

# Hospice Headlines

Summer 2018



## Circle of Love Celebrates 35 Years of Care

Thirty-five Year's ago, Sally Ride became the first woman in space; Microsoft launched Word; "Return of the Jedi" hit theatres and Hospice Circle of Love opened their doors. The not-for-profit agency has been honored with caring for thousands of terminally ill patients and their families over the last 35 years. One of their volunteers, Naoma Snow has been with them all along. She was presented with an award for her years of service at a dinner this spring. Others honored, Patrece Allen and Cathy Wiles have each served 20 years with Circle of Love. Gerry Lou Brown celebrates 15 years at HCOL in 2018.

While Cabbage Patch kids and Swatch Watches flew off the shelves in their year of debut, the organization originally know as Garfield County Hospice Association was setting up shop, getting the word out and training volunteers. Snow was one of those volunteers. Her dedication was apparent from day one. Circle of Love's first employee and former director Cathy Graber remembers the go-getter shovelling snow off the driveway of the first patient's home.

While the dedication of the volunteers and staff hasn't wavered over time, Circle of Love's longest standing employee, Social Worker Lynn Curl, says a few things have changed. The hospice first set up shop in a church basement and moved 3 other times before landing in the current office on south Third. "One of the biggest changes was going from paper charts to computers," Curl commented. Charting has also become more involved and Medicare standards are stricter, including hospice eligibility guidelines. "One thing that has remained the same are our high standards for quality of care," said Lynn. We instill the importance of that in new staff members. Our reputation of caring has sustained us through the years. Over time, we have cared for multiple members of the same families, which is a testament to how we care and what we do to give our patients a higher quality of life at the end of life."



Volunteers Patrece Allen (left), Naoma Snow and Cathy Wiles were recently honored for their years of service.



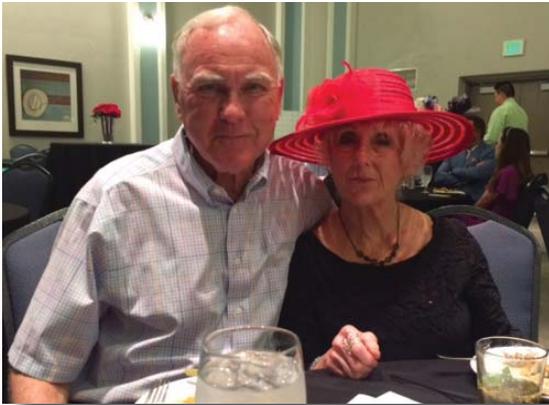
Margie Lovell (left) and Lynn Curl are Circle of Love's longest standing employees. Curl has been with the organization for 21 years. Lovell has worked there for 19 years.

## *Mint Julep Jubilee Sports New Location*

Participants at Hospice Circle of Love's 2018 Mint Julep Jubilee Kentucky Derby party, watched history in the making. Little did they know at the time that the undefeated thoroughbred Justify would not only win that race, but go on to pull off a victory at the Preakness Stakes a couple of weeks later and the Belmont Stakes, June 9th, thus securing himself the title of Triple Crown Winner, just the 13th in history.

The event was held in the Nick Benson Ballroom on the second floor of the CNB Center. In addition to watching the race on a big screen, Mint Julep Jubilee attendees enjoyed southern food and drinks, listened to a band and played casino games. One guest even won a diamond necklace from Jackson Diamond Jewelers.

The Mint Julep Jubilee is an annual event held each year on Kentucky Derby Day. Call or stop by the Hospice Circle of Love office for tickets.



(Above and Across) Participants donned Derby Day attire for the annual Mint Julep Jubilee Event.



## *One Point From Perfect, the Score To Beat at the Annual Benefit Clay Shoot*

Circle of Love's next fundraiser will be the Benefit Clay Shoot to be held on September 8th. Last year's winning score will be tough to beat. First place shooter Payton Meyer only missed hitting one clay scoring a 49 out of 50, the best score in the history of Circle of Love's annual shoot. This year's shoot will again be held at Sportsman's Ranch south of Hillsdale. Registration starts at 8:00 and the course opens at 9:00. Tickets are \$100.00 and include shells, donuts, a BBQ lunch and a gift. Call Julie at 580-234-2273 or e-mail [Julien@hospicecircleoflove.com](mailto:Julien@hospicecircleoflove.com) for tickets.



Participants at last year's Clay Shoot make their way around the course.

## Circle of Love Helps Fight MS

Hospice Circle of Love had the largest team and raised the most money for the Walk MS held in Enid in April. The team brought in over \$5,000.00 in donations. The money will go towards research to end Multiple Sclerosis and will help to provide patient support services. The Circle of Love team consisted of staff, volunteers and family and friends of staff.



Hospice Circle of Love's Walk MS team consisted of around 50 people who helped raise more than \$5,000.00 for the National MS Society.

## Battle Against Alzheimer's Comes to Enid

Alzheimer's Disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. One in 3 seniors dies from Alzheimer's or other dementia making research for a cure of upmost importance. That's where the Alzheimer's Association steps in. One of the ways they raise the money to fund that research is through The Walk to End Alzheimer's events taking place around the country. A walk will take place in Enid on Friday, August 3rd on the downtown square. Participants will gather on the courthouse lawn starting at 6:00 PM. The one mile walk starts at 7:00 PM.

Leading up to the event walkers will solicit donations and hold fundraisers. While the largest percentage of the funds brought in will be used for research, money will also help with support services. To sign up for the walk or make a donation go to [alz.org](http://alz.org).



Last year's Walk to End Alzheimer's Team from Circle of Love braved the heat to support the cause.

## Aging With Grace

Circle of Love will be amongst other organizations hosting a booth and participating in a panel discussion at an upcoming conference, Aging With Grace. See flyer below for details.

A One Day Educational Conference Highlighting Community Resources for Aging with Grace & Safety.



### Event topics include:

- Navigating Medicare/Medicaid
- Know The 10 Signs Of Aging VS. Alzheimer's
- Avoiding The Loss Of Control Of Your Financial Future
- When Is It Time To Make A Move (Exploring Senior Living Options)
- Mental Health Issues Facing Seniors
- Health Care Panel - Q & A

Guest speakers include: Alzheimer's Association, Oklahoma Mental Health and Aging Coalition, Attorneys, Insurance Agency, Hospice, Home Health Care, Assisted Living, Long Term Care, Private Duty Home Care and Independent Living

**Tickets \$10(in advance) or \$15(at the door)**  
 Potato bar and salad bar provided  
 Drawings and prizes given out during conference!

Tickets can be purchased at the Central National Bank Center, RSVP of Enid Office, Grace Care, Scheffe Prescription Shops, or online at: [www.enbcenter.com](http://www.enbcenter.com)

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## *Days of Care Campaign*

1 Day of Care for 1 Patient = \$175.00

**Your donation will help Hospice Circle of Love continue to serve patients without a Medicare or insurance benefit for hospice care.**

Donors who give 2 weeks of care (\$2,450.00 or more) receive: •4 tickets to our Benefit Clay Shoot  
•2 Plaques in our Veteran's Memorial Garden •4 memorial ornaments at our Tree of Life Celebration •6 complimentary tickets to our next Mint Julep Jubilee •Large logo/name recognition at all of our events  
•Hospice Circle of Love umbrella

Donors who give 1 week of care (\$1,225.00 or up to \$2,449.00) receive: •2 Tickets to our Benefit Clay Shoot  
•1 plaque in our Veteran's Memorial Garden •4 complimentary tickets to our next Mint Julep Jubilee •Logo/  
name recognition at all of our events •Hospice Circle of Love umbrella

Donors who give 3 days of care (\$525.00 or up to \$1,224.00) receive: •1 plaque in our  
Veteran's Memorial Garden •2 tickets to our next Mint Julep Jubilee •Recognition at all of our events •Hospice  
Circle of Love umbrella

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