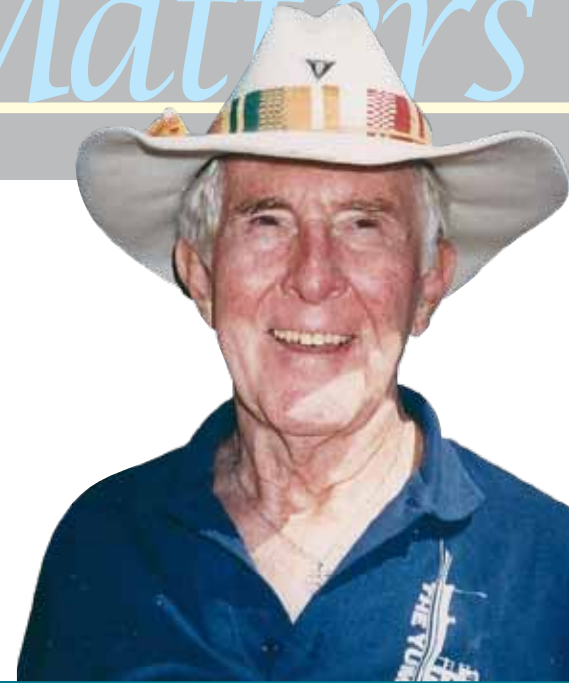




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Celebrating 30 Years

Looking Back

John Williams, Executive Director

Recently, I took the opportunity to look back at our archive of annual reports, gleaning information on the organization's history of service to the Yuma community. In doing so, I came across a document turned over and stuck in the back pages of an annual report from 1991. As I read over it, I was awestruck by its words. The document was the remarks that Reverend William Watkins had shared at the 10th year celebration of Hospice of Yuma. I would like to share these words with you, as I believe they are just as true today as they were over 20 years ago. I would also like to dedicate our 30 year celebration to Reverend William Watkins. Although he is no longer with us, his impact, sacrifice and labor of love as co-founder of Hospice of Yuma has left a lasting legacy in our community:

Remarks for the 10th Anniversary of Hospice of Yuma

By the Rev. William D. Watkins
Chilton Inn, Thursday, October 17, 1991

"There is nothing as powerful as an idea whose time has not come." I have heard that this statement, which has a lot of head-nodding truth to it, was first made by Lord Acton, the English historian of the last century. It is a statement that is very true and appropriate when it is made in reference to the start of Hospice of Yuma twelve years ago this fall. Our community was ripe and ready for an organization that would be present to and assist in the caring of our terminally ill relatives, neighbors, friends and – yes - even strangers.

Many of us bore this concern and dream in our hearts and minds. On the first Saturday

of November, 1979, we came together at the Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church... health care people, ministers, persons with relatives and friends who had cancer... just a lot of ordinary folk who wanted to start in Yuma what had been started in many communities throughout our country... a hospice to assist terminally ill people and their families in this life's last adventure: death.

The Rev. Gerald Roseberry had been invited to tell us how he and a group of people had started Hospice of the Valley in the metropolitan Phoenix area. My memory tells me at least fifty or sixty people were present to hear him speak. He made his presentation. Questions were asked, ideas were discussed. All who wanted to assist in getting a hospice started here in Yuma were invited to sign up, and many did.

A steering committee was organized and began meeting regularly. The restaurant at what is now the Airporter Stardust – then I believe, a Travelodge – was where we met for breakfast and for planning. At one of these breakfast meetings an attractive, most pleasant woman showed up – uninvited! She told us she had heard about our concern to organize a hospice here in Yuma and shared the wonderful news that she had served with the New England hospice that was the first one organized in our country. This gift of providence told us her name was Phyllis Swanson.

From the start of our planning, we understood that it usually takes two years to go through all the steps necessary leading up to that great day when a hospice organization accepts its first patient... the planning, the deciding, raising money, writing up procedures, policies and job descriptions and recruiting and training staff and volunteers. This two-year time line served us well. It gave us patience (p-a-t-i-e-n-c-e) and encouraged our

persistence. That significant day for us and our community came November, 1981, when we signed up our first patient.

Yes! "There is nothing as powerful as an idea whose time has come." The idea- the dream of a hospice in Yuma – was alive, glowing, burning in the hearts and minds of many of us that fall twelve years ago and it was an idea – a dream – whose time had come. There is no one person, there is not even a definite, specific group of persons now to be recognized and thanked... so prevalent, so pervasive, so powerful was this dream. Many shared it and worked for it then... as literally hundreds of you have worked for and shared that dream in its living reality these past ten years.

If anyone – any group of people – is to be recognized specifically on this occasion of the 10th anniversary of Hospice of Yuma, it is that group who have called us to this gracious opportunity and privilege of service out of their sickness, their pain, their fears, their loneliness, their courage... those neighbors, relatives and friends we have been truly blessed to serve and are serving even now. To them and their families, we owe our thanks – our deepest and sincerest thanks – for inviting us to be present with them for comfort and companionship in this deeply personal, strangely wonderful venture of dying. To them... to them we say "Thank you!"... "Thank you!" from the depths of our own hearts." ■

Director's Corner

A Message From Executive Director John Williams

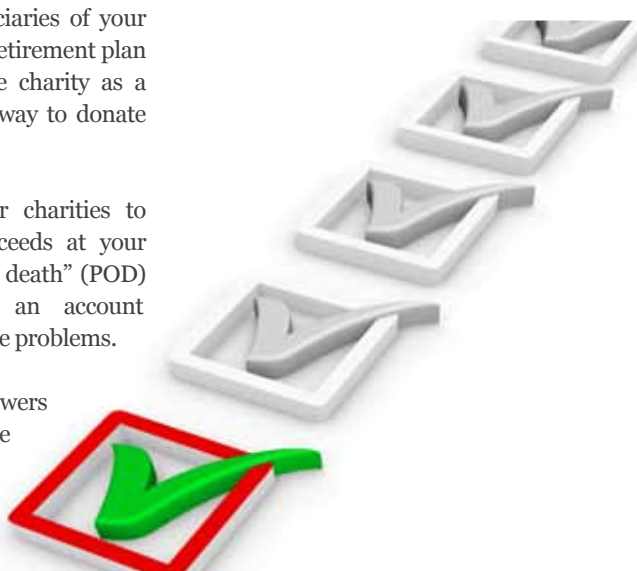
End of Year Checklist

Time to review your checklist

It's hard to believe that December 31st is fast approaching. Before the busy holiday season, it could be to your advantage now to take steps in preparation for end-of-year charitable giving. To help you, here's a checklist of actions for you to review as the end of the year approaches.

- Review your current will and trusts. These may need to be updated due to major changes in your life, such as births or deaths or moving to another state. Consider including a favorite charity in your will. You can designate a certain amount or a percentage and there is no minimum.
- Take inventory and make a written record of the contents of any safe-deposit boxes. Give a copy to a trusted family member or executor of your estate.
- Review and update beneficiaries of your life insurance policies and retirement plan assets. Including a favorite charity as a beneficiary is an excellent way to donate and reduce estate taxes.
- Name designated heirs or charities to receive bank account proceeds at your death. Using a "payable on death" (POD) designation to re-direct an account without unnecessary probate problems.
- Make sure your durable powers of attorney for health care and living will are current.
- Offset your capital gains with losses. As volatile as the market has been this past year, many portfolios may have both gains and losses. If you plan to make gifts of stocks to a charity, it is beneficial to make those gifts with stocks that have appreciated in value (worth more now than you originally paid for them). Appreciated securities must be transferred directly to the charity in order to avoid tax on capital gain. If the stock has depreciated in value, it may make more sense for you to sell the shares and donate the cash proceeds, thus preserving the ability to declare capital loss on your tax return.
- Complete charitable contributions by December 31, 2011 to take full advantage of potential tax deductions and remember your end-of-year giving is appreciated not only by the charity of your choice but the people they serve.

This information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Please consult your financial advisor and attorney for further instruction. ■



Investing in Hospice

In September, a Zumba-Thon was held to benefit Hospice of Yuma. Put on by a local **Zumba Instructor, Sylvia Jashimoto**, it raised over \$1,000.00 for Hospice of Yuma patient care. We wish to thank Sylvia for all of her hard work in organizing the event, Castle Dome Middle School for providing their gym, the **Castle Dome Middle School students** that volunteered their time taking tickets and checking people in and all the Zumba instructors that participated. It was a lot of fun and we hope to do it again. Thank you to all of you who donated your time, and who came to work out!

September was also a time for two of our fundraisers to benefit the Wig & Prosthesis Program. We held a Gold Canyon Candle Fundraiser and Silpada Fundraiser. We wish to thank **Dorrie Papp of Gold Canyon Candles** and **Ann Farley of Silpada** for their hard work in helping us raise money for this important cause. Together, Dorrie and Ann raised a total of \$1,087.76 for the Wig & Prosthesis Program. Thank you so much!

Thank you, **Casa Manana Mobile Home Park** for holding a yard sale to benefit Hospice of Yuma. The residents of Casa Manana were able to raise over \$400.00 for patient care, and what didn't sell at the yard sale was donated to the Hospice of Yuma Thrift Shop. Thank you so much!

We would also like to thank **Ronald M. Martin and Family** for their recent grant of \$4,050.00. Thank you for your unending support of our organization.

We also wish to thank the following corporations, community groups and churches for their contributions: **Arizona Combined Federal Campaign** in the amount of \$2,959.82; **MCAS Station Chapel** in the amount of \$1,000.00; **Albertson's Community Partners** in the amount of \$145.40; **United Way Contributors** in the amount of \$456.58; and the Yuma Women's Club in the amount of \$107.00.

Special thank you to **YRMC Foundation** for their recent contribution of \$5,000.00. Thank you for your unwavering support of our organization! ■

Light-A-Light

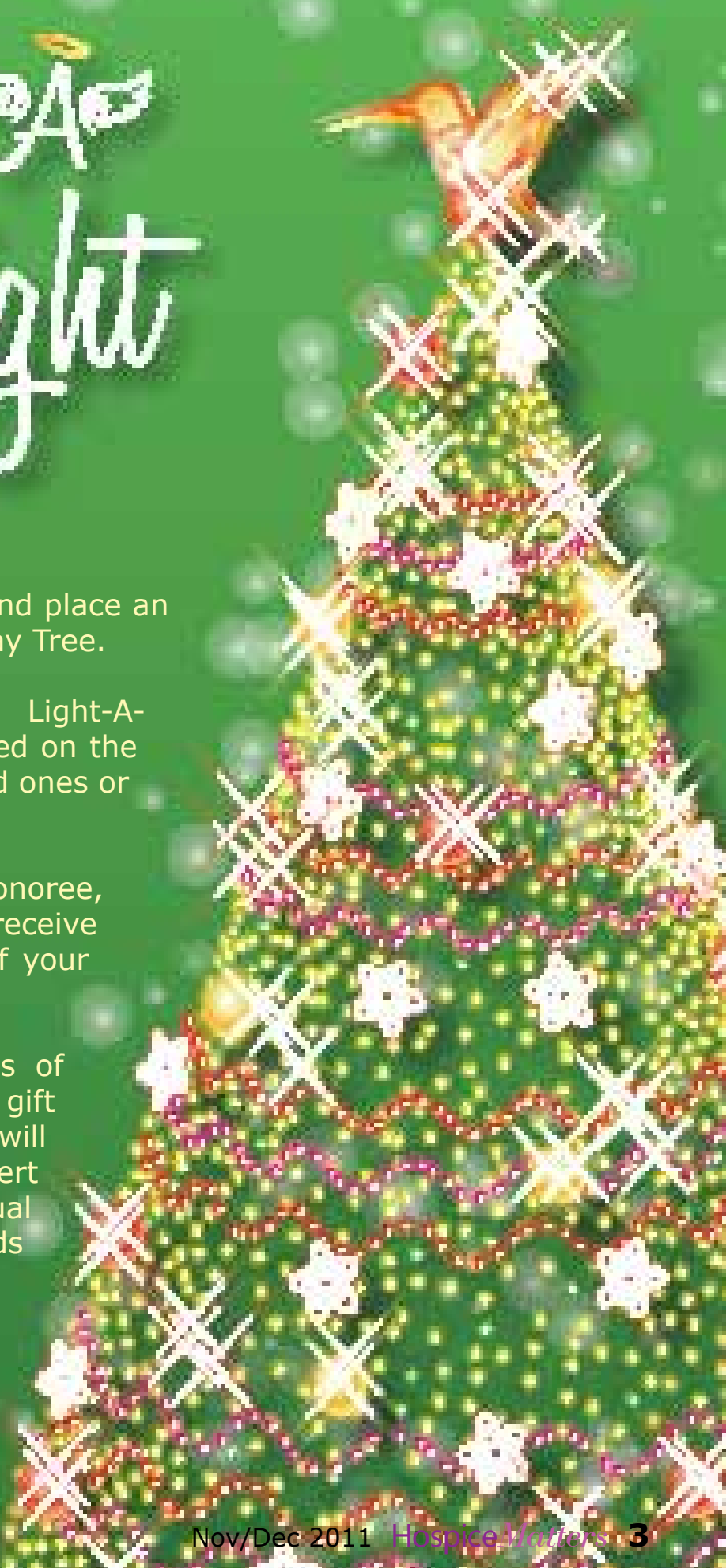
In the spirit of giving, light a light and place an angel on the Hospice of Yuma Holiday Tree.

For each contribution to the Light-A-Light Program an angel will be placed on the holiday tree in memory of your loved ones or in honor of your personal heroes.

For each angel you sponsor, your honoree, or the person you designate, will receive an attractive card notifying them of your thoughtfulness.

In addition to celebrating the lives of some wonderful people, your gift will touch others. Your donations will help our hospice team provide expert medical care, emotional and spiritual support tailored to our patient's needs and wishes.

Please fill out a Light-A-Light envelope provided in this newsletter and send to the address provided on the envelope.





Nov. 1st - Nov. 30th, 2011

There are many ways you can help support Hospice of Yuma during National Hospice Month. It's as easy as purchasing a new car, from one of the listed dealers, who will then donate \$25.00 of the sale to HOY, or eating out on the specified nights at participating restaurants.

Participating Dealerships:

Fisher Chevrolet
Fisher Jeep/Dodge
Fisher Hyundai
Sonora Nissan
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Dine Outs:

Lute's Casino
Nov. 14, 3:00pm - Close
Chretin's Mexican Food
Nov. 30, Open - Close

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We also wish to thank the Hospice of Yuma Fundraising Volunteers for their hard work and enthusiasm. Without them it would be impossible to hold this event.

ThriftShopNews

Dorothy Toney, Hospice of Yuma Thrift Shop Manager

We've Come So Far

And it's just getting better

Twenty years ago, Hospice of Yuma was faced with the challenge of raising money for the charitable care program. An idea was born and fortunately, the people behind the idea were willing to do the work to bring the Hospice of Yuma Thrift Shop to reality. Over the years, many other dedicated people have contributed to the success of the Thrift Shop and it's reputation of excellence. Lets take a moment to look back on the evolution of the Best Thrift Shop in Yuma.

Under the guidance of the Board of Directors and a staff of volunteers, the first Thrift Shop opened in June 1991 in the storeroom in the back of the main office. The room was so small that donations were collected and prepared for sale at the home of one of our volunteers. This volunteer would also have monthly patio sales at her home to boost the sales of the Thrift Shop.

In June of 1995, the Thrift Shop had outgrown the storeroom and was moved to the building

next door to the main office. With the larger building, the Thrift Shop had more floor space and an actual room dedicated to sorting and pricing. The new location also had front door access on 8th Avenue, which gave the shop more visibility and thus increased sales.

The HOY Thrift Shop moved once again in November of 1996 to the building on the end of the block where the main store is now located. Many dedicated staff members and volunteers provided the manual labor to paint, install shelving and make other improvements. Finally, the Thrift Shop had room for a washer and dryer so the volunteers would not have to take items home to launder donated clothing.

2006 was another milestone year for the Thrift Shop with the addition of the building next to the main store to display furniture for sale. It didn't take long to realize that this venture would significantly increase the amount of income for the Thrift Shop. Funds were approved for remodeling the interior of the building and in November of 2007, the new and improved Furniture Showroom was unveiled.

July 20, 2008 is a day that will live forever in the minds and hearts of all those involved with

the Thrift Shop. That was the day the strong monsoon storm dumped an unimaginable amount of rain on our aging roof. Needless to say, the interior of the building was damaged and the store was forced to close for repairs. But that black cloud had a silver lining and our new and much improved Thrift Shop was again open for business in December of 2008.

The Thrift Shop is an integral part of Hospice of Yuma. It provides a continuous source of income to help fund the charitable care program. Every donor, every customer and every volunteer who supports the Thrift Shop helps us to achieve our mission of providing the best care we possibly can to each and every one of our patients. As Hospice of Yuma Thrift Shop celebrates 20 years of service to our community, take a minute to reflect on where we started and how far we've come. Let's see what amazing things we can accomplish in the next 20 years. ■



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Thrift Shop

Visit our Facebook page for pictures and sales information!

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<p>Nov. 2, 16, 30</p> <p>Men's Breakfast Club</p> <p>Breakfast, on your own</p> <p><i>Mad Greek Restaurant</i></p> <p>8:00am</p>	<p>Nov. 4</p> <p>Lutes Takeover</p> <p>15% of all proceeds will go to Hospice of Yuma</p> <p><i>Lutes Casino</i></p> <p>4pm - Close</p>	<p>Nov. 6</p> <p>Learn the Art of Stewardship</p> <p>Christian Estate Planning Seminar</p> <p>AWC</p> <p>5:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p>Nov. 16</p> <p>Yuma County Lute's Takeover</p> <p>To benefit Hospice of Yuma</p> <p><i>Lutes Casino</i></p> <p>4:00pm - 9:00pm</p>
<p>Nov. 17</p> <p>Yuma County Bowl-A-Thon</p> <p>To benefit Hospice of Yuma</p> <p><i>AMF Inca Lanes</i></p> <p>*See website for details</p>	<p>Nov. 19</p> <p>Nostalgia Car Show</p> <p>To benefit Hospice of Yuma</p> <p><i>Yuma East Country Club</i></p> <p>10:30am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Nov. 30</p> <p>Chretin's Dine Out</p> <p>All proceeds go to Hospice of Yuma</p> <p><i>Chretin's Mexican Food</i></p> <p>Open - Close</p>	<p>Dec. 14, 28</p> <p>Men's Breakfast Club</p> <p>Breakfast, on your own</p> <p><i>Mad Greek Restaurant</i></p> <p>8:00am</p>
<p>Dec. 15</p> <p>Memorial Service</p> <p>Memorial service to honor loved ones</p> <p><i>HOY Conference Center</i></p> <p>3:00 pm</p>	<p>National Hospice Month</p> <p>November is National Hospice Month.</p> <p>Keep up to date with all National Hospice Month events on www.hospiceofyuma.com and on the Hospice of Yuma Facebook page.</p>		



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