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Snowline Hospice is a community-based non-profit organization of health professionals and lay persons, providing quality care and support to patients and families who are coping with endstage illnesses. Hospice services are covered by Medicare, MediCal and private insurance. The Hospice program is available to all people in need regardless of ability to pay.

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## 6TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR A SUCCESS!



"The Angel Room is representative of more than a dozen separate theme-oriented rooms found throughout the Ford building, in addition to the showroom floor. Every square inch of the 8,000 square feet was packed with wonderful holiday buys."

Our anticipated 6th Annual Holiday Spectacular Social and Shopping was a tremendous success! This year we combined holiday merchandise and collectibles from three stores (Placerville, Cameron Park and Camino) into one shopping venue, the Ford building on Forni Road in Placerville.

While we had more room, more parking and more great deals, our community showed up in force the entire weekend. On Friday alone, more than 1,500 shoppers packed the building, which was already bursting at the seams with bargains! We want to thank our generous community for your continued support.

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"Frequently she would share one of her deepest concerns, quipping, 'Just make sure I'm really dead.' I would always reply, 'Don't worry, I will.'"

Throughout her hospice care, Eleanor was able to keep her sense of humor, saying during each visit, "Well, am I going to live?" The comment brought laughs to her family and the hospice team. "We were able to provide her with the quality of life she wanted with the least amount of meds," her case manager stated. "She wanted to be active as long as possible and to pass quickly. We gave her her wish."

Over the months of Eleanor's care, members of her hospice team brought bulbs for occasions such as birthdays, Christmas, Valentine's Day, more than 100 in all. Each year, when they bloom, they will be a living reminder to Eleanor's daughter and family of the loved one they so cherished.

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# SnowLines

News From Snowline Hospice

## PATIENT STORY ELEANOR OWEN



Eleanor Owen laughed at the picture of herself, published earlier this year in the local newspaper after her 103rd birthday party. A spray of gray hair listing to one side looking like a wild hibiscus flower "growing out of my ear," she liked to say of the photograph.

Several weeks after the story ran in the paper, Eleanor passed away, essentially from old age. She had been receiving hospice care through Snowline for about a year and a half as her body slowly declined. Due to the care she received from her hospice team she was able to continue doing the things she enjoyed, like playing bridge and meeting with her Shakespeare Club book club right up to the end. Not long ago, she gave a performance at the annual gathering of the Centenarian Club in Sacramento, reciting the words of her favorite poem/song called The Lilac Tree. Other favorite past times were walking and swimming as the weather at her home in Camino permitted, and baking chocolate chip cookies for the staff of her daughter's family juice business.

During her time as a hospice patient, Eleanor's hospice team came weekly to tend to her needs, help keep any pain at bay, help her sleep through the night as the end drew near. "Besides her basic needs, what we gave her was the assurance she desired as she was declining," said Eleanor's case manager/nurse.

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Are you interested in supporting Snowline Hospice but not sure what type of financial gift would be most appropriate for your situation? The following list highlights a number of charitable giving opportunities. Take the list to your financial, estate or tax planner for more information.

**Cash.** Cash can be used immediately for the short- or long-range operation of the organization. Cash gifts (actual dollars, checks, credit card donations) can be undesignated (used for whatever purpose Snowline allocates) or designated, wherein the donor specifies for what purpose the gift can be used.

**Securities.** There are two ways to donate stocks or other securities to Snowline; each has tax benefits to the donor. If you donate the security (rather than selling it and donating the proceeds), you can avoid paying capital gains tax on its appreciated value yet you are still able to claim the full appreciated value as a charitable tax deduction. Snowline can then sell the stock and realize its full value. If, however, you have a security that has declined in value since you bought it, sell it yourself to benefit from the capital loss and the charitable deduction for the donation.

**Real Estate.** If you have owned your home, a vacation home, acreage, or rental parcels for many years, a gift of real estate can be especially tax-advantageous. The property's appreciated value may be such that its sale would result in a sizeable capital gains tax. If given to Snowline, you could avoid the tax and also realize a charitable deduction for the full market value of your property at the time of the gift.

## CHARITABLE GIVING



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## VOLUNTEER TALKS WEEKLY WITH THE BEREAVED



When Hazel Talbert's husband passed away in 1995, she attended a hospice grief class to help her cope with her feelings of loss. Now, as a Snowline Hospice bereavement volunteer, she is helping many others do the same. "I liked the idea that I could talk to people on the phone," Hazel said, remembering back to when she first signed up to volunteer. "I'm a people person and I like helping people."

Hazel has been making bereavement calls for more than ten years. Every week, she receives a list of names to call. She listens to each person and reminds them to eat healthy meals, get plenty of rest, and be gentle with themselves during the period of adjusting to life without their loved one. "I feel this is my calling," Hazel says. "Talking to these people makes a difference in their lives, and it helps me as much as it helps them. It lifts my spirits."

- Hazel's favorite aspect of volunteering for Snowline: "Being able to make calls from home."
- A helpful trait for a bereavement volunteer: "It helps to be naturally friendly and caring."

There are many volunteer opportunities available to men and women of all ages. Call the manager of clinical volunteer services at (530) 621-7820 and learn how you can become a volunteer.

## RIDIN' FOR HOSPICE POKER RUN



Poker Run final stop at Rainbow Orchards in Camino.

Thanks to all of the participants, guests, sponsors and volunteers who helped make this year's 6th Annual Poker Run on July 11 a success! The ride raised nearly \$35,000 to help Snowline Hospice provide end-of-life care to terminally ill patients and their families throughout El Dorado County and Folsom.

A sizeable portion of the income raised came from raffle tickets sold for a 360cc quad partially donated by Kawasaki and Mike's Cycle of Placerville and a custom storage shed built by the ROP students of Golden Sierra High School in Garden Valley. Dozens of other in-kind donations helped to make this event fun for everyone and a tremendous fundraiser for Snowline.

Special thanks to ride founder Bill Bryant and his wife Theresa who, each year, combine their passion for end-of-life care and love of motorcycles to support our Poker Run.

## HEALING ALL TOGETHER

In January 2009, Snowline began offering a unique program called, "Healing All Together, Snowline Hospice's Place for Grieving Children and Teens & Their Families," geared especially for children who have experienced the death of a family member or close friend. The program provides a safe, compassionate environment for the boys and girls – alongside peers who have suffered a similar loss – to express their grief through art, motion, music or play what words alone cannot express.

Children and teens must be accompanied by an adult at each session, with adults and children meeting in separate rooms for age-specific activities. Please contact *Sue Watson* at (530) 621-7820 for more information or to sign up for this special workshop.

**Where:** Snowline's administrative office at 6520 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs.  
**Dates:** Every other Thurs. from Sept. 10, 2009 to May 20, 2010, with breaks for holidays.  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30 pm  
**Who:** Ages 5 through 17, pre-enrollment is mandatory.  
**Cost:** No charge, although donations are appreciated to help defray group expenses.

A big THANK YOU to the community members who supported Snowline's Link-Up fundraiser! More than \$5,000 were raised to help serve grieving children.

## COMMUNITY GRIEF GROUPS

As a service to El Dorado County, Snowline Hospice offers support to our hospice families and anyone else in the community who has experienced the death of a family member during the last 18 months.

**Living with Grief Workshop:** This eight-week winter series for adults focuses on grief education and support and provides an opportunity to learn strategies to cope with grief. Wed., Jan. 27-Mar. 17.

**Morning Series:** 10:30am to Noon | **Evening Series:** 6:00pm to 7:30pm

**Where:** Snowline's administrative office at 6520 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs.

**Cost:** No charge, although donations are appreciated to help defray group expenses.

**Contact:** *Sue Watson* at (530)621-7820 for more information or to sign up.

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### Planned and Deferred Giving

**Charitable Bequest.** The most common and simplest form of planned giving is a bequest – remembering Snowline Hospice in your will or living trust. In so doing, you are helping to preserve Snowline's legacy for our others throughout the community as well as future generations. If you already have a will or living trust, a codicil or amendment can be used to include Snowline in your plans. There are four common ways to make a bequest, which can be restricted to a particular program or unrestricted:

- Specify a percentage of your estate
- Define a specific dollar amount
- List specific properties from your estate, such as stocks
- Bequeathing the residue of your estate, including all real and personal property

**Charitable Gift Annuity.** A gift annuity is an agreement between you and Snowline in which you contribute cash, securities, or other assets to Snowline in exchange for regular, fixed payments to you for the rest of your life. The amount of the fixed payment is a percentage of your gift, determined by your age. Payments can be made on a set schedule or deferred for a period of time, and a percentage is tax-free. Snowline would then be the ultimate beneficiary of your gift. As with a bequest, the gift can be restricted or unrestricted.

**Residence Gift.** You may wish to consider donating your personal residence, reserving the right to continue living in the house for your lifetime and that of your surviving spouse. You would then be entitled to a current income tax deduction for a portion of the fair market value of the property. Additionally, the property would be removed from your estate, thus reducing your estate tax.

**Retirement Plan or IRA Gifts.** Making gifts to charity at death from your retirement plan or IRA can eliminate the income tax that would be payable upon your death and thus would reduce your overall estate for estate tax purposes.

**Charitable Remainder Trust.** This trust allows you to receive income for life or for a specified number of years. Benefits to the donor include a charitable income tax deduction at the time the gift is made, reduction or elimination of capital gains taxes on securities or real estate that has increased in value, and reduction in estate and inheritance taxes.

**Charitable Lead Trust.** This type of trust is generally established by donors who wish to make large charitable deductions during their lifetime but still have all their assets inherited by their heirs upon their death. Donations are made to Snowline from the estate until taxes are sufficiently reduced, or a period of time has elapsed. The estate is then transferred to the beneficiaries, who typically will face lower taxes.

## LIGHT A LIFE

Snowline Hospice's 23rd Annual Light A Life program is almost here. This memorial gives grieving individuals an opportunity to remember their loved one through candles and music in a soft, lovely setting.

Participants light a candle in memory of their loved one and help decorate one of several memorial trees as a way to celebrate his or her life. By submitting their loved one's name at the start of the event, participants will hear the name read aloud as part of a specially-designed program. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one in the past few months, please attend. This event is open to the community.

**When:** Sunday, December 6

**Time:** 6 pm

**Where:** Wilkinson-Hupcey Building, 681 Main Street, Placerville

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