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Manasi Oak

Creative Ways to Support Hospice and Palliative Care

Many supporters of the National Hospice Foundation have found creative ways to raise funds for hospice and palliative care. Some donors opt to organize events and fundraisers that involve family, friends, and sometimes their local community, to raise money and awareness. In the following piece, we highlight a few of these great events.

In Lieu of Wedding Favors...

Manasi Oak was a pillar in the local Indian community. She welcomed people into her home, cooked, and cared for those around her. When Manasi was diagnosed with cancer, there was no question that the community and her family would rally around to help care for her.

Her daughter Anuja Oak and future son-in-law Jay Mathur moved closer to help care for her and enjoy her company. As the couple continued planning their wedding, with hopes that Manasi would be there to celebrate, they found that her condition was declining. They

Jay Mathur and Anuja Oak

called hospice, and Manasi received personable and humane care for the last two weeks of her life, in her home, surrounded by the family and community she once cared for.

After her passing, they knew they wanted to honor her at the wedding and do something meaningful. In lieu of favors, they chose to donate \$5 per person to NHF's Palliative Care Fund. Jay, an Internist who serves mostly Medicare patients, is an advocate of palliative care and understands the quality of life it can provide for patients and families.

We thank Jay and Anuja for their gift and creative way of donating to NHF.



Turning Unused Items into Donation Dollars

Dan Cobos became interested in donating to NHF after reading "The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying." He said, "Everybody on the planet and especially in the West would benefit from reading the first few chapters of that book. Death is something that all of us have in common, from a 5-year-old Leukemia patient to a 65-year-old disabled Vet."

Creative Ways to Support Hospice and Palliative Care (cont'd)

Dan has taken his unused belongings to a consignment shop and marked each item with "profits donated to NHPCO" (NHF). A donation is made when the item sells. He also held a written auction for hunting, fishing, and camping gear at an annual skeet-shoot organized by friends. Winners of the auction made a donation directly to NHF. This event also encouraged discussion. Dan said, "I had several guys tell me how much of a difference hospice made in the death of a loved one."

We thank Dan for his support of NHF and hospice and palliative care.

Proceeds from New Song to Benefit Hospice

"See You Out There" is a song written to support the people who are in their last phase of life and receiving hospice and palliative care, and to support all their loved ones and friends in tough times as they cope with loss.

"The inspiration for writing this song came from losing family members in a tragic way in the past two years," said Georgie Davis.

Davis felt it was time get this song out in the open and to donate 100% of the proceeds of his song to the NHF and hospices and palliative care providers who rely on donations.

Davis' mission is not only to raise as much money as possible, but also to voluntarily sing his song in care homes to offer comfort to patients and thank all who provide them with care.

The song is available for purchase for only 99 cents in digital music stores such as Amazon and iTunes, and can be streamed and downloaded on Spotify.

NHF is grateful to Georgie for lending his talent to support hospice and palliative care.



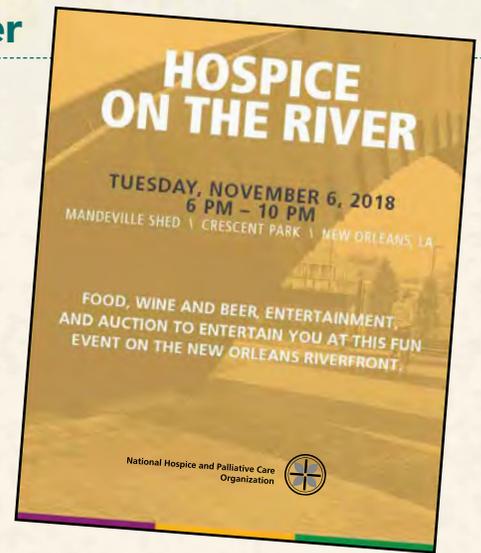
Georgie Davis

Hospice on the River

The National Hospice Foundation and the Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (LMHPCO) will host "Hospice on the River" on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 in New Orleans. The event will benefit NHF's Disaster Relief Fund and LMHPCO's Prison Support Project and Alliance.

NHF's Disaster Relief Fund was established to aid the hospice community when disaster overwhelms regularly-available resources. Financial donations are one of the most helpful ways to address needs in the imminent wake of destruction. NHF works directly with state hospice and palliative care associations to respond in the most effective manner, as state associations often know the needs and priorities of providers in affected regions best. It has been used to assist hospices affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and acts of violence. The funds can be used to address the greatest needs, from structural repairs to bereavement services for the community.

LMHPCO's Prison Support Project supports and encourages better end-of-life care within corrections, transforming Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola to become a model for correctional facilities. It provides scholarships and continuing education for hospice professionals within corrections and inmate hospice volunteers. The Alliance monitors both the Mississippi and Louisiana Legislatures in order to alert members of any legislation that can affect hospice patients and the providers who care for them.



To learn more about how you can sponsor the event or attend, please contact Joy Nguyen at jnguyen@nhpco.org, 703-647-5167.

Mr. Aloha Goes to Arizona: A Lighthouse of Hope Story

Maka, a 16-year-old Hospice Hawaii patient affectionately known as "Mr. Aloha," wished to visit his father in Arizona with his mother and brother. Maka had not seen his father in nine years. Family and friends paid for their airfare and offered to house them, but they couldn't afford the rental car while they were in Arizona. Maka's social worker applied for a Lighthouse of Hope grant and in January, Maka made the trip to the mainland.

NHF received a follow-up letter from Hospice Hawaii President & CEO Tori Abe Carapelho. In the letter Tori says, "On Saturday February 24, surrounded by all his sisters, his brother, and his loving mother, Maka Almarza died peacefully at home. They are grateful for the overwhelming support from the community in their efforts to help Maka complete his bucket list. Everyone loved Maka. The most important thing to him was being able to spend time with his family. Maka's sisters called him "Mr. Aloha" because of his friendly and outgoing personality."

The National Hospice Foundation Gala Raises Money for Disaster Relief

The 2018 National Hospice Foundation Gala was held on Tuesday, April 24 at the Washington Hilton. The event, held in conjunction with NHPCO's Management and Leadership Conference & Advocacy Intensive, was a great success and raised funds to support the programs of the Foundation including NHF's Disaster Relief Fund.

The program featured NHPCO's Edo Banach and John Mastrojohn, NHPCO Board Chair Jan Jones, Foundation Council Chair and member of NHPCO Board of Directors Darren Bertram, and Auctioneer Sherry Truhlar. John introduced the live appeal which raised over \$49K for NHF's Disaster Relief Fund. Guests were also generous in both the silent and live auction.

A highlight of the evening was the variety of musical acts from start to finish. Guests were entertained during the cocktail hour by PopCulture Strings. A singer joined PopCulture Strings with their rendition of Journey's Don't Stop Believin' to lead guests to their seats for dinner. Once seated, electric cellist Benjamin Gates opened the program playing Aerosmith's Dream On. And finally, the fun and hip sounds from local D.C. band Aztec Sun inspired guests to dance the night away.

Thank you to the sponsors, donors, attendees, and all who helped make this event possible.

NHF Gala by the Numbers



\$200K

Sponsorships



\$36K

Live Auction



\$13K

Silent Auction
and Raffle



\$49K

Disaster Relief

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Guests mingle at the silent auction tables and enjoy music by PopCulture Strings.



Electric cellist Benjamin Gates serenades guests.



Red Apple Auctions' Sherry Truhlar did a great job getting folks to bid high!



Guests dance to music provided by Aztec Sun.



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The Lighthouse of Hope Fund is available to patients

- ❖ Who request special wishes and experiences (ex. flying people in to visit, special events like fishing trips or special dinners, opportunities to spend time with family and friends in a memorable way, etc.)
- ❖ Who are cared for by one of NHPCO's provider members
- ❖ Who have a life expectancy of one year or less
- ❖ Who have no other means to fund the specific request

Selection Criteria

The hospice provider must submit a completed Lighthouse of Hope Fund Application