

# Dove Prints



## Fall 2016

Community Hospice of Texas and Providence Hospice are dedicated to providing compassionate expert medical care and end-of-life services to families in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Waco and surrounding communities.

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## Volunteer Spotlight

### MEET SALLY GENTSCH

Volunteers are the extra heart and hands of an organization, providing energy, talent and support that is not easily quantifiable. Our volunteers may visit with patients, make 'tuck-in' calls or help make memory bears, crafting loved-ones clothing into custom keepsakes.



Community Hospice of Texas and Providence Hospice provide comprehensive training and support to prepare volunteers to meet the special needs of patients facing a life-limiting illness and their families.

Our volunteer spotlight is Mrs. Sally Gentsch, who completed her first volunteer training with Providence Hospice in 1996 – that is correct, 20 years strong! Sally found Providence through her local paper when she came upon an advertisement asking for volunteers. She knew immediately that she wanted to utilize her certification in gerontology to make patients comfortable.

Sally knew the importance of a friendly-face when a loved one was considering hospice. She took care of her father for three months at home and later, her mother for six months. These experiences shaped Sally's appreciation for the philosophy of hospice and her belief that every patient deserves quality of life and can contribute something meaningful.

Sally loves contact with patients which was her motivation to lead the charge for a program to collect excess flowers from local florists in Waco to make into beautiful arrangements for patients. For over seven years, Sally brought a little color and cheer to patients in the community. The economy took a toll on the donations, but that does not stop Sally. She stops by Hobby Lobby every few weeks, right as the Holiday décor comes out to purchase wreaths that she then decorates and delivers during holidays, hanging on a door or dresser, these tokens brighten the space.

When asked what comes to mind when she thinks of Providence Hospice, Sally says "I love the fact that no one is ever turned away, no matter their financial situation." Sally resides in Waco with her husband, Rev. Frank M. Gentsch, Jr. They have two sons, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren who lovingly refer to her as Great-Ma.

*Thank you, Sally, for your giving spirit and dedication over the past twenty years!*

# Special Thanks to

## Life's Hope Luncheon Sponsors

Each year, Community Hospice of Texas and Providence Hospice provide more than \$1 million in non-reimbursed services to fulfill our mission to provide care to those in need without concern about payment. Our annual luncheon proceeds support programs and services, making them available to everyone in our service area.

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FROM THE CEO

## Introducing Our New Grief Care Services

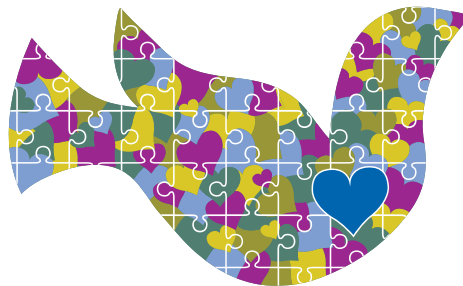
Faithful supporters,

As 2016 comes to a close, we reflect on the past 20 years that our organization has provided care to patients and families in the communities we serve. What an incredible accomplishment the past 20 years have been and I am very proud of our caring team of healthcare providers that bring their very best every day. Now that the days are getting cooler and the colors of fall are beginning to peek through, we know that the holiday season is upon us. The Holidays can be a very difficult time for those who have lost a loved one. Community Hospice of Texas and Providence Hospice are proud to offer grief care services to provide support, empathy and hope. Programs like these are made possible by your generous gifts. Services for families include counseling, support groups and help just a phone call away. As a not-for-profit, our focus remains on providing the very best healthcare at end of life to our patients, their families and the community, without regard to their ability to pay.



Thank you for choosing to be a part of our story. Together, we can do more.

Thanks to you, every life matters.  
Andrea Green, RN, Chief Executive Officer



## GRIEF CARE SERVICES

*Healing Grieving Hearts*

Grief is a normal process and unique to each individual. Grief can cause stress, depression and deep sadness. Community Hospice of Texas and Providence Hospice understand and can offer much needed support, empathy, and hope.

Grief Care Services is a specially designed program that provides support for all members of your family throughout the hospice care admission and for at least twelve months after the death of a loved one.

Support can come in many forms; from a phone conversation, group meeting or individual counseling. Our Grief Care team is available to offer a shoulder to cry on, a hand to hold or resource assistance in next steps. Community Hospice of Texas and Providence Hospice are here to help.

### GRIEF CARE SERVICES PHONE LINE

**1-800-958-5014**

8 am – 5 pm with messages returned next business day

Email: [Griefcare@chot.org](mailto:Griefcare@chot.org)

## Join us for a **CONNECT**

Learn about our mission of providing compassionate end of life care.

You'll hear a Hospice family story and how hospice has had a positive and lasting impact on their family. Tour our state-of-the-art facility.

*We promise two things: It will last less than one hour and we will not ask you for a donation. It is to inform and inspire!*

**2017 Community Hospice of Texas Connect Tours** - January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20

**2017 Providence Hospice Connect Tours** - February 8, March 8, April 12

Please call Bertha Orona at 817.989.3254 or borona@chot.org for more information.

## Save the Date

### Annual Rex King Memorial Soccer Tournament Benefiting Community Hospice of Texas

Timber Creek's Rex King Memorial Soccer Tournament has raised more than \$35,000 for Community Hospice of Texas

January 5 – 6, 2017

Timber Creek High School

350 Keller Parkway, Keller, Texas 76248

## THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS



### WE HONOR VETERANS

Community Hospice of Texas and Providence Hospice are proud partners of **We Honor Veterans**, a pioneering campaign of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve the care veterans receive from hospice and palliative care providers.

Hospice services are fully covered through the Veterans Affairs benefits, Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance.

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# *In Memory of TCU Baseball's Youngest Teammate, Superhero Micah Ahern*

His life and his legacy define him. The youngest player on the TCU baseball team and TCU's biggest fan — he even had an honorary scholarship — served as inspiration to players, fans and anyone who met him. He loved spending time with his coach and his teammates. At just sixteen months old, Micah was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. You may assume his world would center around cancer, but you would be wrong about Micah. His world was centered around people. He loved people. Micah was a true superhero in every sense of the word. His motto in life was 'Never ever give up.' And even until his last breath, he never did.



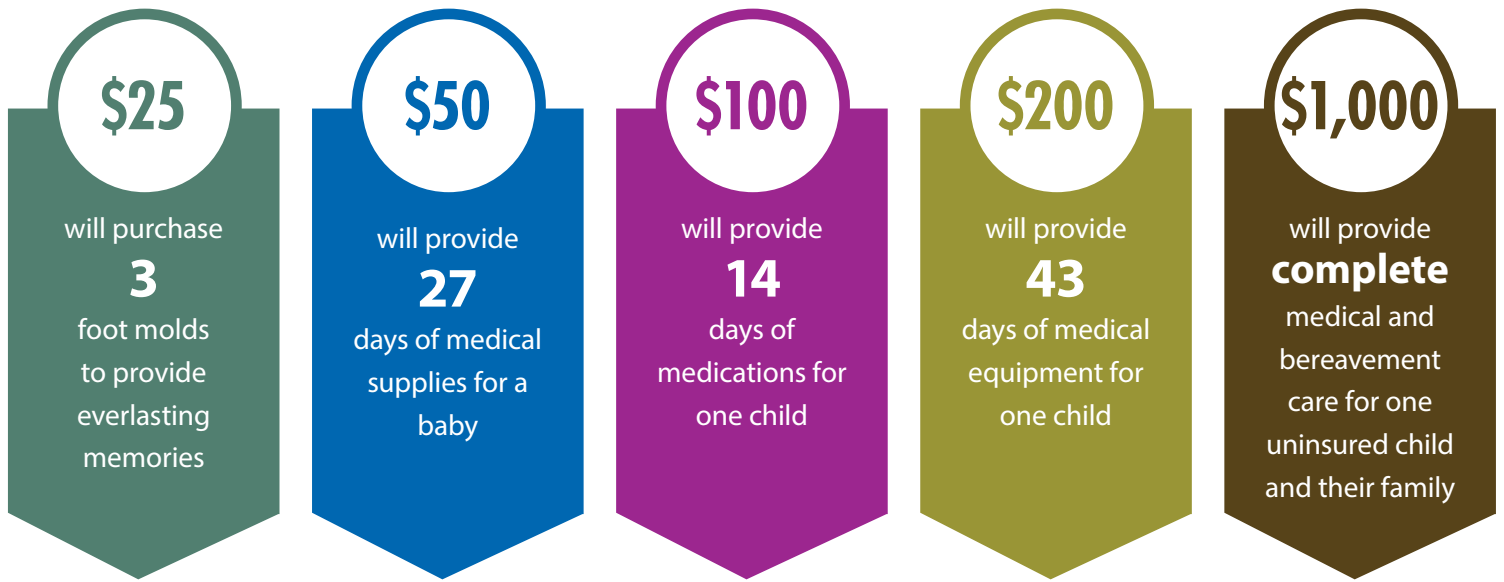
After years of chemotherapy, radiation, surgeries and multiple relapses, the goal for Micah's treatment went from curative therapy to living life to the fullest for the rest of his days, with nothing holding him back. For the previous six years, Micah spent countless days at Cook Children's; they became like family. Every day for him was an adventure. In June, when Micah relapsed for the fourth time, his mother Linda heard the words no parent wants to hear. 'There is nothing we can do, it's time to go on hospice.'

Linda knew that it was time for Micah to live the rest of his days to the fullest. He wouldn't have wanted it any other way and that is when the family called Community Hospice of Texas. The family recalls what a gift it was to have Melinda, Micah's nurse, and Kelly, Child Life Specialist, lead their journey with hospice and make the road a little less bumpy. One of the greatest challenges was helping each of Micah's siblings learn how to cope. Linda recalls that working with Kelly, the child life specialist, made this challenge so much more manageable. Kelly came to the Ahern home once or twice a week and counseled with each of Micah's siblings. She loved on them, showed them attention and catered to each of their individual needs. She talked to them about Micah dying and going to heaven. She comforted them when they were mad or sad, and the most important thing she did was to help them let Micah go.

After Micah passed away, Kelly was still there for the Ahern family, visiting the Ahern home to work closely with the children and help them cope. Child life specialists are not considered essential to the insurance company world; they are not a billable service. But thankfully, Community Hospice of Texas considers Kelly and others like her to be invaluable in a family's journey through death, loss and grief. The Ahern family is grateful for Community Hospice of Texas for serving their family.



# HERE'S THE DIFFERENCE YOU CAN MAKE FOR CHILDREN WHO NEED HOSPICE CARE...



## How do I GIVE?

We accept gifts made by cash, check or credit card. Or, if you prefer contributing supplies, below is a Wish List for both locations.

## Wish LIST

### Providence Hospice

Please call us if your faith or community group can deliver snacks to our Hospice House• Books and magazines

- Small games such as checkers, dominos and card games
- Baby monitors
- Birthday cards for patients
- Toys and books
- New dark bath towels (red or black)
- 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

### Community Hospice

Please call us if your faith or community group can deliver snacks to our Hospice House

- Books and magazines
- Small games such as checkers, dominos and card games
- Baby monitors
- Gift bags to deliver Memory Bears and Memory Pillows
- Memory Bear and Pillow supplies (stuffing, pillow forms and ribbon)
- Toys and books for our hospice house
- Card-making supplies
- New dark bath towels (red or black)
- New twin sheet sets
- 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



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