

Hospice Headlines

Winter 2018



Nurse Aide Celebrates 10 Years at HCOL

Circle of Love staff often say it is an honor for them to care for their patients at such an important time in their lives. Although the job can be difficult, it is also very rewarding. Maybe that's why so many staff members remain in their positions for a long time. The organization currently has 6 employees that have worked there at least 10 years. One of those is Nurse Aide Constance McMahan who was presented with a 10 year award in December. "I love what we do, the purpose of what we do. I have always enjoyed helping others," she commented.

Cheerful, dependable and tender hearted are just some of the adjectives Constance's co-workers use to describe her. She lovingly provides personal care for the patients she is assigned to.

Although all her patients are important to her, with some she has made a special connection. This includes the woman who inspired Constance to the point that it increased her faith. Constance shared her love of cooking with another patient and took the time to teach the woman some new recipes. Every patient Constance

cares for has been touched by the thoughtful way she tends to their needs, making sure they are clean, comfortable and most of the time leaving them in a much happier state than when she got there.



Constance McMahan was recognized for 10 years of service with Hospice Circle of Love in December.

2017 Hospice Circle of Love Highlights

Named Best Hospice in the annual Enid News & Eagle survey

Volunteer Jovita Lang celebrated 20 years with the organization

Volunteer Cathy Wiles was named Woman of the Year by the YWCA

Staff, volunteers and friends raised \$5,500.00 for the National MS Society

Joined 21 other teams to raise a total of \$50,500.00 at Enid's First Walk to End Alzheimer's

Hosted 3 community grief groups & celebrated the lives of nearly 500 loved ones at our annual Tree of Life celebration

Competed in the United Way Chili Cook-off

Hosted an annual Benefit Clay Shoot where the winner hit all but 1 target

Watched the Kentucky Derby favorite, Always Dreaming race to the winner's circle during our Mint Julep Jubilee Fundraiser

Received a grant from Lowe's for materials and labor to revamp our front landscaping

New Bereavement Coordinator Hired

Hospice Circle of Love has hired Dr. Matt Miles to serve as their new Bereavement Coordinator. Miles will replace Kevin Strope who is moving to North Dakota to take an executive pastor position and live in a climate that is more conducive to his wife's health.

"Kevin will be greatly missed, but we are excited about working with Matt. He brings some valuable experience to the position and will be a great addition to our team," said Circle of Love Director Chad Caldwell.

Miles is also the pastor of Liberty Southern Baptist Church. He joined the Hospice Circle of Love team in Mid-January.



Matt Miles is Hospice Circle of Love's new Bereavement Coordinator.

Nearly 500 Remembered At Tree of Life Event

Three lighted Christmas trees adorned with gold and silver bells bore the names of those being remembered at the 2017 Tree of Life Celebration. Family members and Hospice Circle of Love staff gathered for the ceremony at the NOC Enid Campus in December.

The event included Christmas music, a brief spiritual message from Circle of Love Chaplain Gary Miller, and the reading of the names of those being remembered. This was followed by a cookie and punch reception, during which family members and staff had a chance to reconnect and those attending could find the ornament bearing their loved one's name.

This is the 28th year the annual Tree of Life event has been held.



Hospice Circle of Love staff members pause for a picture in front of one of the three Christmas trees during the 2017 Tree of Life event.

Volunteer Training Class Being Offered

Hospice Circle of Love Volunteers provide companionship for patients in the nursing home, respite for caregivers in a home, support at the hospice office and a helping hand with agency fundraisers. Last year the group of about 30 gave over 1,100 hours of their time.

A training class for new volunteers is coming up soon. It will take place over 2 Thursdays, February 1st and February 8th. It will be held from 9 to 12 at the Circle of Love office. Volunteer recruits need to attend both sessions. Anyone who is interested can find more information on our website or you can call Volunteer Coordinator Julie Nelson at 580-234-2273.



The annual clay shoot is one of the many things volunteers help with at Circle of Love.

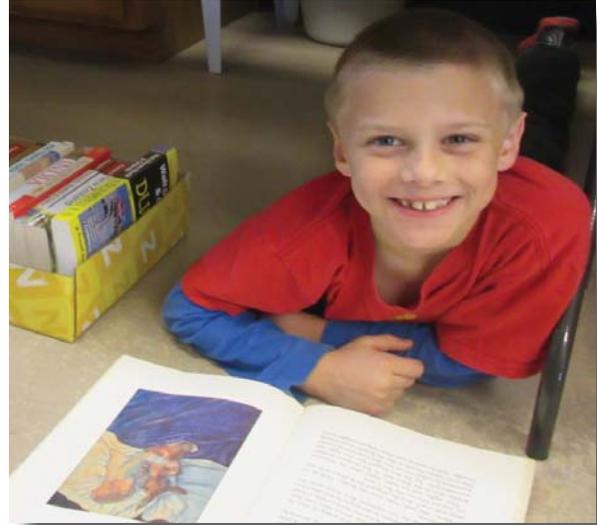
Books Are a Powerful Thing

Are you wanting to reduce stress or improve your memory? You can accomplish those things by picking up a book. Studies show reading also improves vocabulary & writing skills, increases focus and concentration and gives you stronger analytical skills.

A great place to find a book to fit about any kind of interest is the Hospice Circle of Love Spring Book Sale. "We will have thousands of books to choose from in a variety of categories," commented event organizer, Julie Nelson. "Some of our more popular categories include mystery, fiction, religious fiction, westerns, science fiction and children's books. The book sale also offers a variety of cookbooks, non-fiction works such as biographies and books on war and history.

The sale kicks off Friday, April 20th at 9. It will run until 7 PM that first day, then continue from 9 to 5 on Saturday, April 21st. The sale is held in the metal building north of the Hospice Circle of Love office at 314 S. Third.

Hardbacks are \$1.00. Paperbacks are \$.50.



A young customer gets a head start on a book he chose while waiting for his mom to shop.

Spring Book Sale
April 20th - 9 to 7 @ Circle of Love
April 21st - 9 to 5 @ Circle of Love

Mint Julep Jubilee Promises Fun Evening "At The Races"

If you can't make it to Louisville for the Kentucky Derby this year, how about watching the race on a big screen at Oakwood Country Club and supporting Hospice Circle of Love in the process? The Mint Julep Jubilee Fundraiser will feature a live band, southern inspired hors d'oeuvres and desserts, mint juleps, wagers, a horse auction and casino games. The event starts at 4 on May 5th. Tickets are \$100.00.

The Jubilee is a great way to get in on the excitement of one of the most prestigious horse races in the world without battling a crowd of 155,000 at Churchill Downs.

Give us a call at 580-234-2273 to order tickets.



Mint Julep Jubilee attendees dress the part on Kentucky Derby Day.

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5 to 6 PM

@ Hospice Circle of Love

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Go to HospiceCircleofLove.com for more information

Mint Julep Jubilee

Saturday, May 5th - 4:00 PM @ Oakwood Country Club

Tickets - \$100.00

Call 580-234-2273 for an invite