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FALL NEWSLETTER 2023

A testimonial from a family who received our support

Our beautiful loving mother, Amparo, passed several years ago. Our mother began feeling tired, weak, and rapidly losing weight. We all thought it was something that would go away, and she'd be feeling well, and back to herself again. This did not happen. Her health was deteriorating quickly, and doctors could not seem to figure out what was wrong. They did more tests, and she was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer, and was given a few short months to live after her diagnosis. She began receiving chemotherapy a few days later. Everyone in our family was devastated and lost, because we could not believe the diagnosis and the short time we had left to be with our loved one.

The doctors recommended we contact Hospice of Yuma. We did immediately. A hospice nurse came to our aid. She was a Godsend. The nurse came to our house and provided assistance to our family. She explained how to care for our mother and what to do so she could have the best quality of life given her condition. The hospice nurse gave us the information on what types of food she should eat and how to provide our mother with insulin injections for her diabetes. The hospice health care provider was available to us by phone 24 hours 7 days a week. Without her help and assistance, we would have been lost and our mother would not have received the quality at home care because we would have lacked the knowledge to provide the care. The hospice nurse gave us on the spot training, guidance, and empathy during a very difficult time in our family's life.

This year we lost our beloved father. Again, Hospice of Yuma assisted with his care and his final days of life. Hospice personnel have been there for our family through the loss of both of our beloved parents.

If you are faced with a loved one's sudden illness, there is help available through Hospice of Yuma. Please continue to make donations to Hospice of Yuma, so they may continue to provide help and assistance to those in need in our community.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put His arms around you and whispered, "Come to me." With tearful eyes we watched you as you slowly slipped away and though we loved you dearly we couldn't make you stay. Your golden heart stopped beating. Your tired hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Author Unknown

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As we all live day by day in challenging times Hospice of Yuma has continued to find ways to provide end of life care and support services to families who have lost loved ones. Each patient and family that choose Hospice of Yuma as their hospice provider receives the very best care and support. Even as inflation has raised the cost of supplies, medications, equipment, and medical care, we stay committed to always putting the patient and their family first.

Of all the patients that Hospice of Yuma cares for, those without insurance or ability to pay are closest to my heart. Imagine for a moment that you are in a circumstance where you or your spouse loses your job. What would you do? How would you make ends meet? And to add to the financial burden, you or your loved one has been diagnosed with cancer and need medical care and chemotherapy and you cannot afford to pay COBRA to keep your insurance. The oncologist cannot treat you for free. You apply for assistance through the State but are denied because you do not meet the eligibility criteria. Without treatment your cancer spreads rapidly, and you experience a great amount of pain and nausea. You go to the emergency room every few days because it is the only option available to receive medical care and pain medication.

I understand it may be difficult to believe this scenario could happen, but it has, and it is a scenario that we at Hospice of Yuma have seen too often. It is hard to imagine that there are those in our community who are dying with a terminal illness and have no insurance or financial resources to assist them. But these people and their families do exist, and they need our help. Hospice of Yuma's Charitable Care Program has been in place for over 42 years and thanks to the support of the community through donations, we have never had to turn a patient away.

As we enter the fall months, I would like to remind the community that the need for charitable care remains strong. We have worked hard all year to fundraise and keep up with the number of uninsured patients that need hospice services.

I am very thankful to those in the community who have donated during the National Hospice Month of November every year and for all our Legacy Partners who have given donations throughout the current year. That money continues to help us meet the needs of those terminally ill patients without insurance.

Our commitment is to continue to accept every patient and family that needs our care regardless of insurance and ability to pay. The only way this is possible is through the continued generosity and financial support we receive from donors in the community. I understand that money is tight given the challenges our economy is experiencing. If you would like to donate, no amount is too small. With your donation, you are joining others to help those in our community who are in need of our services. If you feel like you can give more, we ask you consider \$170.00 donation, which is the cost for 1 day of care on hospice services. Please consider joining us in caring for the terminally ill by providing a donation. The money you donate helps to pay for the hands-on compassionate medical care, the medications, the equipment, and the supplies that these terminally ill patients so desperately need.

For more information about ways to support or to join our Legacy Partner Program or participate in the National Hospice Month "I Make a Difference" campaign, please contact us at 928-343-2222. Thank you for your continued support.

John Williams
Executive Director
Hospice of Yuma

THRIFT SHOP



(L to R) Michael (Volunteer), John Asst. Mgr, Jerry Thrift Shop Truck Driver, Erv (Volunteer) and Juan (Thrift Shop Assistant)

These guys are camera shy. They are Hospice of Yuma's Thrift Shop behind the scene guys. Kudos to a wonderful team!

Michael - is one of our newest volunteers who helps with sorting the incoming donations. He is strong and kindhearted. Whenever someone needs help, he never hesitates to lend a helping hand.

John - is the Assistant Manager at the Hospice of Yuma Thrift Shop. He oversees our donations that get dropped off as well as the ones picked up on the Furniture Truck.

Jerry - is the Thrift Shop Truck Driver. He took over when John became the Assistant Manager. Jerry does most of the heavy lifting, even if he jokingly tells you, "it's too heavy."

Erv - is our test-it guy. He makes sure all of the electronics that come through the Thrift Shop are tested so you know what works and how. He also repairs our clocks and vacuums.

Juan - is our newest employee. He helps clean and price items to be put on the sales floor and he also helps in the donation area as well.

In Memory of three wonderful ladies

(L to R) Dottie Priest, Debbie Pineda & Jinx Green

In 2022-2023 we lost three wonderful and amazing volunteers. This was a hard time for everyone at the Thrift Shop because every single one of us worked closely with these ladies. They each had over 10 years of dedicated volunteered time at the Hospice of Yuma Thrift Shop. They will forever be missed.



Dottie was a ball of joy. She knew almost every customer that came into the thrift shop.

Debbie Pineda brought the calm, sweet energy to the book aisle; she could find any book or author you were looking for.

Jinx Green was our sweetheart. She had so much knowledge about jewelry and vintage items that were donated.

You are not forgotten nor will you ever be. As long as life and memories last, we will remember thee. We miss you now. Our hearts are sore. As time goes by we will miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can fill your vacant space.

Unknown Author

BEREAVEMENT CALENDAR

Grief Support Meetings (at Ativo Senior Living)

**1st Monday
of the month
@2:00 pm**

A Walk to Remember Support Meetings (Loss of Spouse)

**1st & 3rd
Tuesday
of the month
@10:30 am**

Grief Support Meetings

**1st & 3rd
Wednesday
of the month
@2:00 pm**

Grief Support Meetings Survivors of Suicide

**2nd Wednesday
of the month
@ 2:00 pm**

GRIEF SUPPORT CENTER

Here at Hospice of Yuma's Grief Support Center, we are dedicated to helping the families and caregivers of our patients, and our community overcome grief after the loss of a loved one. We understand that not everyone grieves in the same way. Some people may take days or weeks to heal while others may take months or years. Everyone's journey through grief is different and grief is painful, especially with the holidays around the corner. During this time, grief may be more painful for those who may be grieving the loss of a loved one. Some statistics show that holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, etc., are hardest because you are overwhelmed with memories.

Please remember you are not alone, we are here to help. Our services are offered free of charge for families and caregivers of Hospice of Yuma patients as well as open to our community.

One of the main programs at the Hospice of Yuma's Grief Support Center is the Grief Recovery Method Program. This program is an 8-week program and is offered to anyone who is interested in taking the course. We have had 52 individuals graduate from the program from 2022-2023.

Please read some of our graduates testimonies.

"Before knowing about this program, I had no idea that there were so many emotional losses that we experience throughout our lives. This program helped me understand to let go and move forward without taking more emotional burdens."
Araceli Espindola



"On March 25, 2021, my husband passed. My life changed and I isolated myself in my home for months. I had to be strong for my family. I went through the broken heart syndrome and even ended up at the ER. What a difference it has been for someone to listen. I feel that Hospice of Yuma is holding my hand as I discover my new life. I still attend grief support meetings and also completed the 8-week Grief Recovery Method Program. Thank you all for what you do."
Susan Verness

"One of the things I liked about this program, and what I learned from the guide book was that it made me see my losses from a different perspective. It helped me think in a more conscious way through my own feelings. I could accept death as a part of life's cycle. It helped me recover myself, and accept my vision and feelings. I've learned that you have to go through your own emotions for your own good, and we must accept our losses but that we also need to seek help to learn how to cope with all the pain from life."

Blanca Zaragoza



"The program offers group and individual support during a much-needed time of depression which I was going through from losing my mother, and it helped with my healing. I would highly recommend this program to anyone who has experienced a loss. I am so grateful for the grief support center from Hospice of Yuma, and for their grief support counselors, who were always there to support me anytime I needed someone to listen to me."

Connie Clark

"The Grief Recovery Method Program was great. I enjoyed it because it helped me realize that I am not alone during my grief process. I've learned that this method can really help someone heal from grief and be free. I recommend this program 100% since you can experience to trust, to feel supported and it's confidential since the first session. It's hard to go through all your emotions but once you complete this you're able to find internal peace."

Obdulia Ortiz



"The Grief Recovery Method Program has you look at your loss history and relationships relating to that, so it is introspective and can be emotional, but that's what it needs to be in order to work. Honesty and trust are required, I was surprised at the relationship that I worked on to heal was not the person that I attended the class for. In the end, I got some healing and a better understanding of my relationships, and knowledge for working on any other troubling relationship/loss. I highly recommend this program if you want to heal."

Glen Vandervoort



"I attended the Grief Recovery Method Program at Hospice of Yuma with an open mind and heart, with hope, and knowing that I was taking the necessary steps in the right direction in my life to assist me in my recovery from the loss of my son.

Although I knew I was being honest with myself I felt a hint of skepticism, but I was determined to accomplish the program. At my first session I was able to openly share my grief, my pain, confusion and loneliness that I sometimes felt. Upon completion, I was able to embrace my grief and the loneliness began to dissipate. It also provided me more tools to overcome all my emotions and to be less fearful in my every day struggles."

Manuel Garcia

A Message from Our Facilitators

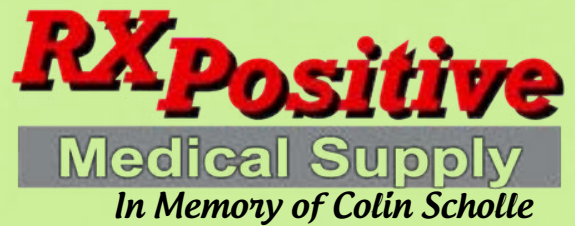
As a facilitator for the Grief Recovery Method Program, I see people struggling with grief and seeking some hope and healing. It is wonderful to see people transform after a few weeks and how they move forward from discovery to recovery. Personally, I feel It takes a lot of courage to be able to complete this program and people are willing to take the risk to do it. I look forward to seeing more people complete the 8-week program, so they can experience the beauty of healing and also be able to bring people hope and healing as they go through their grieving process. **Emilia Munoz**

"It is wonderful to know that people in our community are seeking help for their grieving even though it may be difficult to trust others and to talk about one's own thoughts and emotions, especially when grieving. My personal goal is to be able to reach out to as many individuals to complete the Grief Recovery Method Program and offer the opportunity to change their lives for the good. We don't realize how much we can transform by simply taking this course. I would like to thank those individuals who already took the course because I know in my heart they understand what I'm talking about..." **Lorenia Villaescusa**

Hospice of Yuma celebrated its 38th annual P.K. Hodges Golf Tournament this year. Once again it was another great success. On behalf of Hospice of Yuma and the Golf Tournament Committee, we would like to thank all of our sponsors, donors, golfers, volunteers, and board members who helped in this event. Thank you Mesa Del Sol and the Country Club.

This year's tournament could not have been a success if it wasn't for this wonderful community that we live in. We had 136 players take part in the golf tournament and we raised \$52,000.00 to provide dignity and compassionate care for our patients and their loved ones.

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In Loving Memory of



DOTTIE PRIEST
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



November is National Hospice Month

"I Make a Difference"

Please join Hospice of Yuma as we celebrate our 6th year "I make a Difference" campaign during National Hospice Month. Hospice of Yuma is the only 4-Star non-profit hospice in Yuma County. We provide medical, emotional, personal and spiritual care, as well as grief support to our patients, their families and caregivers during a tender time in life. Our staff helps those we serve experience more meaningful moments through exceptional hospice care, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, wherever a patient calls home.

Your donation will help Hospice of Yuma continue to be here for generations to come as well as help us continue to accomplish our mission. Please help us make a difference.



Please help Hospice of Yuma make a difference in the Yuma Community. Your donation goes a long way. Please visit our website at www.hospiceofyuma.com, scan the QR Code or contact Alysia Munoz at (928) 343-2222 or by email at amunoz@hospiceofyuma.com to make your donation today!

NATIONAL HOSPICE DONATION FORM

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS

Depending on the donation amount selected, your company name/logo would be displayed accordingly.

\$5,270.00 = 1 MONTH OF PATIENT CARE

- Facebook Cover Banner
- Facebook Post/Social Media
- Recognition of company logo on our National Hospice Month (NHM) sign
- 2 Billboards-3-month term (notify by 10/03/23)
- Name drop in our newsletter and annual report

\$3,570.00 = 3 WEEKS OF PATIENT CARE

- Facebook Post/Social Media
- Recognition of your company logo on our NHM sign
- 2 Billboards-3 month term (notify by 10/03/23)
- Name drop in our newsletter and annual report

\$1,190.00 = 1 WEEK OF PATIENT CARE

- Facebook Post/Social Media
- Recognition in memory/honor of loved one
- Name drop in our newsletter and annual report

\$510.00 = 3 DAYS OF PATIENT CARE

- Facebook Post/Social Media
- Recognition in memory/honor of loved one
- Name drop in our newsletter and annual report

\$170.00 = 1 DAY OF PATIENT CARE

- Facebook Post/Social Media
- Recognition in memory/honor of loved one
- Name drop in our newsletter and annual report

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

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February, March, April & May

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Maureen George
Renee Hudiburgh
Debra Kurtz
Cynthia Leon
Marian Leon
Douglas & Pamela Pancrazi
- Diane Myers
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JUNE 2023 NEW VOLUNTEER GRADUATES

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: MARLENE, YARA, ROSA, MARY, DUSTY, DEBBIE
 BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: JOHN, DENISE, ELIZABETH, CAROLINA
 NOT IN PICTURE: TAMMY, ERIKA AND AMY

Jerry Sullivan

33 years of Volunteer Service

Jenney Jordan

23 years of Volunteer Service



Memory Bears

Losing a loved one is very difficult. Hospice of Yuma volunteers can assist families that have lost a loved one by creating a Memory Bear sewn using the clothing of their deceased loved one. We require 2 yards of material. The Memory Bear can provide comfort, companionship and a connection to memories of your loved one.



To have our HOY volunteers create a Memory Bear for you, a family member or more information, please contact us at 928-343-2222.

UNDERSTANDING HOSPICE CARE IN YUMA COUNTY

Hospice of Yuma was established over 42 years ago by health care, business and volunteer community leaders dedicated to filling a need for end-of-life care that was not available in Yuma County at that time. What began as a nonprofit service of love to the terminally ill in our community remains the only true nonprofit hospice serving Yuma County today. It is also the third oldest and one of the most experienced hospices in the State of Arizona.

I want to emphasize that all hospices are not the same. They are not connected or share related services. Many people in our community remain unaware that each hospice provider is its own business entity and in no way related to one another. While both for-profit and nonprofit hospices are required to provide the same core services to patients and under Medicare receive the same amount of payment for services, there are significant differences between the hospice providers. This includes how core services are provided and to what levels of care are given. If you or a loved one is searching for a hospice provider, we want the community to know that not all hospice organizations in the area provide the same level of service that Hospice of Yuma does. They also do not have the same quality level that Hospice of Yuma does according to Medicare Compare: <https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/>.

CLEARING THE MISINFORMATION

With 6 hospice providers in Yuma County, there has been quite a bit of misinformation that has been pushed out into the community that has made it difficult for patients and families to decide who to choose and frankly even if the hospice they do choose is who they say they are. The proof of this quality can be found at Medicare Compare website.

I want to share some observations and recommendations for anyone who has a family member that might need hospice services and also for other hospice providers in the area to encourage them to be upfront and clear with families they are speaking to.

There is only one Hospice of Yuma. Not hospice in Yuma. Misusing words confuses patients and families. Every hospice provider should at minimum clearly tell you what hospice they work for and provide you a business card with their phone number so you can verify who is speaking with you. If they do not, they are not a hospice you want caring for your loved one.

Every hospice provider in Yuma receives the same daily rate payment, so if anyone tells you another hospice costs more that is simply not true, and you should avoid them. If a hospice representative lies to you about one thing, how can you trust them with anything?

When a patient enters hospice, a care plan is developed by the nurse and signed by the doctor that specifies services, visit frequency, medications, and a host of other things. If a hospice representative tells you their nurses only visit every 2 weeks that is not real hospice care. If a hospice representative tells you that you cannot have a hospital bed or other basic medical equipment, that is not real hospice care. If your loved one is not receiving good pain and symptom management and a nurse cannot visit you for days, that is not real hospice care. If a hospice representative tells you that you cannot revoke services and go to another hospice provider this is simply false.

Finally, if any hospice representative has to speak poorly about another hospice in the area, you need to be concerned. They should be speaking to you about how great their own services are and sharing with you their quality scores and their service information to prove they provide excellent care. If they cannot you need to choose another hospice provider.

For more information, please contact Hospice of Yuma at 928-343-2222.

John Williams
Executive Director
Hospice of Yuma

MOTHER'S DAY TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to thank each and every one who participated in the Mother's Day Tea event. We would also like to thank North End Coffee House for providing the tea bags. Wth your support, the Mother's Day Tea event was another wonderful success.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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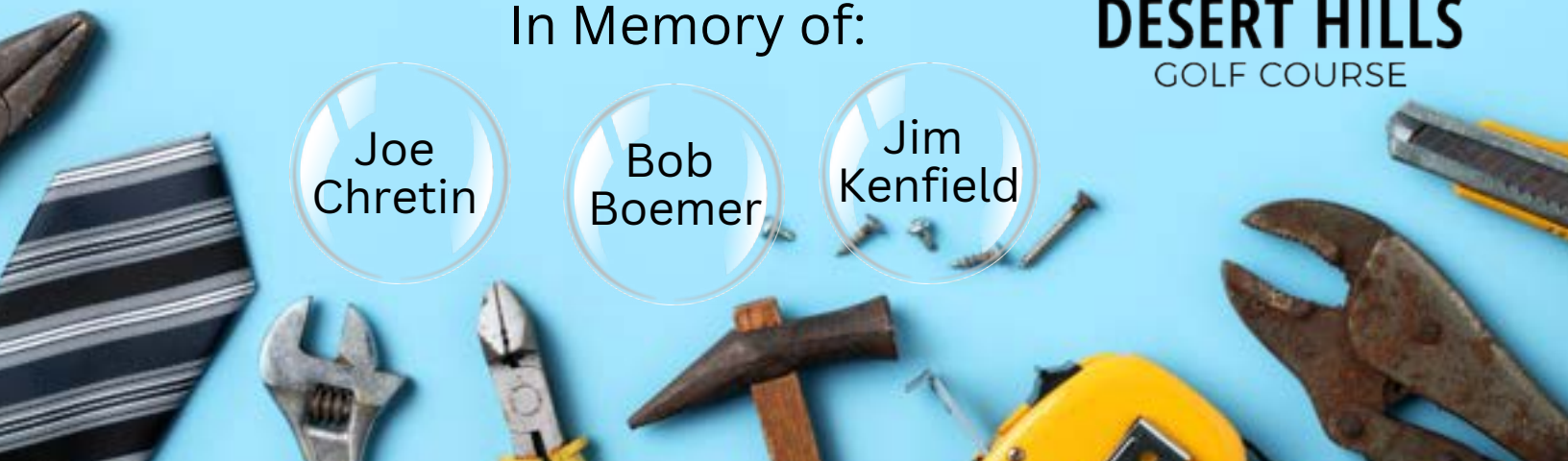
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Charitable Giving Can Maximize Your Estate Planning Strategies

When deciding your estate-planning strategies, consider a charitable contribution option, which can help the charity of your choice, like Hospice of Yuma, as well as provide you with a steady stream of income and potential tax benefits.

There are numerous options for setting up a charitable contribution in your estate planning.

The two most popular options for donors when making a charitable contribution are:

BEQUESTS

The simplest way to make a charitable contribution is through a bequest in your will or trust. A donor may retain assets during life and then leave a bequest to a charity. A bequest to a charity should include legal name, city, state and the charity's tax ID number. If you would like to consider Hospice of Yuma as your charity organization, please use the following: **Hospice of Yuma, Tax ID: 86-0409708, 1824 S. 8th Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364.**

As a donor, you may choose to leave a specific item or amount to a charity. For example, a donor may choose to leave a bequest of land or property. The usual purpose is for the charity to be able to use the proceeds of the sale of the property for future operations or potentially use the property for future additions or expansion.

Another option is a specific bequest of an amount of cash. This allows you to know the exact amount that will be transferred from your estate to charity. There is one planning issue to consider with a bequest of a specific amount of cash. If you transfer a specific amount of cash to a charity and your estate is much larger or much smaller than the present value, this bequest to charity may be a larger or smaller part of the estate than you intend. If this is a reasonable prospect, you may wish to leave a percentage of the estate to your favorite charity.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

A Charitable Remainder Trust is an irrevocable, tax-exempt trust in which you place assets to provide income for yourself during a specific period of time (i.e., your lifetime or a period not to exceed 20 years). After that, the remaining assets will be turned over to the charity of your choice. The trust can be funded with a wide assortment of assets, including bonds, mutual funds, stocks, and real estate. It offers flexibility, a lifetime stream of income, and significant tax benefits to you and your heirs. Ultimately, it may even be more beneficial than a simple bequest.

For instance, if you have an appreciated asset like real estate, and you sell the property yourself, you will likely pay a great deal in capital gains taxes, but if you transfer the property to a charity through a Charitable Remainder Trust, the trustee may be able to sell the property with no gift, estate, or capital gains taxes for the donor. The trustee can then set-up an investment that will provide a stream of income for you, which will be subject to ordinary income taxes and capital gains. At the death of the last beneficiary or the end of the trust period, the trust ends. The amount remaining in the trust is distributed to the named charity.

There are several estate planning tools that you and your family may benefit from besides the two briefly mentioned in this article. Please talk to your attorney or financial advisor to determine which option would be right for you.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

Charitable giving may help maximize your estate-planning strategies.

Charitable contributions are generally 100% deductible from estate taxes.

Bequests are the simplest method of making a donation to charity.

Charitable Remainder Trust - offers flexibility, and can provide income during your lifetime and significant tax benefits to you and your heirs.

Also if you place assets in the trust, the trustee can sell the assets and set-up an investment from which you receive a stream of income for a designated period of time. At the end of the period of time, the remaining assets go to your chosen charity.

Charitable Remainder Trusts are irrevocable, and once its established, you forego the rights to any assets placed in the trust.

For more information regarding leaving an estate gift to Hospice of Yuma, please contact John Williams, Executive Director at 928-343-2222.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Thrift Shop Winter Hours Start November

Sunday	-	Closed
Monday	-	Closed
Tuesday	-	9am - 5pm
Wed.	-	9am - 5pm
Thursday	-	9am - 5pm
Friday	-	9am - 5pm
Saturday	-	9am - 2pm

Hospice of Yuma's Annual Light-A-Light Angel Event is in December!



More information to come
in our next issue or
you may contact
Alysia Munoz
at (928) 343-2222
or by email at
amunoz@hospiceofyuma.com
for more information.

Hospice of Yuma's
39th Annual
P. K. Hodges Golf
Tournament
coming April of 2024!
Dates are still being
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Get Ready to cast your Votes
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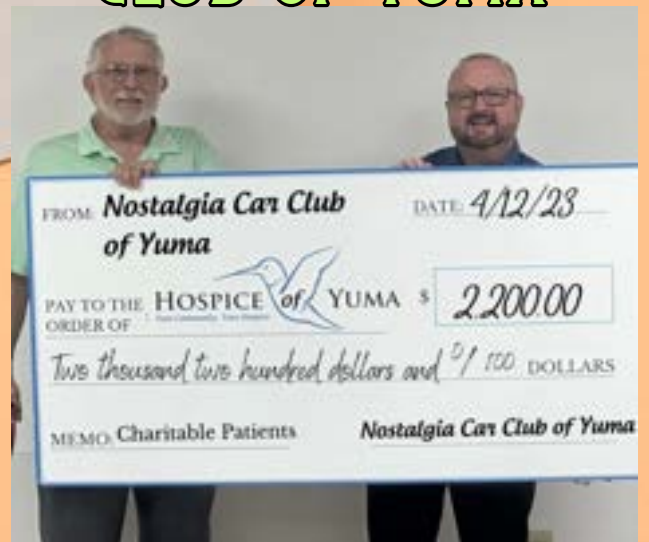
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Legacy Partner Program Donation Form

Hospice of Yuma's Legacy Partner Program was established over 10 years ago. The program is designated to provide hospice care to people who may be facing a terminal illness and who may not have the ability to pay for hospice care do to no insurance or are underinsured.

Your monthly giving helps Hospice of Yuma, a non-profit organization, continue to service the Yuma community as we have for the last 42 years. Your monthly donation helps cover the cost for a patient's day of service, pain medications, medical equipment, medical supplies and a compassionate team of professionals.

Please consider joining our Legacy Partner Program and help Hospice of Yuma continue their mission to help those who need hospice care and continue to be here for generations to come.

To be part of our Legacy Partner Program, the minimum donation is \$170.00. This would make you a Bronze Partner. We also have the Silver, Gold, Platinum, Benefactor and Founder Partner. Once you have selected which level partner you would like, you can make your donation in whole, quarterly or monthly payments. The option is yours. Please see the breakdown for each level partner.

For more information regarding the Legacy Partner Program or make your donation, please contact Alysia Munoz at 928-343-2222 or by email at amunoz@hospiceofyuma.com or mail us the information to Hospice of Yuma, 1824 S. 8th Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364.

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Name: _____

- I have included Hospice of Yuma in my Will / Estate

Please send Notification of my Gift to: (please print)

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Payment Options:

- Check Enclosed Credit Card (Please call Hospice of Yuma and we will process your payment over the telephone)



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