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Carroll is pictured with his wife Melinda, daughter Amber, and fishing guide, Alan Tassin.

Lighthouse of Hope Fund Helps Two People Enjoy the Great Outdoors One Last Time

One Last Trip with Dad

Roger Hobson, a Vietnam Veteran with end-stage cancer, was worried that he would never again see the cabin that he and his family traveled to each year. It was a place he fell in love with and felt connected to. His Arkansas Hospice social worker Mitzi Henderson applied for a Lighthouse of Hope grant to cover his expenses so he could make the trip with his family one last time. Roger and his family traveled to RiverView Cabins and Canoes in May.

Roger Hobson's son Joey shares his thoughts following the trip: *"When we found out that Dad's cancer had returned in April, he mentioned that he would probably never get to go to the cabins again. We usually go sometime between Thanksgiving and New Year's. It was such*

a blessing to be able to go to the cabins one more time as a family. The memories we were able to make are priceless. His granddaughters will remember this trip for the rest of their lives.

We truly appreciate Lighthouse of Hope for granting us this special time with Dad. We were able to get away from the troubles and worries for just a few days. We were able to make happy memories."

Roger Hobson pictured with his son Joey and his granddaughters.



A Fishing Trip to Remember

Carroll Stringfellow, an avid outdoorsman, learned to trap, fish, and hunt as a child. His illness and deteriorating health prevented him from enjoying the activities he always cherished. Nikki Rushing, a social worker at Arkansas Hospice, wrote to Lighthouse of Hope requesting funds for Carroll and his family to enjoy a fishing trip together.

In June, Carroll, his wife Melinda, daughter Amber, and a few other family members traveled to Lake Chicot State Park to enjoy the outdoors, fish, and make wonderful, lasting memories. Carroll and Melinda were also able to celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary surrounded by their loved ones.

In a note sent after the trip, Nikki relayed the following message: *"Mr. Carroll shared that he did not catch 'a lot of fish' but he really enjoyed getting to go! He loved being able to ride in the boat with his family the most. Mr. Carroll was very appreciative of this 'trip of a lifetime.'"*

The NHF Lighthouse of Hope Fund offers children and adults with a life-limiting illness, such as cancer, heart failure, liver disease, end-stage renal disease and ALS the chance to take a break by allowing them to have their wishes and dreams come true. To learn more, please contact Emily Van Etten at (703) 647-5165 or evanetten@nhpco.org.

There are No Small Gifts to Hospice

United Healthcare, Thompson Reuters, AT&T, Microsoft. What do these companies have in common? They, and many more, match their employees' charitable giving. Each year, thousands of employees are given the opportunity to direct a portion of their paycheck to the charities of their choice through workplace giving. NHF is grateful for every gift we receive through workplace giving.

For federal employees, the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) offers a vehicle to help people in local communities, across the nation, and around the world through charitable giving. NHF's parent organization, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), is honored to participate in the CFC and receive gifts through this and many other employee campaigns. CFC donations to NHPCO go directly to programs that help hospices across the country serve everyone, including Veterans, children, caregivers, and grieving families.

When you donate through the workplace, you can make a difference down the street and across the country. Make the most of your donation by requesting a matching gift form from your employer.



THE CFC NUMBER TO USE:
NHPCO #11241

NHF Raffle – Choose Your Destination



The National Hospice Foundation has an exciting opportunity for those willing to take a chance to win a trip of a lifetime to one of three exciting destinations!

The winner will choose their destination/prize from the following choices:

BALI, INDONESIA - Trip for two includes 8 days, 7 nights at Jepun Bali Villas, daily complimentary breakfast, 2 scuba lessons, 2 1-hour Balinese massages, 1 pool-side Balinese dinner, round trip airport transfers, and complimentary driver for local travel.

Value: Priceless



WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE - Trip for two includes 4 nights in a Veranda State Room aboard Royal Caribbean, leaving from Fort Lauderdale, Miami or Tampa, FL ports. Gourmet meals, entertainment, access to luxurious spas, shipboard activities, and health and fitness facilities included. Cruise fare, government fees and taxes included. Guests are responsible for all purchased incidentals. Airfare, pre and post-hotel may be available for an extra charge.

Value: Priceless



BARCELONA, SPAIN - Trip for two includes 7 days, 6 nights at the Fairmont Rey Juan Carlos I, daily complimentary breakfast, room taxes and fees, gourmet tapas walking tour and Flamenco show, and free concierge reservation service.

Value: \$3,000

LIVE DRAWING to be held on **TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018** at the **NHF GALA** at **9:30 PM** Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009

WINNER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT!

TICKETS ARE \$10.00

Contact Joy Nguyen at 703-647-5167 or jnguyen@nhpco.org to purchase yours today.

OFFICIAL RULES

- > Tickets may be purchased until Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 9:25 PM.
- > Aggregate value of prize is \$3,000. Odds of winning 1:1,000.
- > The ticket holder must ensure that his or her name and information are written on the ticket used for the drawing.
- > Winner need not be present to win. Winner will be contacted by phone or email address provided on the ticket.
- > National Hospice Foundation is not responsible for illegible handwriting or incorrect information written on the ticket.
- > Net proceeds to benefit the National Hospice Foundation, located at 1731 King Street, Alexandria, VA. Tax ID 54-1586967.
- > Licensed by the Office of Lottery and Charitable Games.

We Honor Veterans Community Partners

We Honor Veterans, a program supported by the National Hospice Foundation, is helping thousands of professionals across America enhance their skills to meet the needs of Veterans with advanced illness. Originally designed for hospice providers, WHV extended its partner opportunities to other community-based healthcare organizations providing direct care to seriously ill Veterans and their families. Community partners may include funeral homes, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, home health agencies and other providers that understand the importance of serving Veterans based on their preference for care and services.

The program has four levels of distinction based on organization's involvement with Veteran education and its interaction with the Veterans and their family members that they are caring for. The goal of these levels is to ensure the very best care is being provided to those who have served our country. Steps of the program include:

1. Build professional and organizational capacity to provide quality healthcare and rehabilitation services for Veterans and their families.
2. Develop and/or strengthen partnerships with hospices, VA, Veteran organizations and other healthcare organizations.
3. Promote hospice and palliative care for Veterans when appropriate.
4. Demonstrate the impact of organizational programs through evaluation and analysis of programs.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following We Honor Veterans community partners:

Dignity Memorial *Founding Community Partner
Amedisys Home Care
Cypress Pointe Rehabilitation Center
Founding Fathers
Genesis Healthcare
Hanover Terrace Nursing Home
Oasis Dementia Care
Prestige Healthcare (Jefferson City Health & Rehab)
StoneMor Partners
Symphony Post Acute Network
Washington Square Health Center

The Milbank Foundation Provides Generous Grant to Support Palliative Care

The Milbank Foundation awarded NHPCO \$25,000 to develop an educational toolkit as part of the Palliative Care Resource Series. This funding will go a long way toward providing additional support for palliative care providers.

The goal of the Palliative Care Resource Series is to offer education and resources that will enable clinicians to provide interdisciplinary palliative care services to patients in a community-based palliative care setting.

The outcomes of this project include improved assessment and clinical skills for professionals providing palliative care, increased knowledge of the psychosocial needs of patients with serious illness, understanding of evidence-based practices in palliative care provision, and easy access to tools and resources for optimal pain and symptom management.

NHF extends sincere gratitude to the Milbank Foundation for their support of this critical resource.

No Veteran Should Die Alone

By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's Veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, We Honor Veterans hospice provider programs and community partners accompany and guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. And in cases where there might be some specific needs related to the Veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, We Honor Veterans provides tools and resources to help support those they are caring for.

To learn how you can support the We Honor Veterans program, contact Sarah Meltzer at smeltzer@nhpco.org or 703-837-3149.



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