



hospice highlights

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

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Take a Chance on LOVE!

Take a Chance on Love this Valentine's Day by participating in our 2nd annual Valentine's Day Raffle. **Last year's raffle raised over \$25,000** for hospice enabling us to continue providing quality end of life care. This year our goal is to raise over \$30,000 and our generous sponsors have once again come together to provide an extremely valuable array of fabulous prizes.

This year's prizes include...

1st prize a chance to win an **all expenses trip for 4 to Cabo for 5 days and 4 nights**. The lucky winners of this fabulous prize will be hosted by Alex Edwards, Captain of the **Angel and the Badman**, a 48-foot, semi-custom, flybridge, sportfishing yacht, and the defending first place overall champion of the 2007 Bisbee's Black & Blue Marlin tournament. You will spend 4 nights either on the yacht or in a nearby luxury resort enjoying all of the amenities. You will enjoy deep sea fishing and the relaxed pace of beautiful Cabo San Lucas. **This prize is valued at over \$10,000!**

2nd prize are very special platinum-mounted **diamond earrings** donated by the family of a hospice patient who was cared for during the past year. The earrings are a full carat in weight and are absolutely stunning! This very special prize is valued at **\$3,000**.

3rd prize this year is a **3-night stay for two** in a beautiful ocean-side condo on the Monterey Bay along with a \$100 gift certificate at a local restaurant. The total value of this prize is **\$1300**.

And **4th prize** is **12 rounds of golf** with carts at three of our local golf courses valued at approximately **\$750**.

DRAWING HELD ON FEB. 13TH.

15 TICKETS FOR \$100

1 TICKET ONLY \$10

1st \$10,000 Value*




Cabo San Lucas!!



2nd \$3,000 Value*



1CT total wt. diamond earrings platinum setting - GORGEOUS!

3rd \$1,300 Value*




4th \$750 Value*



See Page 3 for ticket information and locations or to purchase tickets with your credit card, please call: 223-5500. * VALUES APPROXIMATED

Winter 2010

Calendar of Events Save the Dates

February 13

Drawing for our take a Chance on Love Raffle

Drawing to be held at the Calaveras/Angels Camp Hospice Thrift Store.
570 N. Main St, at NOON
Need not be present to win!
See front page for details!

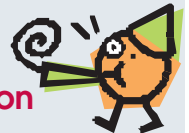
March 9-11

Family Support Volunteer Training.

Training to be held at the Calaveras Senior Center.
More details to follow.

Friday, April 23

We'll host our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



for our very special
volunteers.

Sunday, May 16

Hospice of Amador & Calaveras will hold the annual Memorial Candle Lighting Service.

Additional information will
be available as the date
draws closer.

Generous Donations to Hospice



Pictured above Mike Miller, President of local chapter, Lynne Standard-Nightengale, Thrift Store Manager, Dan Riordan Executive Director.

During the past 90 days Hospice of Amador & Calaveras received 2 very generous donations from local friends. One donation was received from a local foundation who wishes to remain anonymous. This foundation continued once again this year supporting the work of Hospice with a \$10,000 donation. In addition, the Native Sons of The Golden West Excelsior, Parlor 31 made a \$1,000 to Hospice based on their commitment to supporting the important work the Hospice is providing.

Dan Riordan says, "These donations are so much appreciated and so very important. As I think most people have heard by now, Medicare is continuing to cut back the reimbursement rates for Hospice services making it extremely difficult to continue providing quality end-of-life care. These generous donations, and the donations many others make each day, assure that our Hospice will remain able to provide our community with quality end-of-life care. Thank you so much!"



Tree of Lights 2009

This year, our Tree of Lights celebrations were attended by over 100 local families and friends who came together on chilly December evenings to celebrate the life of their loved ones. Held this year at both our Thrift Store in Martell and at the Senior Center in San Andreas, we met with new friends and with old. Attendees gathered to celebrate the memory of their loved ones



as each of us lit a candle in memory. The opportunity to stand together and hold in our hearts the memory of our loved ones was a special event for each of us individually and for all of us as a community.

Thank you to all who participated this year and who made generous donations to Hospice. Your participation is what made this night very special.



Calaveras Thrift Store Opening



Hospice Volunteers Really Are Angels

On the left is Dorothy Nicks and on the right is Gerri Windsor

By the time this newsletter reaches you we will likely be very close to the Grand Opening of our Calaveras Thrift Store in Angels Camp. Located at 570 North Main St, on the North side of Angels Camp, the new store is an exciting manifestation of our presence and commitment in Calaveras County. The Grand Opening is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 13th at noon. At that time the festivities will begin with the drawing for the second annual, "Take a Chance on Love" raffle. (see article "Take a Chance on Love" for more information). Call our office for more information on the grand opening @ (209) 223-5500.

"Over the past several years, we have been serving more and more patients and families in Calaveras County," says

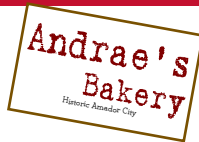
Dan Riordan, Hospice Executive Director. "Opening a Thrift Store in Calaveras County is one way we will be able to earn the additional funding required to continue providing end-of-life services to everyone who needs them, regardless of their ability to pay; and to really connect with the community by providing a high quality thrift store everyone will be able to take advantage of. We are thrilled to be making this move into Calaveras County!"

If you or someone you know is interested in helping us get this store up and running by providing volunteer service or if you would like to learn more about volunteering at our existing store in Martell, please contact Lynne Standard-Nightengale @ (209)223-4762.

From front page Chance on Love ticket information.

Purchase **10 tickets for \$100**
AND RECEIVE ABSOLUTELY FREE:

- An additional 5 tickets (that's 15 in all!)
- A delicious Valentine's Day Basque Cake from Andrae's Bakery.



Ticket Sales in Jackson:

Bank of Amador, Hwy. 49

Hospice Offices

1500 S. Hwy. 49

Gold Mine Jewelers,

37 Main St.

Hospice Thrift Store

10776 Argonaut Lane & Hwy. 49

In Sutter Creek:

FineEye Gallery, 71 Main St.

In Angels Camp:

Guaranty Bank, 479 S. Main St.

In Pine Grove:

ACES Waste Services

20124 Hwy 88

New Years Greetings from Dan Riordan, Executive Director:

This Thanksgiving my wife Lottie and I spent the day at my sister's home in San Francisco with other family members and friends. I wrote a Thanksgiving song to share and sang it as our grace at mealtime. A couple of weeks later it was time for the Tree of Lights Ceremony and so I re-wrote some of the lyrics and shared this song. I hope you enjoy it as a poem. Blessings to each of us this Holiday Season and sincere wishes for a healthy and happy new year!



GRACE THE SPECIAL GUEST

We are gathered on this day
Giving thanks and praise
For the lives that we all shared
In so many ways
Mothers, fathers, sisters and
Sons of peace and war
When in spirit where we stand
Strips us to the core
Heals our aching hearts with love
Guides us to our knees
As our spirits rise above
Purified and free

It's a gift this life this time
What we choose to do
There's no place I'd rather be
Than right here with you
Grateful for your loving hearts
Grateful for the chance
To discover what's our part
Of this life this dance
Gathered side by side we know
We are Oh so blessed
Safe and warm in loves pure glow



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Four ways you can **Support** hospice

- 1** Every time you receive a hospice **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 Lynne @ 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) & at 570 North Main, Angels Camp. Call for donation hours, 223-4762.

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