

“...and in the glowing gold of a setting sun, a rose of courage climbs.”

Dedication

This newsletter is dedicated to our hospice patients who died during these last months. Our thoughts and love continue to be shared with their families.

Caroline Archbold

Sylvia Dahl

Daniel Driscoll

Earlene Hesse

Beverly Johnson

Donald Knoben

Leland Larsen

Rosita Miller

Mary Moorse

Mary Nicholson

Morris Ohman

Allen Prouty

Lois Schrunk

Lawrence Sumerfelt

Irene Swedzinski

Carl Tengdin

Lawrence Wichmann

Marcella Wintheiser

William Wixon

Permission to share these names has been received from their families.

PRAIRIE HOME HOSPICE

Winter/Spring 2010

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Circle of Life

An Evening In Paris...

Charity Ball and Auction

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Marshall Golf Club

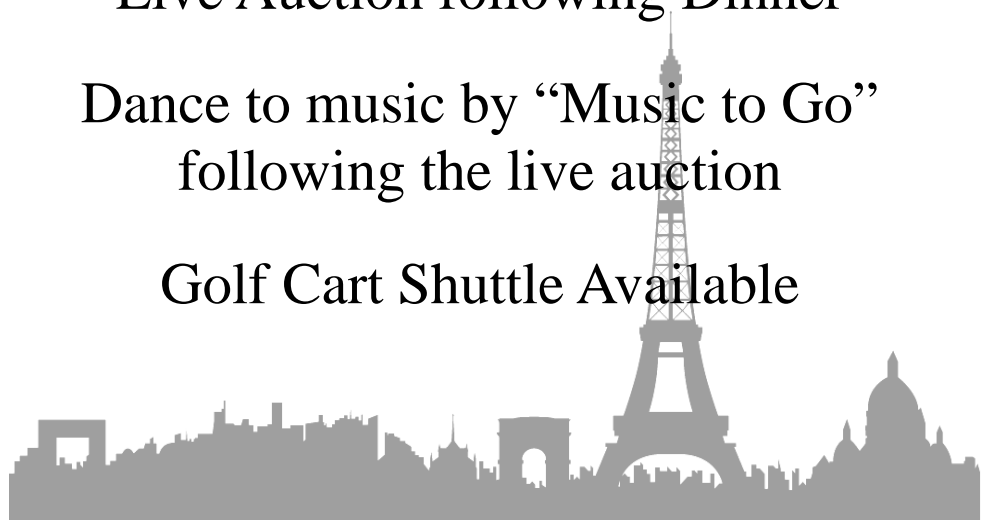
Social Hour/Silent Auction at 5:00 p.m.

Chef Served Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Live Auction following Dinner

Dance to music by “Music to Go”
following the live auction

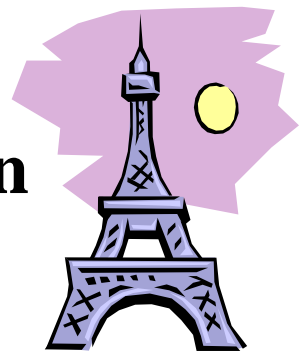
Golf Cart Shuttle Available



See page 2-3 for ticket information.

"An Evening in Paris"

Circle of Life Charity Ball and Auction April 17, 2010



Join us at The Marshall Golf Club on Saturday evening, April 17, where you will be dazzled by a beautiful French ambiance. This is our 24th Charity Ball and Auction to raise funds for Prairie Home Hospice. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Seating may be reserved during this time and then you can browse and bid on silent auction items. Test your pallet with various French cuisine and a Paris Style Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m. After dinner, get your hands up and ready to bid on many exciting items from our Live Auction. To conclude the evening, prepare to be energized by "Music To Go" with socializing and dancing.

There is a large variety of live and silent auction items ranging from \$10 to \$1500. Buy your ticket today so you don't miss out on this great opportunity to support Prairie Home Hospice.

Many new silent and live auction items!

Early Bird Tickets

Ticket and Reservation Information

Tickets are \$45 per person if you purchase through March 31st.
Beginning April 1st, ticket prices are \$55 per person.

Tickets may be purchased at County Fair and HyVee (checks only) or at the hospice office located at 1104 East College Drive, Suite A in Marshall (cash, checks or credit card). You may also call our office at 507-537-9247 to purchase tickets using your credit card and tickets will be mailed to you.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets are sold at the door. Please note: This fundraiser is open to everyone. No invitations are sent.

Call our office for more information 507-537-9247.

All Are Welcome!

**Limited Seating!
Buy your tickets
TODAY!**



Looking ahead...

Charity Ball Live Auction Items to Date...

- * Diamond Pendant
- * Wine Cabinet with Case of Wine
- * Wild Golf Package
- * YMCA Family Membership
- * Heartland Reserve and Gift Certificate
- * 2 quarters of beef
- * Gourmet Dinner for Eight
- * MN Wild Suite for 12 people
- * Mustang Memories Framed Print
- * Breakfast in Bed with Amazon Kindle
- * Jewelry Vanity
- * Why Knot Cruise
- * Mall of America Getaway
- * Weekend at Pelican Lake with groceries, fishing gear and cooler with beverages
- * Custom Made Purple Martin Bird House and installation
- * Old Log Theater and AmericInn
- * Perfect Teenage Party Package
- * Flowers Every Month for a Year
- * Wine Tasting and Gourmet Appetizers for up to 20 people
- * Massage every Month for a Year
- * Hospice Bell
- * Ready to eat cheesecakes from the Daily Grind

In addition to the Live Auction Items, we have a large selection of Silent Auction Items. There is a variety of gift certificates ranging from \$5 to \$200, many handcrafted items including woodwork, hand-knitted and embroidery items, framed prints, specialty foods, quilts, gift baskets and pottery. There is also a large selection of merchandise from retailers throughout Lyon County.

Some of the hot ticket silent auction items in the past include: bean bag and golf yard games, hand held Riccar vacuum cleaner, Polaris brushed denim racing jacket, John Deere bike, baby blankets and quilts, crystal pieces, Kransekake (Norwegian Wedding Cake) and so much more...

Don't miss out on this annual community event!



Garden Tour 2010

Mark you calendars! Wednesday, July 14th (rain date Thursday, July 15th) we will have our annual Garden Tour. We have commitments from six homeowners with beautiful gardens. Also, with last years successful flower pot contest, we plan on doing it again. Start planning those pots. For more details, feel free to contact the Prairie Home Hospice Office at 537-9247.

Happy Planting

Volunteer News

Hospice Orientation Volunteer Training

Mondays, March 15, 22 and 29
6:30-9:30 p.m.
St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
Marshall

This orientation is an opportunity to learn more about hospice in general and is a requirement to become a patient care volunteer for our program.

The following topics will be presented by members of our interdisciplinary team.

What is Hospice? A comprehensive look at hospice, how the team functions, and how the volunteer fits into the picture.

Communication skills Learning to listen with love.

Confidentiality

Profiles of a hospice family

Role of nurses and home health aides

Medical aspects of a terminal illness

Pain management, symptom control, signs of death and dying, emergency procedures, procedures for death in the home.

Spirituality

Understanding the spiritual needs of a hospice family.

Being a volunteer

Guidelines for volunteer activities and learning to give without hurting yourself.

Grief and bereavement

In some ways, love and grief are very much alike. They both have the power to change our lives.

There is no cost to attend. Please register by calling our office at 507-537-9247.

National Volunteer Week

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve.... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

...Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Volunteers will be honored
during the week of
April 18th.**

**Be watching the mail for more information on
this special event!**

It is my second year with Prairie Home Hospice as the Volunteer Coordinator. I am still continually amazed at the generosity of our volunteers.

There are over 200 volunteers with Prairie Home Hospice and we need every one of them. Whether it is serving as a board member, answering phones, filing, moving equipment, cooking at the Hospice House, helping with fundraisers or visiting a patient; every single person is truly a valued member of our team. If you are reading this as a volunteer, please realize how vital you are to our organization. The entire staff appreciates everything you do. If you are reading this and know someone that volunteers for Prairie Home Hospice, please make sure to thank them for their generosity and kindness.

Thanks for all you do!

Pam Hess, Volunteer Coordinator

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

...Winston Churchill

Memorial Service

Sunday, April 11th
2:00 p.m.

Campus Religious Center
Southwest Minnesota State University
Marshall

Everyone is invited to attend our annual Memorial Service. The "Celebration of Life" is to honor the patients who have died during the past year. This is an opportunity for families, our staff, and volunteers to come together once again to remember their loved ones. The service includes music, readings, and a special message. Refreshments will be served following the service.

"Five Wishes" End of Life Decisions

Copies of Five Wishes can be obtained free of charge by stopping by our office. Five Wishes is a document used to name the person you want to make health care decisions for you if you are not able to make them for yourself. This is also called a health care directive, formerly known as a living will. It also talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes.

PRAIRIE HOME HOSPICE IS SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY FUNDS

Gales Community Fund, Milroy Charity Fund,
Tracy United Fund, Stanley Township Charity Drive
Walnut Grove Combined Charities Drive

Additional Hospice Resources

Hospice Minnesota
www.hospicemn.org

National Hospice and Palliative
Care Organization
www.nhpco.org

Monthly Lunch Gatherings

Monthly luncheons are held at the Wooden Nickel in Marshall the first Wednesday of each month at noon.

These luncheons are an informal opportunity to share conversation with others who have experienced losing a loved one. There is no need to register, just come when you can.

Grief Support Group

Tuesdays, May 11th through June 15th
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Location to be determined

Facilitated by

Pamela Neet, Social Worker

This support group is open to anyone. (Need not have used hospice services). There is no cost to attend. For further information or to register, please contact Pamela Neet at 507-537-9247.

These opportunities made possible with
a United Way Venture Grant



Community Partner

**Do you need a speaker?
Are you part of a group
that invites presenters
to your meetings?**



**Prairie Home Hospice
offers free presentations on our
program and services, grief and
bereavement, pain management and
other topics. For more information
contact 537-9247.**

Special Thanks

25th Anniversary Thank You's

Sponsors

Almlie Funeral Home,

Hamilton-Birk

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Directors

We would also like to thank the volunteers and staff who shared Prairie Home Hospice stories from the past 25 years. This has helped all of us, share with you, what a wonderful history the organization has to celebrate.

Thank You to those who donated toward our 25th Anniversary Open House:

- * County Fair Bakery
- * The Daily Grind
- * Gomarshall.net
- * Hy-Vee Bakery
- * Marshall Adult Community Center
- * The Marshall Independent
- * Marshalltrader.com
- * MS Creations
- * Tracy Bakery
- * Walmart Bakery

Thank You to our Open House Entertainers:

- * Steve Meyer and Cheryl Jeska
- * Ellen Lenz
- * Kayla Daniels
- * "Popular Demand" Quartet

Thank you to all of you who participated in the 2009 Prairie Home Hospice "A Light to Remember Someone Special".

In the communities of Balaton, Cottonwood, Marshall, Minneota, and Tracy, there were over 1400 lights in honor of those special people in our lives.

Thank you to all those organizers and entertainers that put on programs in each community. It was a great way to celebrate the holiday season.

As many of you know, we started a new way of listing donations and memorials to Prairie Home Hospice in our newsletter this past Fall. We no longer send acknowledgements for donations unless required by law to do so. This decision was made due to the rising costs of postage and stationery. We will continue to notify families of memorial gifts if we are requested to do so by the donor. We will also provide receipts if requested. It is our plan to list all donors as well as names of persons being remembered with a memorial. We are currently working on a system to better track this information. Due to the timing of our upcoming events, we wanted to get the information out about our events. We will be publishing the list of donations and memorials in our next newsletter. Thank you so much for your understanding and patience. Thank you so much for your continued generous support.

Denise Brewers, Administrative Director

Celebrating Staff

National Volunteer Appreciation

Week, April 18-24

Corlys Knudson, Chaplain
Melissa Millican, Chaplain
Jill Rademacher, Chaplain
Dr. Gary Skrien, Medical Director

Social Workers Month, March

(Licensed Social Worker)

Barb Moore, LSW
Pamela Neet, LSW

Administrative Professionals Week

April 18-24

Pam Hess, Volunteer Coordinator
Mary Ann Schultz, Administrative Assistant

Nurses Week, May 6-12

(Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse)

Carol Allen, LPN
LuAnn Bahn, RN, Patient Care Coordinator
Susan Blair, LPN
Jeanie Caron, RN
Joan DeVries, RN
Esther Evens, LPN
Sandra Fales, LPN
Ruth Genertz, LPN
Diane Johnson, LPN
Shonda Lawrence, LPN, House Supervisor
Karyn Muenchow, LPN
Mary Nelson, LPN
Nancy Peterson, LPN
Betsy Schmidt, LPN
Casey Schmidt, RN
Marcia Schroeder, LPN
Mary Spoelstra, RN
Carolyn Vandendreissche, LPN
Barb Verly, RN
Brittney Volmer, LPN
Ruth Wiger, RN

Nursing Assistant Week, June 10-17

(Home Health Aide and Trained Medication Aide)

Susan Beens, HHA, TMA
Carol Carlson, HHA, TMA
Wendy DeMuth-Black, HHA
Janice Drietz, HHA, TMA
Lisa Haney, HHA
Dona Langsweirdt
Marlys Marczak, HHA
Robin McMath, HHA
Matt Peterson, HHA
Heather Pringle, HHA
Jean Rehkamp, HHA, TMA
Karen Ridlon, HHA
Dealyn Rose, HHA
Evelyn Schmidt, HHA
Michelle Sussner, HHA, TMA
Rosie VanMeveren, HHA, TMA
Patti Vierstraete, HHA

National Boss Day, October 15

Denise Brewers, Administrative Director

Wish List

OFFICE:

Office supplies (copy paper, toner, etc.)
Flat screen computer monitors

HOSPICE HOUSE:

Pillows
Bedspreads-any colors, twin size
Subscription to Marshall Independent
Small microwave
Waterproof pillow protective covers
White wash cloths
Small cd/clock radios
Gift cards for food or cleaning supplies
Cleaning supplies

Our Purpose.....

To provide dignified and compassionate end-of-life care.

Our Vision.....

To create a climate where:

- Individuals and families facing death and grief will experience the best care possible.
- Collaboration between patient, family, medical community, hospice staff and volunteers is essential.
- We are advocates and educators in end-of-life care and bereavement support.

Our Values.....

We value:

- The affirmation of life and acceptance of death as part of life's journey;
- Excellence from highly motivated, competent and empowered staff, volunteers and board members;
- Respect, honesty, integrity, confidentiality, trust and professionalism;
- Responsible stewardship of the gifts and resources with which we have been entrusted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- 3) No longer wish to be on our mailing list...

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email us at **info@prairiehomehospice.org**.

Thank you!



Happy Spring!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT PRAIRIE HOME HOSPICE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Gift Amount _____ **Please check one of the following options:**

_____ 1. DONATION: _____ General Operating Budget _____ Hospice House

_____ 2. MEMORIAL: _____ General Operating Budget _____ Hospice House

In Memory of _____

_____ 3. MEMBERSHIP*

_____ \$10 Basic Member _____ \$25 Sustaining Member _____ \$50 Patron

_____ \$100 Major Contributor _____ \$500 Benefactor

*Members may participate in the annual meeting and election of Board of Directors. If you have any questions about your membership status, please check the expiration date on your mailing label. Renewal statements are sent out as memberships expire. Any questions can be directed to our office at 507-537-9247. Our membership list will be printed in our summer newsletter.