

# Dove Prints



## Fall 2015

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## Forever Grateful

### DONOR SPOTLIGHT: LAURA BRISCO

At Providence Hospice of Texas, there is no such thing as an "ordinary donor." In fact, our donors are all quite *extraordinary*. Each one has a special story; a unique reason why they feel compelled to give back.

Laura Brisco is one of our *extraordinary* donors. She has become an invaluable member of our organization because of her commitment to support Providence Hospice in any way she can. Not only does she give financially, but she also visits often, and we are honored to call her family.

When asked about her involvement, Laura's reason for giving is simple: GRATITUDE.

"Out of deep gratitude for the amazing services Providence Hospice provides, I have made it my personal mission to continually give back. For me, it's not just about giving an annual or monthly gift. I encourage everyone to give in lieu of flowers for any occasion. In fact, it has become my new favorite way to honor my parents on their birthdays, anniversaries and all the holidays we enjoy celebrating as a family," she explains.



Laura's mother, Helen, was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2011. After battling through chemotherapy, she began receiving hospice care in 2012, and passed away in October of that year. Sadly, it wasn't long after Helen's death, that her husband and Laura's father, Randall, needed hospice care for Parkinson's disease, until his death in 2014.

According to Laura, during their time in hospice care, Helen and Randall truly loved the people of Providence Hospice and looked forward to their visits. In fact, her entire family is deeply appreciative for the FULL support they all received in Helen and Randall's care and passing, from the excellent medical treatment to thorough counseling services, and even help making the funeral arrangements. Laura emphasizes, "Any time I called for help, I was met with incredible care and compassion. I was NEVER turned away and was ALWAYS left feeling complete assurance that everything would be taken care of, and it was."

When Laura reflects back on her family's experience with hospice, she can't help but express her absolute love for her parents. She beams with pride as she describes Helen and Randall as the most wonderful parents in the world to her and her five siblings: "We didn't have much money, but we were the richest people in the world. It is because of them that I can give back today. And were it not for Providence Hospice, we couldn't have given our beloved parents over to Heaven with as much peace of mind. For that, I am a changed person. I will be forever grateful and create impactful experiences for our patients."

**Providence Hospice - February 10th, March 9th**  
**Community Hospice - February 18th, March 17th**

Reserve your space by calling 817.870.2795

*Connect Tours are opportunities for guests to take a tour, see what we do and get involved. They are not fundraisers and last one hour.*

FROM THE CEO

## Making an Impact for Our Youngest Patients



In 2016, Community Hospice of Texas and Providence Hospice will celebrate 20 years of providing compassionate care to our patients and families. In those 20 years of service, we have provided loving care to over 3,920 adult patients. But what many do not realize, Community Hospice of Texas and Providence Hospice have proudly served 1,100 pediatric patients and their families. Our loving and caring nurses, physicians, pastoral services, psychosocial teams, child-life specialists and aides have lovingly helped patients from pre-birth to young adulthood as they navigate a life impacting illness.

Our Little Doves Pediatric Palliative Care program is made up of a specialized team of hospice trained professionals that provide the care, support and love to our youngest patients. The goal for our pediatric patients is to receive care in the comfort of their home where they are surrounded by family, pets, and other things familiar to them. We do know, however, that sometimes a short inpatient stay may be needed.

Our inpatient Hospice Houses, one located in Downtown Fort Worth and the other in Burleson on the THR Huguley Hospital campus will now have a room especially designed for our Little Doves Palliative Care patients. The room at each location will be designed with children in mind – from

the child friendly furniture to the decorations in the room. Our Little Doves will find comfort in both the care they receive and the friendliness of their surroundings. I am very proud of our organization and the pediatric palliative care team for their dedication in recognizing the importance of surroundings to our youngest patients and bringing this important project to an expected Winter 2015 completion.

With gratitude for your support,

—Andrea

## How Do I Volunteer?

We are always in need of more volunteers. Whether you have an hour/day each week/month you can give or a special skill you can provide, you are more than welcome to join us. For more information, contact:

Cleburne: 817-558-8302

Dallas: 214-920-8450

Fort Worth: 817-870-2795

Mexia: 254-472-0779

Waco: 254-399-9099

Whitney: 254-694-6009

## VOLUNTEER STORY

# Something Special

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: JEWELL SMITH



Community Hospice of Texas serves thousands of patients across North Texas, and our volunteers log nearly 20,000 hours each year. Their dedication enables us to continually offer full support to everyone entrusted with our care.

Although we can put a measure to the amount of hours they provide, we cannot adequately measure the impact that our volunteers have on our patients and their families.

Nobody knows that better than our families at Hospice House

Downtown Fort Worth. That is where Jewell Smith, our spotlight volunteer, helps in every way she can.

Jewell first came to know Community Hospice in 2012 when her dear husband of nearly 40 years, Glenn, needed hospice care until his passing in February of 2013. Jewell is quick to recognize the wonderful people that impacted their lives: "Everyone was so good to us," Jewell explains, "Community Hospice was a God sent blessing to Glenn and me. They were the answer to the prayer that we didn't even know we needed at the time."

When the opportunity came to volunteer at Community Hospice, Jewell knew that it was the right thing for her to do. Now, she spends time at Hospice House, helping nurses and staff. Whether it's cleaning, organizing supplies or making coffee, Jewell enjoys lending a helping hand. But, her favorite thing to do is talk to the families of patients who are visiting. According to Jewell, it can be as easy as standing at the coffee bar and offering a "hello" or a simple smile to those that pass through. It is her goal to spread comfort and joy to as many people as she can.

Jewell is incredibly humble about the work that she does, but her impact is certainly felt by those around her. In fact, she recalls one time when she was able to use her own past experience to help comfort a guest who was very upset. By being brave and compassionate enough to reach out and connect to someone in pain, Jewell made a memorable impact.

Jewell's heartfelt dedication to provide support to others, who are sometimes even strangers, helps create the 'something special' about our services that Community Hospice patients and families experience. Her desire to help with even the mundane of chores is admirable. For all of these things, we appreciate Jewell more than she will ever know. On behalf of all of our families, we extend a BIG thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers to support our patients and their families.

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### Providence Hospice

#### Bronze Sponsor

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Thank you to the Southlake Women's Club for your support! We were beneficiaries of their 2015 *Art in the Square*. Save the Date for Art in the Square April 22-24, 2016



We are very grateful to Trophy Club Women's Club for their grant to help pediatric patients and their families.

# Wish LIST

## Providence Hospice/Community Hospice of Texas

- Small games such as checkers, dominos and card games
- Baby monitors
- Birthday cards for patients
- Toys and books
- New dark bath towels
- New twin sheet sets
- Bereavement and grief books for children (please call for a list)
- Items for volunteer appreciation gifts (movie tickets, items for gift baskets)
- Body and Care items for patients (scented lotions, creams, body wash, aftershave, etc.)
- Handheld shower head for patients in their homes
- Memory Bear supplies (stuffing, pillow forms and ribbon Paper goods for our families to use at our hospice houses)
- Gift bags to deliver Memory Bears
- Gift cards (Walmart, Sam's, etc.)

## Group Opportunities

Your group can have a drive to help our Hospice Houses with:

- Snack delivery at our Hospice Houses
- Kids activity bags (can be put together by your faith or community group at home and delivered)
- Welcome baskets (new items only please) for Pediatric patients

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED**

Contact Karen Derrick at 817.878.3709 or [kderrick@chot.org](mailto:kderrick@chot.org)  
[www.chot.org/donate](http://www.chot.org/donate) or [www.providencehospice.org/donate](http://www.providencehospice.org/donate)

# Save the Date

## Rex King Memorial Cup

Timber Creek High School's soccer teams are hosting their 5th annual Rex King Memorial Cup on January 7- 10, 2016.

Thank you to 2015 Teams:

### Varsity Girls

Fossil Ridge  
Mansfield Legacy  
Alamo Heights  
San Angelo Central  
Timber Creek  
Martin  
Red Oak  
Weatherford

### Varsity Boys

Fossil Ridge  
Midland  
Arlington  
Byron Nelson  
Timber Creek  
Tyler Lee  
Lamar  
Carter-Riverside

### JV Girls

Timber Creek 1  
Fossil Ridge 2  
Red Oak  
Alamo Heights  
Trinity  
Fossil Ridge 1  
Byron Nelson  
Timber Creek 2

### JV Boys

Timber Creek 1  
Carter-Riverside  
Fossil Ridge 2  
Byron Nelson 2  
Timber Creek 2  
Aledo  
Fossil Ridge 1  
Byron Nelson 1



# Hospice Happenings

BECAUSE OF SPECIAL SNACKS AND GOODY DONATIONS...



Zach from Emerald Hills Funeral Home and Memorial Park donated snacks to our Hospice House at Huguley.



Our friends at Eastland Church of Christ delivered goody bags to our patients and their families – both at home and at our Hospice House Downtown.



Holy Family Catholic Church provided snacks for our families at Hospice House Downtown Fort Worth. Thank you to Beth Hoffacker and Tracie Cox that helped coordinate the Holy Family Groups this past year!

AND SPECIAL EVENTS...



Mexia volunteers orchestrated a hugely successful Fan Drive which provided 29 fans for the elderly. The Senior Centers distributed the fans to homebound individuals they encountered during their Meals on Wheels routes, who were either without air conditioning or otherwise in need of help cooling their home. Fans were also given to Providence Hospice patients who needed them. Keep an eye out for a Heater Drive later this fall!



As part of a special Bereavement Activity, family and community members learned how to crochet Granny Squares. The group met a second time on Wednesday, September 16 to put them together, creating extraordinary lap blankets.

AND SPECIAL PEOPLE ...



Waco volunteer Mary Lou Lehde, received the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's Volunteer of the Year 1st runner-up award! She was presented a certificate and Medallion by Bill Flores, State Representative. A volunteer since 2011, Mary Lou donated more than 500 hours of her time to hospice last year!



The Texas Rangers generously donated the game-day use of a premier suite to one of our pediatric patients and his family and friends. He was escorted to the game by Allen Hyserman, Pediatric RN Case Manager and Tracy Woodruff, Volunteer Coordinator.



Waco's annual Volunteer Appreciation Event was hosted at the Dr. Pepper Museum, where volunteers were able to create their own sodas to remember the outing.



Our Crochet Volunteer Group in Whitney meets regularly at White Bluff Chapel and Whitney Public Library to sew special lap robes for our patients.

... OUR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE RECEIVING TREMENDOUS COMFORT AND CARE THIS FALL. THANK YOU!



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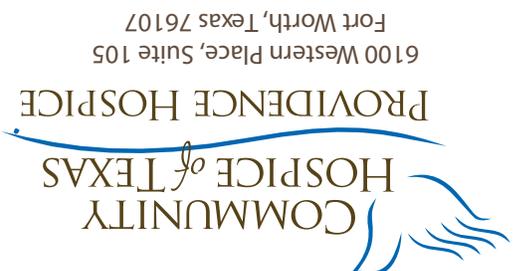
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