospice to reach out to us or visit our website to make a contribution and to connect. Thank you all, and we look forward to seeing you at our coming events!

*Chris Clothier*



# November is National Hospice & Palliative Care Month



*“Courageous Conversations”*

Every November, our Madrone Hospice community joins organizations across the nation to recognize and celebrate the dedicated professionals in our field and the very important work we do. Our team provides safe, high-quality, compassionate care with the emotional and spiritual support

that families need most when facing a serious illness or end-of-life. Our teams crafts individual plans of care that ensure pain management, therapies, and treatments all centered on the patients and their loved one’s goals and wishes.

This year’s NHPCO theme is to encourage people to have **“Courageous Conversations.”** In a culture that often teaches us to resist mortality, the seemingly simple act of having a conversation about dying can have a profound impact. What does death mean in my life? If I am faced with a terminal diagnosis, how would my values shape my end-of-life journey? How do I want my loved ones to engage with me toward the end of my life? It’s difficult to think about these questions, but having courageous conversations can mean the difference between dying a good death, and one that doesn’t allow us a say in our end-of-life journey.

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To help spark these conversations, our team at Madrone Hospice can help guide you and provide you with the necessary forms to start your Advance Care Planning. Life is full of important choices which include decisions concerning our personal healthcare. Making an Advance Directive and setting goals of care should be done mindfully and with the involvement of those closest to you. These conversations and healthcare planning will be a tremendous support to those you love and will give them confidence to act on your behalf. Families and loved ones feel comforted knowing that the care they are arranging with you will honor your wishes.

In addition to Hospice and Palliative Care Month, November is also Home Care Month. Together, these heroic caregivers play a central role in our health care system and in homes across the country. To recognize their efforts, we ask that our community join us in honoring these compassionate, tireless workers and providers who choose to use their lives to serve our country's aged, disabled and dying. This noble work deserves our recognition and praise everyday.

If you would like more information about hospice, palliative care, or advance care planning, please visit our website at [www.madronehospice.org](http://www.madronehospice.org) or you may contact us directly by calling 530-842-3160. You can also visit the National Hospice and Palliative Care's (NHPCO) information and resource website at [www.CaringInfo.org](http://www.CaringInfo.org).



*the ART of giving*

# CALL FOR ARTISTS

**Submit your work for selection  
in our 35th Annual Art Auction**

**DEADLINE FOR ART ENTRIES WILL BE MARCH 1ST**

Local artists working in all styles and media are welcome.  
100% of the proceeds will benefit the Hospice House  
unless otherwise requested. If you would like to  
participate, please contact Trudi at **530-842-3160**  
to receive your artist submission form.

**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**

*Save the Date*

**Madrone Hospice's 35th  
Annual Art Auction  
March 22nd, 2024**



Please join us for a free community event to remember, honor and celebrate those we've lost and love, who have brightened our lives.

# *Light Up a Life* 2023

**Friday, December 1st at 5:30pm**

**Best Western Miner's Inn Convention Center**

**122 E. Miner Street, Yreka**

**Inspirational messages, music, reading of names  
and special candle-lighting ceremony**

**Everyone is welcome. No cost to attend.**

**To have your loved one's name read during the ceremony, a donation of ANY amount is welcomed. Donors of \$50 or more will also receive a special keepsake in honor of their loved ones. All donations go to benefit our services at Madrone Hospice.**

*Celebrating Love & Light*

# Light Up a Life Donation Form

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Print name clearly and please note if pronunciation is different than it appears. Use a second sheet for additional memorials if needed)*

Please acknowledge my gift to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a gift in the amount of:

\$200  \$100  \$50  \$25  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card (please call)  Check (payable to Madrone Hospice, Inc)

I would like my loved ones name printed in the Light Up a Life window display

## Return Donation Information To:

Madrone Hospice, Inc.- 255 Collier Circle Yreka, CA 96097

**530-842-3160**

# Memorial Donations

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

**Carolyn Baumbach**

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**Ron Black**

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Nickie Meek

*In Loving Memory*



# Individual Donations

**Callahan Community Church**

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**Greater Douglas United Way Employee Match**

**Eric & Sandy Harms**

**Tonya Jester**

**Thomas Linville**

**Beverly Loper**

**Merck Foundation**

**ONEHOPE**

**Myna & David Wilson**



Express your love to those dear to you by adding them to Madrone's Tree of Life Sculpture

When you walk into the Hospice House you will find our stunning Tree of Life mounted on the wall branching out throughout the house. Each leaf is an enduring reminder of our connection to those we love. The unique sculpture is designed by our local artist Ralph Starritt, who has made many of Siskiyou County's famous landmarks.

Patient's families and friends can express their love with a lasting reminder by placing a commemorative leaf on our sculpture at specific levels of donations:

- ◆ Tin Leaf —\$200
- ◆ Copper Leaf —\$500
- ◆ Gold Leaf —\$1,000

We are so thankful for each donation that goes to support our Hospice House.

# Food is Her Love Language

**Food is so much more than a source of nutrients– it is a reminder of our childhood, special moments and it brings comfort when we’re feeling down. Food incorporates all five senses and is a powerful way of creating a connection and expressing love.**

Rikki Honeyball has been the Culinary Specialist for Madrone Hospice for over two years. In that time, she has transformed mealtimes for patients at the Madrone House. Her attention to detail and commitment to improving the day-to-day quality of life for our patients has created an intimate bond between her and our hospice patients and their families. Rikki makes special efforts to meet with patients and their families to create and prepare thoughtful, delicious meals tailored to each patient’s specific tastes, desires, and physical limitations. She does whatever she can to make each patient feel special and to make their mealtime an enjoyable experience. She takes into consideration the loss of appetite many hospice patients



experience and will go the extra mile to prepare their favorite foods or healthy delicious smoothies to encourage the continued enjoyment of eating.

Rikki provides a comforting presence for the families of patients as well. We have had families come back to tell us how much they appreciate the compassion she gave their loved ones, and how much of a difference she made during a difficult time.

In addition to cleaning, grocery shopping and preparing meals, Rikki volunteers to take care of the garden at hospice, where she manages the planting, watering, nurturing, and harvesting love-grown fresh food to serve our patients.

Rikki believes that expressing love through food is like “hugging everyone through their bellies.” Here at Madrone Hospice, we are fortunate and blessed to be the recipients of Rikki’s culinary hugs.



LET US BE  
grateful  
TO PEOPLE WHO  
make us happy.  
THEY ARE THE  
charming gardeners  
WHO MAKE OUR  
souls blossom.







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