



hospice highlights

Hospice of Amador and Calaveras is a non-profit agency serving primarily Amador and Calaveras Counties

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Chance on Love Valentine Raffle Results

Thanks to everyone who supported our 3rd Annual Valentine's Day Raffle, "Take a Chance on Love." This year's winners included Linda Poulos, Hospice Thrift Store volunteer...trip to Cabo, Linda Matulich...diamond pendant, Myra Lawrence...golf package, and Nancy Martinelli...trip to Monterey! This year, with your support, hospice raised over \$16,000 to help provide care to patients and families in Amador & Calaveras Counties. Thank you all for your kind and generous support.

Special thanks to our local sponsors Andrae's Bakery, Goldmine Jewelers and the following golf courses: Mace Meadows, La Contenta, Castle Oaks & Greenhorn Creek.



Left: Linda Matulich, diamond pendant winner and above: Sarah Murphy (left) Penny Miller (right) selling raffle tickets outside of Marval Grocery Store in Valley Springs on Super Bowl Sunday.

2011 Art Auction **MOVES** to Murphys Community Park

This year's 14th Annual Art in the Park fundraiser will be held on June 17th in Murphys Park as Hospice of Amador & Calaveras continues to reach out to our friends and families in Calaveras County. Since its inception over 28 years ago, our hospice has provided care to patients and families in both Amador and Calaveras Counties. "This year we wanted to bring this fabulous event to Calaveras County in an effort to really solidify our presence in Calaveras County and to do more community outreach there," said Dan Riordan, Hospice Executive Director. "It is so important that the folks in Calaveras come to realize that we are their hospice too and that just as in Amador County, we are here for them anytime they need us!"

We are hoping that by alternating this event location between Amador and Calaveras each year, we will send a strong message to our families and community partners in both Amador and Calaveras Counties. Recently retired Calaveras County Arts Council Executive Director, Penny West, is helping hospice coordinate this event in Calaveras. Local artists in Calaveras County are stepping up with early indications of strong support for this effort. Students at Brete Harte High School are participating by creating original visual images depicting what hospice care at the end of life means to them.

"Next year's Art on the Lawn event will return to Amador County and then we will alternate locations each year," said Riordan. "We hope that the

artist community and our strong community supporters in both Amador and Calaveras counties will continue to support this terrific event in both locations! This is perhaps the most important annual fundraiser we do at hospice as we continue to rely on community generosity to assure we can always provide quality care at the end of life, regardless of anyone's ability to pay for those services. Please contact Ann Metherd or Penny West to find out more about how you can help!



SAVE THE DATE
This year's auction is **June 17th!**

The New Faces of Hospice



Teresa Dominguez
Social Worker



Stephanie Armstrong
Home Health Aide



Penney Miller
Receptionist



Elizabeth Armstrong
Registered Nurse



Janlyn Rogers
Registered Nurse/On Call



Cindy Turner
Home Health Aide



Tammy Beilstein
Calaveras Griefbusters
Co-ordinator



Kimberly Kolafa
Nursing Supervisor

A LUCKY GUY!

Spring Message from Dan



Dan Riordan,
Executive Director

As I write this column, Hospice of Amador & Calaveras is providing care to over 50 patients and families in both Amador and Calaveras Counties. For those of you who do not track this type of information let me share with you the significance. The average daily census which represents the average number of patients being served by hospice each day has been running about 30 over the past four years. For the past four months that average has increased to over 40 patients and families. Our agency is providing quality, compassionate service to more and more patients and families than ever before. As an agency, we are experiencing tremendous growth and challenges to continually meet the demand for hospice service.

One year ago we employed approximately 30 local folks including full and part time, while today that number is quickly surpassing 40. We have recently added 500 square feet to our Jackson office and we are considering additional growth in order to meet the demand for quality hospice care. I am writing this article to publicly express my gratitude to each of you in our Amador and Calaveras communities who support the work we do each day by making referrals to hospice, shopping and donating at our two thrift stores, volunteering in any number of ways, and by making generous donations that help support the work we do. In addition, I want to publicly acknowledge and thank the entire hospice staff, all of whom show up every day with their commitment to patients and families and providing quality service!

I am a lucky guy. I get to work with the finest team ever, and I get to represent one of the most important non-profit agencies in both counties. I deeply appreciate the opportunity and thank each of you for your continued support.

Spring 2011 Calendar of Events Save the Dates

Saturday, April 9
Children's Fair
Calaveras County



Saturday, April 16
Celebrate our
Children
Amador County

April 15th & 29th

We'll host our

Annual
Volunteer
Appreciation
Dinners!



April 15th - Community
Church in Murphys for
Calaveras Volunteers.

April 29th - American
Legion, Sutter Hill for
Amador Volunteers.

May 15
Memorial Candlelight
Service

SAVE THE DATE

June 17

14th Annual Art
Auction

Murphys Community
Park, Murphys, CA



VAROOM!!!

1953 Ford F-100



Sporting a Mercedes silver coat, maroon interior, with a beefed up 309 CID V8 rebuilt Ford engine.

Now and then a donation comes to the Hospice Thrift Store that elicits a “Wow, how cool!” Such was the case in December when Hospice of Amador & Calaveras received the title and keys to a vintage, 1953 F100, custom pick-up truck. This particular truck took part in many local parades and cruised the roads of Amador County with former Amador County Sherriff Mike Prizmich at the wheel.

Valued at between \$15K and \$20K, the question arises: What is the best way to maximize this donation for hospice? Of course EBay and

Craigslist or even a local auction comes to mind, but there must be other ways to showcase this special truck and bring maximum value and visibility to hospice.

We need your help! If you have a great marketing idea about how to turn this awesome truck into cash and at the same time help increase public awareness of hospice please submit your thoughts by contacting Dave Carlton at Hospice of Amador & Calaveras Thrift Store 223-4762. Thanks for your support!

Introducing POLST



The goal of POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) is to improve the quality of care people receive at the end of life. It is based on the effective communication of patient wishes, documentation of medical orders on a

brightly colored form and a promise by health care professionals to honor these wishes. Pictured above is Caela White RN, Director of Patient Care Services with a POLST form in hand. Caela recently attended a 2-day Train-the-Trainer course on POLST. Caela is working with our community partners including physicians and hospitals to train and help transition to the use of POLST for chronically ill patients in our community.

For more information call hospice, your physician or visit <http://www.ohsu.edu/polst/news/index.htm>.

Hospice Receives Grant for Griefbusters

In early March, Hospice of Amador & Calaveras received a \$10,000 grant from the American River Bankshares, locally known as Bank of Amador. These monies will help us continue to train volunteers for the Griefbusters Program and provide school-aged children with the grief support they need.

“I really love the way American River Bankshares supports programs for women and children in our local communities. What a tremendous gift that will help us continue to provide this much needed program. We are very grateful,” said Riordan from hospice.





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Four ways you can Support hospice

- 1 Every time you receive our **newsletter** donate **\$25.00** to hospice. If everyone who received the newsletter did this it would generate **\$20K per year!**
- 2 Log on to www.hospiceofamador.org and click on the "How You Can Help" button. Donate whatever you can! It's safe, it's easy, it's tax deductible, and best of all it will enable your local hospice to continue providing quality end of life services to anyone who needs them.
- 3 **Volunteer** by calling Ann at 223-5500, there are many ways to volunteer. Call Dave at 223-4762 to volunteer at either thrift store.
- 4 **Donate** your lightly used articles of clothing and home furnishings to the Hospice Thrift Store (10776 Argonaut Lane, Jackson) and at 570 North Main, Angels Camp. Call for donation hours, 223-4762.

Need a speaker?

Remember if you or your group would like to hear more about hospice services, the thrift stores, volunteerism, Griefbusters or more, call Dan to set up a speaking engagement. We would be happy to join your group and share the hospice story!



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