

HOSPICE HEADLINES

Fall 2025



Remembering our Loved Ones

Cardinals hold importance in several cultures. Many believe they bring messages from loved ones who have passed before us. Their name is derived from the word *cardo*, which means hinge in Latin, symbolizing a door between earth and heaven. Cardinals are also symbols of hope, good luck and endurance. They do not migrate, but instead endure the winter. Additionally, their bright color reminds us of holiday cheer. For these reasons, Hospice Circle of Love has chosen a cardinal for the 2025 Tree of Life ornament.

All patients who have passed since November 1st of last year will automatically be included in this year's celebration of life to be held December 14th at NOC Enid's Gantz Center. Anyone else can include their loved one for a \$25.00 donation. The names of those being remembered will be placed on a tag and tied to the cardinal ornament. Those ornaments will adorn a trio of Christmas trees displayed during the event. The Tree of Life program will include a reading of the names of those being remembered, a brief spiritual message, Christmas music and a cookie and punch reception. If you would like to order an ornament, please use the enclosed envelope. The ornament with your loved one's name is yours to keep following the ceremony. If you cannot attend, ornaments may be picked up at the Circle of Love office at 314 S. 3rd through January 31st.



Giving our best

For 19 years in a row, Hospice Circle of Love has been named Best Hospice in the *Enid News & Eagle* Reader's Choice survey. "We really appreciate the votes from the community in this survey. We strive daily to be the best," commented Circle of Love Director Chad Caldwell.

Circle of Love also continues to be the only hospice in Enid with a 5-Star rating in Medicare's Family Caregiver Survey. The survey is sent to families we have served following the death of their loved one.



Chaplain Shelby Maddox and Patient Sharon Milburn enjoy a recent visit.

A Fall Full of Festivities



17 Circle of Love staff and volunteers walked with several other groups to end Alzheimer's on October 25th. The event raises money for patient services and for research for a cure. The walk raised \$25,000.00 and is still collecting money.



We sold several thousand books at the 37th annual fall book sale. The event helps us care for patients without an insurance or Medicare benefit, at no charge.



Volunteers had a great time serving hot cocoa at the Commons Open House and Rebranding event in October.



The theme for the annual United Way Chili Cook Off was Halloween.

Circle of Love always enjoys being a part of the community. As a not-for-profit ourselves, we feel it is important to get involved. Of course caring for terminally ill patients to help them make every day count is our top priority.

Our goal is to make patients comfortable, bring families peace of mind and most importantly provide love when it's need most.