As a Whatcom Hospice Foundation donor, you know you are bringing comfort and dignity to patients facing the end of life. But did you realize great hospice care impacts entire families? Here are just a few of the ways choosing Whatcom Hospice care can help a patient’s loved ones:

1. **Care support.** The Whatcom Hospice team trains loved ones to care for the patient when medical personnel aren’t around. Additionally, a team of nurses is always available by phone or in person to answer caregivers’ questions and concerns, provide support, and respond to emergencies.

2. **The backing of an expert team.** In addition to nurses, there are physicians, social workers, chaplains, personal care specialists and highly trained volunteers who offer physical, emotional, social and spiritual support to the patient and his or her family.

3. **Peace of mind.** Hospice provides compassionate end-of-life care according to the patient’s own wishes. It also gives family members the chance to spend precious quality time with the patient, creating moments of joy and celebrating who they love. Many families have said that they were surprised at how much they laughed and enjoyed the months and weeks they shared together.

4. **Help with planning.** If needed, hospice staff can help with conversations about health care preferences and advance care planning.

5. **Respite care.** Family caregivers need time to rest and refresh. Thanks to our generous donors, each Whatcom Hospice patient has access to 60 hours of in-home respite care. (Read more about this program on page 4.)

6. **Less stress, better health.** Research indicates that the spouses of hospice patients may live longer than those whose spouses did not choose end-of-life hospice support. One study found that surviving spouses whose husband or wife received hospice care had lower mortality rates 18 months after the spouse’s death, compared to older adults whose spouse had not received hospice care. ¹

7. **Grief support.** Thanks to our donors, Whatcom Hospice families have access to one year of bereavement support to help with the healing process after the loss of their loved one.

Thank you for your compassionate support of hospice patients and their loved ones. If you have a loved one who might need hospice care, call Whatcom Hospice at (360) 733-5877.

Donor Spotlight: Statement Apparel

Whatcom Hospice Foundation is extremely grateful for the efforts of those who create self-directed fundraising activities to leverage support for Whatcom Hospice. One such organization is Statement Apparel, a women’s clothing boutique located in Barkley Village. Whatcom Hospice Foundation receives a portion of the shop’s sales each month, thanks to store owner DeeDee Bell. “Statement Apparel is now in our fifth year of business and our customers, through their purchases, have given over $16,000,” she said. “For them to know that one percent of the sale is being donated to Hospice makes them and us happy. It is a win-win for all!”

DeeDee owned a clothing store in Denver, Colorado before moving to Bellingham several years ago. When she opened Statement Apparel in 2015, she decided she wanted her business model to “pay it forward” somehow. “When I first thought about buying another clothing store, I knew I wanted to make a Statement and give back to the community,” she explained. “I wanted to simply choose an organization that my customers and I could feel good about supporting. Hospice seemed like a no-brainer!”

DeeDee’s admiration for the Whatcom Hospice program was inspired by the personal experiences of friends and a tour of the Whatcom Hospice House. “Everyone I had encountered here had been touched one way or another by Hospice. Then, I toured the Hospice House – WOW! As I walked past rooms where patients had come and gone, I was filled with emotion. I had no idea what this place did for families and their loved ones until I saw it with my own eyes,” she said.

DeeDee is very thankful for the support she has received since buying the shop. She says that writing a monthly check to Whatcom Hospice Foundation makes being in business incredibly rewarding.

Statement Apparel is located at 2945 Newmarket Street in Bellingham. Stop by to shop for some gorgeous women’s apparel, shoes, jewelry and more. Thank you DeeDee and Statement Apparel for raising funds and awareness for Whatcom Hospice!

Visit us at whatcomhospice.org

Letters from Grateful Families

Thank you for providing such vital care to those in need of hospice care as well as providing the support families need during the journeys of their loved ones to passing and beyond.

My father passed away in Hospice House and our family was so amazed at the wonderful care and compassion given.

I wanted to thank you for all the love, care, support and tenderness given to our family. You made a very difficult situation more bearable by removing a huge weight from the family. We will be forever grateful for how you cared for our loved one, honoring both him and our family.

Our dear friend recently spent his final days at your Bellingham hospice facility. Thank you for making his passing so peaceful for he and his wife.
“Light the Night in a Winter Wonderland” – November 9
Whatcom Hospice Foundation’s 19th annual “Light the Night” Gala Auction will be held Saturday, November 9, 2019 at Four Points by Sheraton in Bellingham. Tickets are $150 per person.

“Light the Night in a Winter Wonderland” begins at 5:00 p.m. with our popular silent auction and mobile bidding. Later, guests will be seated at tables of ten for dinner, dessert dash and the live auction program. The live auction features travel opportunities, private parties, artwork, fine wines and much more!

Proceeds from the auction enable Whatcom Hospice to provide life-affirming care for people facing the end of life. Over 370 guests attended last year’s sold-out event, which raised a record $456,000 for Whatcom Hospice.

Events such as these would not be possible without support from our generous sponsors including: Peoples Bank, Whatcom Educational Credit Union, First Federal, Phillips 66 and many others. With their support and yours, Whatcom Hospice can continue the amazing work they do for members of this community.

Register online at whatcomhospice.org.

2019 auction co-chairs Tammy Yorkston, left, and Lesa Ferguson.

Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteers Needed
The Whatcom Hospice and PeaceHealth Outpatient Palliative Care programs seek compassionate, caring volunteers to assist those with a chronic or serious illness. Patient care volunteers provide emotional support and companionship, make meals, perform light chores, offer transportation, and vigil at the bedside. Indirect-care volunteers make deliveries, sing, sew, knit, arrange flowers, garden, and provide other non-patient centered services.

Volunteer trainings occur in the Fall and Spring. The next training will occur:

Saturdays in March, 2020
Hospice Administration Building, Shuksan Conference Room
2800 Douglas Avenue, Bellingham

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Amie Carr at 360-788-6892 or acarr@peacehealth.org for more information.

Glassybaby Road Show – October 6
Pick up some gorgeous glassybaby candle holders or glassware on Sunday, October 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church in Bellingham. Ten percent of your purchase benefits Whatcom Hospice Foundation.

Please note that if you do not wish to receive fundraising materials from Whatcom Hospice Foundation, you can contact them at (360) 733-1231 or jdoyle@peacehealth.org.
Respite Care: Taking Care of the Caregiver

Caring for a loved at home is rewarding, but it is also mentally and physically exhausting. Everyone needs some time away occasionally.

Thanks to our generous donors, Whatcom Hospice Foundation provides up to 60 hours of in-home respite care for each Whatcom Hospice patient receiving care at home, allowing their caregivers a short reprieve. Respite care takes care of the caregiver.

Cheryl, whose father was a hospice patient, appreciated having a home respite care option. “My siblings often came over to help with caregiving but at times it still felt overwhelming,” she explained. “Even with the amazing help of the Whatcom Hospice team, caring for dad full time was exhausting. I was very grateful for the opportunity to have a couple days away to relax and recharge.”

For families who prefer to leave their loved one in the capable care of Whatcom Hospice House, a few days of inpatient respite care can often be arranged. After two years of continuous 24/7 caregiving for his wife, devoted husband David desperately needed a short vacation. “Knowing that Sofie was well-cared for by the professionals at Whatcom Hospice House allowed me to completely unwind and truly enjoy my time away,” he said.

Your support enables the Whatcom Hospice team to work with hospice families to get them the respite care they need, even when it’s not covered by insurance. Thank you for your concern and compassion for others.
Your support enables Whatcom Hospice to provide end-of-life services and therapies above and beyond those covered by Medicare and private insurance. Thank you for making a difference!

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<td>Hospice House Room and Board Assistance</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
<td>Five days of covered room and board at Hospice House to assist each new family in acclimating to the facility and to help relieve their financial burden.</td>
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<td>Complementary Therapies</td>
<td>$160,000</td>
<td>Access to alternative therapies like acupuncture and massage for management of troubling symptoms like anxiety, nausea and constipation, which are common at the end of life.</td>
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<td>In-Home Respite</td>
<td>$75,000</td>
<td>Up to 60 hours of in-home respite care for each patient receiving hospice care in their own home, allowing their caregivers a short break.</td>
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<td>Uncompensated Care</td>
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<td>Assistance with uninsured costs of end-of-life services for patients who do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid and have no other payer. Also, assistance for those unable to afford their insurance deductibles and copays.</td>
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<td>After-hours security for the hospice campus and Whatcom Hospice House.</td>
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<td>$50,000</td>
<td>A staff member to work with referring providers and other key community stakeholders to ensure seamless, coordinated patient care and a positive experience with our services.</td>
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<td>$35,000</td>
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<td>Bereavement Program</td>
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<td>Bereavement education and support including support groups, grief packets, “Grief Talk” mailings, “We Honor Veterans Program” and more.</td>
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<td>Customized education packets for each hospice family containing detailed instructions about how to care for their dying loved one.</td>
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<td>Training and support programs for caring volunteers who are available to help families with tasks like grocery shopping, cleaning and medication delivery.</td>
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**Total FY19 Program Grant: $838,500.00***

*Whatcom Hospice Foundation also covers facility maintenance for Whatcom Hospice House and Hospice Administration Building and property. In Fiscal Year 2019 over $75,295 was allocated for facility and property maintenance.
Belinda Hisey, Amy Wolsdorf and Gurpreet Dhillon enjoy the 2nd Annual Whatcom Hospice Giving Society Luncheon in June.

Our Giving Society
As a Whatcom Hospice Foundation donor, you are making a significant difference in the lives of terminally ill patients and their loved ones in our community. Every gift, no matter the amount, is needed and appreciated. All gifts are recognized on our website at the end of each fiscal year.

To recognize the generosity of those who partner with us in extraordinary ways, Whatcom Hospice Foundation has created a giving society with four levels:

- Cornerstone Club — Lifetime giving of $100,000 or more
- Ambassador Circle — Annual giving of $5,000 or more
- Sustainer Circle — Annual giving of $1,000 to $4,999
- Legacy Society — Planned gift or estate gift

Member Benefits
In addition to special recognition, events and networking opportunities, giving society members receive a benefit that far outweighs all others – the joy of helping to provide compassionate care to Whatcom County friends and neighbors.

To learn more about giving society membership please contact us!

Cornerstone Club
**Lifetime giving of $100,000 or more**
- Anonymous
- Lisa and Bob Bailey
- Bellingham Bay Rotary Club
- Birch Equipment Rental & Sales
- Jo Ann and Jack Bowmar
- Lorelei and Frank Chambers
- Chuckanut Health Foundation
- Dorothy B. Davis Family Foundation
- Mimi and John Ferlin
- Sylvia and Dennis Holmstrom
- Cuquita and Mark W. Lindsey
- Lummi Indian Business Council
- The Norcliffe Foundation
- Riverstyx Foundation
- Rotary Club of Bellingham
- Sarah Rothenbuhler
- State of Washington, Office of Financial Management
- The Riley Companies, Inc.
- Betty and Robert Tull
- Trudy Zwink

Ambassador Circle
**FY19 giving of $5,000 or more (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)**
- John and Roni Almon
- Anonymous
- Laura Backer, MD
- Lynne and Gerald Baron
- Baron Visuals
- Erin Baumgart, ARNP and Hank Baumgart
- DeeDee and Ken Bell
- Birch Equipment Rental & Sales
- Lorelei and Frank Chambers
- Chmelik Sitkin & Davis, P.S.
- Andy and Jim Clay
- CSS Communications
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- Four Points by Sheraton Bellingham
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- Icy Strait Seafoods
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- Mary Ann and Steven Kelly
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- Michael Langey

Sustainer Circle
**FY19 giving of $1,000 to $4,999 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)**
- American Endowment Foundation
- Anonymous
- Ole Anderson
- Michael Anthony
- Parmdeep Cheema and Pavanjit Bains
- Baker Boyer Asset Management
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- Charlotte and Phil Bogaard
- Rosemary Bolster and Larry McCarter

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- Lummi Indian Business Council
- Trisha and Thomas McIntee
- Bunny Iovan and Clifford Melton
- Mt. Baker Care Center
- Laurie and Craig Bradley
- Janet Starkenburg
- Betty and Robert Tull
- Gladys and John VanBoven
- Karen and Chris Weitzel
- Whatcom Community Foundation: Brian & Marya Griffin Fund, Meg Metzger Fund, Betty and Bob Tull Fund
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- Beverly Williams
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Whatcom Hospice Foundation gratefully acknowledges the very generous members of our Legacy Society who have included Whatcom Hospice in their estate plans. Our Legacy Society members play an important role in ensuring that future generations will continue to have access to exceptional hospice care in our community.

Estate Planning Services for Whatcom Hospice Foundation Donors

As a service to our friends and donors, Whatcom Hospice Foundation has partnered with Thompson & Associates to offer values-based charitable estate planning services. www.ceplan.com/

Our representative, Cathy Sheffield, will personally guide donors through a thoughtful process at no charge and with no obligation. The goal is to create a plan (or review an existing estate plan) that transfers assets to loved ones in a way that is tailored to fit individual needs while identifying philanthropic resources that may be used to support one’s legacy and charitable interests.

If you would like more information or would like to schedule an introductory appointment contact:

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