

Spring 2020

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2020 VHHP Annual Membership Campaign

The Annual Membership Campaign is one of two main fundraisers of the year for Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners. In 2019 the campaign raised over \$2600 in memberships and memorial donations.

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak our Membership Campaign is going to look different this year. We will not be hosting our Membership Campaign Kick-off Fundraiser Event. Instead VHHP Board Members are challenging current members to invite others to join them as a VHHP member. We cannot stress how important your membership is, not only to VHHP, but especially important to those within our communities we are able to help in support through your generosity. So, we invite you to renew your membership and participate in our Membership Campaign Challenge.

VHHP hosts two major fundraisers – one that coincides with our membership campaign in the Spring and the Lights of Love events held in December. The fundraisers are a main way we are able to help patients in our communities. Due to the restrictions in place currently due to the COVID-19 virus, we are uncertain of our in-person fundraisers in the near future. We are working creatively to offer fundraisers at this time.

Remember with your memberships you are entitled to a copy of our annual spring and fall newsletters, an invitation to our Annual meeting held in June, and a copy of our Annual Report. Remember all membership contributions are tax deductible.

Your contribution will be used to fulfill VHHP's goals of assisting hospice and hospice eligible patients and their families with expenses that are not covered by insurance such as: massages, comfort care needs, last wishes, and family assistance (gas cards, groceries, etc.).

Your contribution also provides scholarships at graduation for two graduating high school seniors from the Cook, Nett Lake, Orr, and Tower enrollment area, as well as a current college student.

Membership forms are included in the newsletter as well as extras for you to participate in the Membership Campaign Challenge.

Once again, VHHP thanks you for your dedication and support not only of this organization, but also of hospice care as a whole.

Becca Bundy, VHHP Program Director
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A Letter from VHHP Chairperson Ivette Reing

To our incredible VHHP community,

At this time when the news is dominated by Coronavirus, I wanted to reach out and let you know that the health and safety of our members, families, volunteers, and supporters are the top priority of our organization. As so many of us are directly impacted by cancer, we know that the families and communities we support are especially vulnerable during this time. We have come to make difficult decisions to transition our meetings to online emails only. We have also placed a temporary hold on all fundraising events. We will monitor the situation closely and keep you updated if any changes are made.

While we are extremely disappointed to miss our meetings and hold our fundraiser events, we know that this is the most responsible decision for our board members, supporters, and for the health and safety of our greater community.

The COVID-19 pandemic is more than just a health crisis. It has had a ripple effect, impacting all of us and our work. As the world responds to this new threat, many nonprofits like us are struggling with how to help our communities while also trying to endure financial stability. I pray and hope that we can continue to rely on your support now more than ever. If you would like to donate in lieu of our events being canceled please do so. Visit our website www.vhhp.org for online donating options.

Our position is to continue to grant families and this community the assistance they need. We will support them as long as we have financial backing. Thank you all so much for your support and dedication to VHHP during this time. Your efforts will make a difference for families impacted by cancer, and now is as important of a time as ever.

Sincerely,

Ivette Reing

If you or a loved one needs hospice care contact one of the following:

Essentia East Range Hospice
218-749-7975
877-851-2213
901 9th Street North
Suite #215
Virginia, MN 55792

Fairview Range Home Care and Hospice
218-262-6982 877-272-6982
Mesabi Mall, Hibbing
1101 East 37 Street
Suite 27
Hibbing, MN 55746

Membership Campaign Challenge

With the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings VHHP is unable to carry out their annual Membership Campaign Fundraiser Event this spring. The Board has decided to challenge current members during our Membership Campaign drive. We challenge all renewing members to sign up 1 or more new members! Talk with friends, family or neighbors, of course at a distance, whom have experienced benefits of hospice care. Share with friends and family your experience with them. Invite them to visit us online at www.vhhp.org for more information on who we are and what we strive to do. Memberships can be completed online with online donation options as well. Extra membership slips are included in this newsletter.

2019 Annual Lights of Love Celebration

VHHP's annual Lights of Love Celebration and fundraiser was a success thanks to the generosity of this year's donors. We raised over \$6200 this year!

On December 6th, 7th, and 8th, the three communities of Cook, Orr and Tower hosted tree lighting ceremonies again this year. All were well attended with singing, local clergy providing a hopeful message and coffee fellowship.

Thistledew Correctional Program provided all the trees for Cook and made the ice candles. Thank you to Terry Howard for donating the tree in Orr.

Special thanks to the following from the three communities that helped make these events a success: Cook – VHHP board & the Cook Library, Orr – Wendy Purdy & Emily Koch, Tower – Linda Haugen, Community Christmas Choir & Joy Bell Ringers. Thank you to the North Woods Choir and director, Ms. Roettger for singing at the Cook & Orr events. Thank you to all who donated, attended and supported VHHP during the 2019 Lights of Love Campaign.



In Loving Memory:
May – December
2019

Janet Hill
Dale Lundblad
Ruth Ann McClain
John Musech

Annual Meeting:

June 1st at 6 pm.
Location to be
determined soon.
Contact any Board
Member for more
info.

Save the Date

2020 Lights of Love
Events

Cook:
December 4th

Orr:
December 5th

Tower:
December 6th



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Members are entitled to a copy of our annual Spring and Fall Newsletters, an invitation to our Annual Meeting held in June and a copy of our Annual Report. All membership contributions are tax deductible. Please indicate the membership option of your choice by selecting the appropriate box below.

- Individual** \$20 **Memorial \$100** In Memory Of _____
 Family \$40 **Sustaining \$500** or more
 Other \$_____

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

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Use these extra forms for the Membership Campaign Challenge

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Saying Goodbye...

Over the last year the VHHP board has had some turnover. It is good to remember that change is the opportunity to grow! We would like to thank the following that have been a HUGE part of VHHP over the years. Their dedication and passion to hospice played a key role in the success of VHHP.

Marge Hyppa Karen McDermott

Joan Jordan Wendy Appleby

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations are a wonderful way to memorialize your loved one. They can be sent to VHHP year around. Memorial donations can be sent upon the death of a loved one, anniversary of the death of a hospice patient, birthday of a hospice patient etc. These donations allow for patients to receive special care above and beyond what medical insurance will cover.

Any donation received in the amount of \$100 or more will have the name of the person placed on our engraved Memorial Board located at the Cook Hospital. Please check our website for other options and ways to donate including PayPal, Lights of Love, and Spring Membership Campaign.

VHHP Financial Support

VHHP is here for individuals who are hospice eligible or currently enrolled in a hospice program. Patient Support requests can come directly from the patient or family member or a medical provider (i.e. hospice nurse, social worker or doctor). VHHP can assist patients with expenses that are not covered by insurance such as: massages, comfort care needs, last wishes, and family assistance (gas cards, groceries, etc.). Patient support forms can be found on our website. You can also call or email to request a form be sent to you.

Complete a Patient support form and submit to VHHP's Program Director via mail or email: PO Box 244, Cook, MN 55723 or vhhpdirector@gmail.com

Online Donations

VHHP relies on your generous donations throughout the year to carry out the goal of assisting hospice eligible and hospice patients with expenses not covered by insurance. VHHP has offered online giving through PayPal on our website. To donate or renew your membership visit us at www.vhhp.org.

We thank you for your support!

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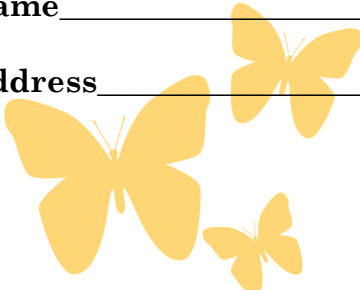
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