

Hospice Headlines

Winter 2023



Making Every Day Count

*K*aren Coulter recently celebrated her 87th Birthday and although she is on hospice care, she doesn't let her illness keep her from living life to the fullest. You will often hear the radio playing country music in her nursing home room that is filled with beautiful silk flowers designed by one of her sons.

Karen is an avid Thunder basketball fan and lights up talking about the team. One of her daughter's recently brought her a jersey with player Josh Giddey's number 3 on it and they watched a game on TV together. "We were whooping and hollering," she said.

Marilyn Franklin also just turned 87 and lives in the same nursing home. She is receiving extra care from Hospice Circle of Love as well. She has both a daughter and a son who, knowing about her sweet tooth, love to bring her cookies and other treats.



Nurse Aide Nanielle Crites, Marilyn Franklin and Nurse Alicia Hughes pose for a picture during a recent visit.



Alicia Hughes, LPN and Karen Coulter enjoy a recent visit.

Marilyn really looks forward to their frequent visits, with her daughter often coming in the morning and her son following in the evening.

Marilyn also loves to be pampered. She enjoys getting her hair fixed and her nails done by her Circle of Love Nurse Aide Nanelle.

"She is very sweet," commented Circle of Love Chaplain Shelby Maddox who visits both women weekly sharing a devotional and a prayer.

Hospice Circle of Love is fortunate to get to know these women and to help care for them during this important time of life. We are honored when families choose us to walk alongside them offering extra support and guidance. The lives of our staff and volunteers are enriched with these connections.

*'We cannot change the outcome, but we can affect the journey.'
-Ann Richardson*

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Upcoming; Volunteer Class, Grief Group, Book Sale and Kentucky Derby Party

Recap of Fall Events and 2023 Accomplishments

Circle of Love Looking for Volunteers to Add to Their Team

Hospice Circle of Love Volunteers make a huge impact on the lives of our patients and their families. Some of the volunteers give their time providing respite for caregivers. This gives family members a chance to take care of things outside of the house or simply to take a break. Volunteers may also assist with five yearly fundraisers including two book sales, a clay shoot, a Kentucky Derby party and a memorial celebration. Other volunteers might help with mail outs, file or answer phones in the office.

A volunteer class has been scheduled to start at the end of January and another will take place either this summer or fall, depending on the timing of applications coming in. Applications are available on the Circle of Love website HospiceCircleofLove.com, at the office at 314 S. 3rd, by calling 580-234-2273 or emailing julien@hospicecircleoflove.com.



Circle of Love Volunteers are pictured here at our 40th anniversary celebration.

"Our volunteers are a vital part of our team and we couldn't operate without them," commented Volunteer Coordinator Julie Nelson. "We would love to find a few more compassionate people to add to our group."

Kentucky Derby Party To Offer Some Changes This Year

The 150th running of the Kentucky Derby will take place May 4th, 2024 and Hospice Circle of Love will be watching on a big screen at the annual Mint Julep Jubilee. The event will include lots of fun including casino games, prizes and Derby inspired food and drinks. The Jubilee will take place at Oakwood Country Club starting at 4:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to buy a ticket. Attendees are encouraged to wear Derby day attire. In the past that has included big hats, colorful dresses and bow ties. You can call the office at 580-234-2273 to order tickets or sign up to sponsor.



Sara Fike reacts to winning a diamond necklace at the 2023 Mint Julep Jubilee.

Grief Group Will Provide Some Help To Those in Need

Grieving the death of a loved one is one of the most difficult things we have to do. That's why Hospice Circle of Love offers grief groups four times each year. The next one is scheduled for every Tuesday in February. The meetings are held at the Hospice Circle of Love office, 314 S. 3rd. from 5:00 PM to about 6:15 PM. The group is a nice way to connect with others going through similar circumstances. Areas covered during the meetings include discovering identity changes, searching for meaning, dealing with pain and ongoing support.

Support groups will also be offered the first four Tuesdays in June and October. Anyone in the community, 18 and over, who is grieving the death of a loved one is welcome to attend.

Please call Shelby or Gary at 580-234-2273 to register or for more information. Tips regarding navigating grief and information on additional resources can be found on the Dealing with Grief page of the Hospice Circle of Love website, HospiceCircleofLove.com.

Grief Group
February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
5:00 PM
Hospice Circle of Love
(314 S. 3rd)
Call Shelby at 580-234-2273
To Register

2023 Was an Eventful Year for Hospice Circle of Love

- We celebrated 40 years of service to the community.
- Two Volunteers, Cathy Wiles and Patrece Allen, celebrated 25 years of helping patients.
- Circle of Love was named Enid's Best Hospice in the *Enid News & Eagle* Reader's Choice Survey.
- We held two book sale fundraisers with record earnings.
- We Hosted our Mint Julep Jubilee, Kentucky Derby Fundraiser and the annual Benefit Clay Shoot.
- We celebrated the lives of around 400 patients and community members at our annual Tree of Life event.
- Volunteers & Staff participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's and the United Way Chili Cook Off.



Chaplain Gary Miller delivered the spiritual message at the 2023 Tree of Life Celebration.



Hospice Circle of Love was the top fundraising team at the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's.



Circle of Love's 40th anniversary celebration was held in September. Pictured (Top) are former Office Administrator Cheryl Robinette and former Director Cathy Graber. Pictured (Above) are Bereavement Coordinator Shelby Maddox and Director Chad Caldwell.



The top three finishers at the 2023 Circle of Love Benefit Clay Shoot all hit 44 out of 50 clays.



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Spring Book Sale To Offer Many Choices



*Volunteers Jovita Lang, Pam Lyon and
Cathy Wiles pause for a picture during the
last book sale, held in October of 2023.*

Cracking open a new book and losing yourself in the story is a great way to spend some free time. Book lovers will get a chance to find some new reading material at a great price during the upcoming **Hospice Circle of Love Spring Book Sale**. The event has been scheduled for **Friday, April 5th from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Saturday April 6th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM** at 314 S. 3rd in Enid.

"We have already received a lot of great donations, including some newer mysteries and fiction novels that are in great shape," commented event organizer Julie Nelson. On Friday all hardbacks will be \$2.00 and paperbacks will be \$1.00. On Saturday, hardbacks will be \$1.00 and paperbacks will be \$.50.

In addition to books, we will have puzzles, games, CDs, DVDs and books on tape.

Every purchase comes with a free bookmark. Sponsorships are available for the event. Email julien@hospicecircleoflove.com for more information.