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COO Message ~ 2012 Hospice Benefit Ball

A Message from the Chief Operating Officer - Kevi Berger

For the Hospice Care Foundation, 2011 was a year of growth and will be one to remember. Looking back on everything that has taken place during 2011, it is evident just how much HCF has grown in the past year.

Many transitions began when the Foundation added an additional staff member to its organization. HCF moved to its current offices at 127 East Main Street where it has plenty of room for staff and which includes a conference room for board and taskforce meetings. With the addition of Theresa as the Executive Assistant, more projects and programs were undertaken including new partnership events, public presentations, and the use of social media outlets for PR/Marketing endeavors (E-News, Facebook, Twitter & the HCF and Hospice Ball web sites).



HCF has partnered with organizations including the Missoula Osprey Baseball Club, Southgate Mall, Missoula Maulers and Herberger's to raise funds and promote the work of HCF. Projects included:

- Missoula Osprey Baseball Club: selling entry tickets and participating in the 50/50 raffle twice,
- Southgate Mall: working with the mall and local hospice providers to run the "Halloween 4 Hospice" event for the kids in the Missoula community,
- Herberger's Community Days: selling their coupon books along with participating in the silent auction
- Missoula Maulers will be hosting our "Awards on Ice" on March 3, 2012.

HCF implemented new programs such as the Community Education Campaign. A "Quick Guide" to hospice services was created and can be located on our web site. The taskforce also put together a semi-annual newsletter that was mailed out to the USPS mail database this week. HCF also implemented a "Round Table" discussion activity where anyone involved with hospice and/or palliative care is invited to join in the conversation about the Foundation and its programs/projects. The goal of the roundtable discussion is to gather volunteers, grantees, and community members to collect their thoughts, ideas and suggestions about HCF's programs, projects and events.

HCF implemented a jewelry line called "Hearts 4 Hospice" which is available at its offices and also at various local businesses. Each of the bracelets is hand-made with glass beads, sterling silver accents and 2 signature charms. The goal of this project was twofold: to increase the public awareness of the Foundation and its activities and also to raise funds for the granting and education programs.

Using 100% of the net proceeds from the 2011 Hospice Ball, the Board of Directors set a budget for re-instatement of a program that was greatly needed. One of the greatest achievements of the organization may be its new and improved granting programs. After a hiatus of nearly six years, the Foundation responded to requests from the hospice & palliative care providers and created three programs to provide funding to organizations – in the way they needed it. The granting programs were approved early in the year and HCF has already given out nearly \$10,000. On December 19, 2011, HCF will again be giving out approximately the same amount. Grant awards are made quarterly.

Last but not least, HCF realized that to achieve the goal of hospice facilities for those patients who may require such a service, we would need more help. HCF has not abandoned the long term goal of a facility. It has established a Residential House Option Taskforce and we are actively seeking an operational partner to complete this project. Once an operational partner is identified, HCF will be able to utilize its restricted funding held in its investment account to move forward on this project.

2012 and Beyond.....

The Hospice Care Foundation has many exciting plans for the coming year. In addition to continuing with community education activities and public presentations, HCF will also be submitting more grants to raise additional fund for its ongoing programs by submitting grants to organizations to request fiscal support for its programs and projects. Some special events include:

1. February 24, 2012 ~ Hospice Benefit Ball
2. March 3, 2012 ~ Awards on Ice ~ New Partnership Event with the Missoula Maulers
3. March 22, 2012 ~ HCF Recognition Event ~ Grant awards and Hospice Ball Taskforce Appreciation Dinner
4. June 2012 ~ Printed newsletter to 2800 community residents & Quarterly Roundtable Discussion event
5. June & July 2012 ~ Osprey Partnership Events ~ Dates to be Determined
6. June 2012 ~ Quarterly Grants to be made to hospice & palliative care organizations
7. August 2012 ~ NEW annual event will be implemented ~ More information to be released after 1.31.12
8. September 2012 ~ Quarterly Grant Awards & Quarterly Roundtable Discussion event
9. October 2012 ~ Halloween for Hospice Event w/Southgate Mall (tentatively scheduled)
10. November 2012 ~ Herberger's Community Days
11. December 2012 ~ Quarterly Grant Awards & Quarterly Roundtable discussion

2012 Hospice Benefit Ball

THEME: Montana Meets Hollywood: Think of wrangler jeans w/tux or suit jackets for the gents and elegant ball gowns with lots of bling for the ladies!

COLORS: Teal, Chocolate Brown & Champagne

WHEN: Friday ~ February 24, 2012

TIME: Pre-Party (for VIP table purchasers) from 6:00 till 8:00p.m. in the Riverbend @ Holiday Inn and Hospice Ball from 7:00 p.m. till Midnight

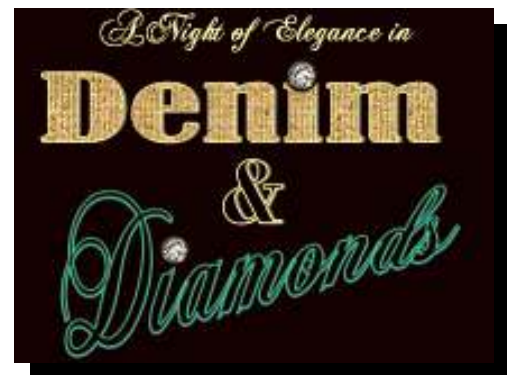
WHERE: Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown at 200 South Pattee Street | Missoula, MT 59802

Room Rates of \$69 plus tax available - Call Holiday Inn to reserve

MUSIC BY: Hellgate High School Jazz Ensemble, Stomping Ground and The Tom Cats

CHILD CARE OPTON: Lifestyles is offering child care of \$4.00 an hour, call (406) 541-3118 to learn more & reserve your space. Number of children is limited, so please call soon.

To learn more about the ball, ticket/table prices, etc. visit www.hospiceball.com or call (406) 541-2255.



Tables can be reserved NOW.
Tickets & tables can be purchased online after January 1, 2012.

Evening Includes:

Opening Ceremony with a dance performance by Winnie & the Diamonds
Evening MC'd by Aaron Traylor
Heavy Appetizers & 4 Cash Bars
Live Auction, Silent Auction & Raffle
Photo Booth
Diggin' for Diamonds ~ mini event
Brandi's Boutique ~ mini event
Complimentary Coat Room
(Enter to Win) Door Prizes
Pre-Party for VIP Guests
Music & Dancing