A Day in the Life of a Social Worker

By Liz Lopez

“I don’t know how you can do this” is what I often hear from patients, families, and caregivers. As a hospice social worker, I have replied day in and day out that this job is immensely rewarding to me. Hospice care goes beyond just treatment of physical symptoms. Hospice care is also about meeting the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of those facing a terminal illness. It is sad to see that the transition to hospice care is often late, meaning our hospice team couldn’t provide all the services and benefits hospice of Yuma has to offer sooner to those who suffer from a life-limiting illness.

I have to say that one of the greatest rewards I have working as a hospice social worker is being given the privilege and trust by patients and families of being part of their end-of-life journey. Many patients and families affected by a terminal illness may have concerns about finances, advance directives, funeral arrangements, caregiving, housing, and/or employment; being able to relieve some of these burdens by providing education on community resources and advocating with community agencies to meet the needs of my patients and their families is fulfilling.

Discussing end-of-life wishes can be a sensitive topic for some, especially when the patient’s wishes do not match those of their family members. I still remember a conversation I had with one of my patients as if it were yesterday. His wish was to allow nature to take its course and allow his death to be as natural as possible without the interventions of any heroic measures. At his 23 years of age, this was something his mother was not prepared to hear, much less discuss. Her anger was stealing an opportunity for growth in her son’s last final days of life. There were so many things I wanted to say to this mother to bring just a tiny bit of comfort but what I offered instead was my presence, a gentle touch, and an opportunity for her to voice the array of emotions she was experiencing at losing her only child. At the end of our visit the mother said to me, “Thank you for your patience but most of all for your calming presence”. At times, it can be very easy to judge or question patient and/or family members’ decisions or their ways of dealing with end-of-life issues, especially when death is imminent. My task is not to rush patients or families into accepting what they are not mentally, emotionally, or spiritually prepared to do, but to simply respond with compassion and understand how they make sense of their own way of coping.

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Most people have heard of the word “hospice.” However, many don’t fully understand the value of hospice care, especially how beneficial it can be long before the last few days of life. Why? Because they simply have not talked about it. Our society wants positive end-of-life experiences like the stories that we see played out in the movies. Yet, the statistics mentioned to the right show a significant gap between what people say they want and what they actually experience. The answer to why this happens is simple. We are reluctant to talk about end-of-life.

Often, we wait for our physicians to tell us we’re nearing end-of-life. Our physicians in turn wait for us to show some sign that we’re ready to hear the news, knowing that if they have the conversation too early, family members will berate them for bringing up the topic. Adult children are reluctant to broach the subject with mom and dad, and vice versa. Unfortunately, all this hesitation and waiting results in seeking hospice care when we are right in the middle of a health crisis and potentially, an end-of-life experience that falls short of a peaceful life-through-death experience. The answer to this is equally as simple but can be hard for us to start. We must begin to have honest and caring conversations about the end-of-life before we actually reach the end-of-life. Through these conversations, we can become stronger within ourselves and closer to those we love as we face the fact that we will all die at some point in our lives. We can be more confident that we know and will honor the end-of-life wishes of our loved ones.

I am happy to point to a newer online resource offered to assist us in starting the conversation. Simply go to http://theconversationproject.org and click on the starter kit and review the information. The starter kit is also offered in Spanish and we will reference it on our web page at www.hospiceofyuma.com under the Links tab. Take the opportunity to begin having the end-of-life conversation now. I know it will take time to change the way we currently approach end-of-life care and the conversations that are so important to have. As Yuma’s non-profit hospice, we want to create more awareness around the value of earlier end-of-life planning conversations. Our hope going forward is that we can narrow the divide between what patients and families say they want and what they actually experience.
Did you know that you can now sign up online to become a Legacy Partner? If not, let me take you through our easy steps on signing up online today. Visit [www.hospiceofyuma.com](http://www.hospiceofyuma.com) and click on our Legacy Partner Program tab. Once there, click “I want to be a Legacy Partner” and pick from any level of your choice. As a donor, you have the option to choose the frequency of your giving (monthly, quarterly, yearly or one-time) as well as when to start and end donations. Choose from our tribute types in honor, memory, or in celebration of someone and make sure to leave the tribute’s information (or their family member’s) so we can be sure to send them a notification. Once you’re done, you will receive an email confirming your donation for tax purposes.

By becoming a Legacy Partner, you have the ability to help assist Hospice of Yuma to accomplish our mission of caring for the terminally ill in our community. The minimum donation to become a Hospice of Yuma Legacy Partner is $150 which currently is our average cost of one day of hospice care for a patient. As a Legacy Partner, you allow us the ability to cover the cost of needed medical equipment, medical supplies, and pain medications while providing compassionate care with a full-time physician, registered nurses, bereavement resources, social workers, chaplains, certified nursing assistants and other medical staff. For a patient and family with no insurance or ability to pay for care, your gift as a Legacy Partner means continued care and support when they need it the most.

There’s a world of difference between the words “in memory of” and “in honor of”. Sometimes, we find that people give in “honor” of someone who has passed when what they really mean is “in memory”. Hospice of Yuma receives many gifts in memory of people who have been on our service, as well as many who formed part of our community. Our readers may be surprised by how much those gifts help our organization continue the work we do and allow us to forge ahead with the mission we believe in. That’s not lip service, that’s the truth. We have been able to fulfill our mission for nearly 34 years in large part because of memorial gifts and we couldn’t be more thankful. But what ever happened to the “honorarium”? What happened to letting a person who is still with us know that you’re thinking of them; that you want to celebrate them; that they matter to you?

We think it’s time to take a moment to honor our loved ones and heroes. For one month – the month of November, which is National Hospice Month, and coincidentally the month of both Thanksgiving and Veteran’s Day – we’d like to encourage others (and ourselves) to honor those members of our biological and chosen families with a gift that will ultimately help another family, namely those families on our service. You might choose to honor your parents for the support system they’ve been in your life, a long-time friend who has been your sidekick and secret-keeper for years, a cherished spouse, or the military family member or friend who served our country. Let’s make National Hospice Month one for the records and bring back the tradition of honoring the people in our lives who matter.
How Do They Do That?
A Behind the Scenes Look at What Makes Our Thrift Shop Fantastic

Our “Muscle Team” John & Fawn
Donations are dropped off by the donors or picked up by our awesome pick-up team on a daily basis.

Dottie in Action
And Yes! We do clean the upholstery when needed!

Chief Decorator & Display Diva Linda
The creative displays and expert staging makes our furniture showroom sparkle with excitement!

Master Steamer Martha
Although we don’t wash everything, clothing is laundered if necessary. However, all clothing is ironed before being placed on the sales floor.

Team work and dedication makes our Thrift Shop Fantastic

Our “Clean Queen” Mirella
All furniture is cleaned and polished and minor repairs are done if needed.

Winter Hours Start
November 2nd, 2015

Summer Hours:
Monday – Friday
9a.m. – 2p.m.
Saturday
9a.m. – 1p.m.

The Hospice of Yuma Thrift Shop is in need of some new volunteers to assist with donation pick-ups as well as other positions in the store.

If you would like to help us out please call for more information (928) 782-9593. Ask for Dorothy Toney.
My story begins five years ago this coming November, when the love of my life joined Hospice of Yuma for his final days. His illness progressed to the point that he knew it was time to call the family back home and prepare for his final days with help from the hospice nurses and staff. My husband was quite a bit older than me, and we discussed all those important things a husband and wife discuss if given this precious time before death. We talked about how my life would change in the near future and how I would continue on my own. From that point on, it seemed natural for some of our discussion to center on the changes that might occur in my life. I had mentioned how I did not want to continue in my current position as a bookstore manager for the rest of my working years. Since I had nursed him through many events over the previous years, I mentioned to him that I wanted to go back to school to become a nurse and he understood my desire to complete my education.

In August, he was completing a task outside and missed the bottom step of the ladder; he landed on his back on the concrete. Assuming his pain resulted from the fall, we sought medical attention for his pain. His initial diagnosis was prostate cancer, and he underwent a urostomy and colostomy. All the pain medication from the fall started to cause constipation, so we scheduled an appointment with his doctor at the Mayo Clinic. Our nurse practitioner in Yuma called the Mayo Clinic and asked to schedule a bone scan on the hunch that the cancer might have metastasized into the bones. The results confirmed the cause of the pain. He suffered through radiation and pain so excruciating that he could not stand to be touched. I remember standing in the hallway to our bedroom, praying to God to take him home so that he could be relieved of his pain. When the staff at the oncology center recommended Hospice of Yuma, I concurred, knowing their reputation.

My husband only spent twelve days in hospice care, but those days were filled with loving family time right to the end. He was completely with us until his last day. He laughed, joked, reminisced, had a haircut, and even planned his memorial service before he died. He could not have experienced all of this with the pain he was enduring during the previous months. Hospice of Yuma was responsible for his comfort and his ability to share his thoughts, feelings, and his love with us over those past few days. Everyone that was important in his life came through the front door, and he was able to spend time with each person in a special way. The medication and services that hospice provided relieved him of the horrific pain he had experienced for several months before joining Hospice of Yuma. Looking back, I wish we had joined Hospice of Yuma months earlier, just to relieve him of the pain, and to help me with his care.

He started the final process of his journey to his Savior just after midnight on November 12th. It was a long day; our children had already planned their return trips home (only to return the following week for his memorial service). His brother rushed to be by his side, and all the family surrounded him when he gave his final breath that evening. He died peacefully on November 12, 2010. The memorial service, held at Price of Peace Lutheran Church, overflowed with family and friends from near and far.

Ike and Antonia Van Kampen

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Why a hummingbird? It’s a question I asked myself when I first started working here a couple of years ago. I made the mistake of calling it a dove to a co-worker once. Needless to say, my ignorance was rewarded with a withering glare. (Ok, it wasn’t that bad but I’m being dramatic for entertainment purposes.) But if you really think about it, a symbol that is commonly used to depict peace, health, and well-being is the dove. So as a hospice, an organization that wants to be known for those very qualities, why would we choose the hummingbird and not the dove?

I’ve done my research, and dear reader, I now know why the hummingbird is the best possible representation we could have as a healthcare agency. Hummingbirds are beautiful, true, but don’t let that beauty deceive you. They are tireless and energetic. They are focused, persistent, and determined. Our staff – both clinical and administrative – have those qualities. We are available to our patients 24 hours a day/7 days a week to make sure that those people under our care and their families all experience a high level of professionalism and quality care, but not only that. We provide compassion. Dignity. Personal Investment. We feel every case on a personal level and therefore, we make it our responsibility that each family gets our very best.

Hummingbirds are often thought to be flying backwards, but the opposite is true. It’s forward motion all the way, and what’s more, hummingbirds move in a poetic figure eight pattern, which could also be seen as an infinity motion. Now, speaking to that forward and infinite motion, we’re taking some steps forward here at Hospice of Yuma, home of the hummingbird staff. As you can see from this issue, we have a new look and feel to the newsletter. We are moving forward as an organization in ways that will benefit our readers, patients and families, and community. With this purpose in mind, we will also be unveiling a new website by the end of this year that will be more interactive, updated, and informational. We want the community we serve to feel like they are part of what is happening at Hospice of Yuma because they are such an important component in what we do.

One big step we’re hoping to take together, with you, is the renaming of the newsletter. We’ve come up with a few options for you to look at, and we hope you will let us know your feelings about a newsletter that we feel is as much yours as it is ours. Once you have made your choice, please mail back the form and let your voices be heard. You can also email your choice to rpena@hospiceofyuma.com. We can’t wait to hear from you!

**OPTIONS**

**The Navigator**
Our focus and goal in putting together the newsletter is to help our readers and community “navigate” through the information, questions, and apprehensions about what hospice is and does. Many times we find that people have a lot of misconceptions of what it is we do and the kind of services we provide. Our hope with the newsletter is to educate our readership and provide resources to needed information.

**The Journey**
It might sound cliché, but life is a journey. That doesn’t stop because a person is benefiting from hospice services; the journey simply continues. We specialize in end-of-life, but we always emphasize that we are helping people live comfortably and with dignity. We form part of our patient’s journey, and are privileged to do so.

**The Messenger**
Our newsletter serves as an ongoing message. It tells you who we are as an agency. It lets you know what’s going on in the community. It informs you as to what’s going on in healthcare as pertains to hospice and palliative care services. It serves a lot of purposes and functions to keep you in the loop with the happenings at Hospice of Yuma.

**Keep it Hospice Matters**
Perhaps you don’t want the title to change, in which case, this would be your choice.

**Write in Option**
Trying to find a new name is hard work! Harder than we expected, actually. We came up with a few options but perhaps you have something better. We’d love to hear suggestions in case you’re not convinced with the ones we’ve provided.
Life of a Social Worker
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After many hours spent building trust with this mother, she finally allowed herself the opportunity to have a meaningful conversation with her son. Being able to support her emotionally and psychologically through the process of her son’s illness was extremely rewarding for me.

I have been a social worker at Hospice of Yuma for 8 ½ years and many of my patients and families might not know how their presence in my life has touched me in such a way that it has allowed me to grow professionally and personally. There have been a lot of tears and a lot of laughter. Constantly dealing with impending death of a patient has been one of the most difficult tasks for me, especially when building a long-time relationship with my patients and their families. I hold a strong faith and this is how I have learned to cope during the loss of my patients. I pray for them and for their loved ones. I am proud to say that I work at Hospice of Yuma because I work with gifted, trained, and compassionate professionals who serve one purpose, and that is to allow patients to have a peaceful and dignified death.

Patient Stories
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I started the transition of living alone by immersing myself in my education. Classes such as Chemistry and Anatomy & Physiology were tough, but they kept my mind busy, which enabled me to progress through the grieving process. I worked my 40-hour-a-week job and managed to complete all the prerequisites for the nursing program. Dealing with the silence in the house was hard, so I decided to adopt Ika, a sweet little dog from our local humane society.

In January of 2013, I learned that I’d been accepted into the nursing program. During that first semester, word came that my father was in the hospital with a severe UTI. He never fully recovered from the event; he became weaker and lost his appetite. I drove to Oregon during Spring Break to see him and my mother. That was the last time I saw him. He died on May 8, 2013, two days before I could make it back to Oregon.

Those were the roughest years of my life: losing my husband, and then my father, while putting so much time and effort into my education. It was the first time in my life that I can honestly say I was emotionally exhausted. That type of exhaustion can bring on depression and lack of desire to do anything. But as one life ends, another begins. My twin granddaughters were born just before my father passed. I was able to spend a month helping the family with the care of the two newest arrivals and their siblings. This helped to calm my mind and strengthen my resolve to get on with my life.

Conclusion of Antonia’s story in the Winter Issue

7,000 and counting!
Thank you to all those who rose to our “Like Campaign” challenge and helped us reach 7,000 likes.
We’re well on our way to 8,000 now!

NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH

During the month of November participating car dealerships will donate $25.00 to Hospice of Yuma for every new vehicle sold!

Chretin’s Restaurant
Tuesday, November 3, 2015
11:00 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Community Support & Information

AMVETS Post 2 Ladies Auxiliary

Pictured is Hospice of Yuma’s Executive Director John Williams accepting a check for $568.00 from Gail Schwartz, President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Casa Sierra Vista Residents
Made bibs for Hospice of Yuma

Pictured from Left to Right:
Martha Olivas, Rosa Bustillos, Irene Sanchez, Lidia Canas, Celia Murrieta, Blanca Olivas

Synergy HomeCare of Yuma
Corporate Benefactor Legacy Partner

Pictured from Left to Right:
Casey McMenamin, Jeannette Zumaya, Zee Curtis, Melissa Dunn, Hospice of Yuma’s Executive Director John Williams, and Hospice of Yuma’s Patient Navigator Bill Bowdich

Bereavement Support Groups & Events

September 1, 2015 @ 10:15 a.m.
Hospice of Yuma’s Grief Support Group at St. John Neumann’s Church

September 9, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m.
Women’s Grief Support Group at Hospice of Yuma

September 17, 2015 @ 3:00 p.m.
Hospice of Yuma’s Grief Support Group at Haven Healthcare Center

September 19, 2015 @ TBD
All Grief Group Support Social

September 30, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m.
Hospice of Yuma’s Grief Support Group at Hospice of Yuma

December 11, 2015 from 1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.
Annual Memorial Service

Be sure to check for updates, information and upcoming events on Hospice of Yuma’s website and Facebook page or simply call (928) 343-2222.

If you need any further information regarding bereavement services including individual visits, the Grief Recovery Method, or phone visits please contact Gina Murrietta at (928) 343-2222.
Donations & Contributions
June-July-August

Father’s Day General
Scott & Dudie White

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Ed
Marilyn Matheus
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Orvis Fugate
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Jinx Green
Victoria Morga
James C. Green
Victoria Morga
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Partick & Karen Griffin
Ray & Rhonda Griffin
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Sally Doyle
Robert Kennerly
Joseph & Robin Fisher
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Dick & Phyllis Swanson
Dick Keeper
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Bernard Lisburg
Bob & Emily Olsen
Charles Matheus
Jonathan & Lynn Matheus
Ed Miller
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Vincent J. Aiello
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Paula Jenkins Massie
John Robbins
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HAPPY VETERAN’S DAY
Birthdays

October
Max Coletta
Vicki Dokos-Nelson
Joan Lott
Kristine O’Brien
Dottie Orford

November
Marilyn J. Davis
Margaret A. Feige
Betty M. Furtwangler
Jinx R. Green
Dusty Grooms
Carole Henry
Doug Henry
Jim Kenfield
John H. Roll Jr.
Wanda L. Swansborough

Anniversaries

September
Harold & Irasema Maxwell
James & Lavina Platt

November
William Esmeier & Betty Furtwangler
Terry & Jane Pray
Wanda L. Swansborough

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For staff members who have been with Hospice of Yuma for 5 or more years

5 Years
John Baca
Mary Ingham
Ernie Munoz
Brenda Reyes

6 Years
Wendy Scott
Patty Zepeda

8 Years
Genevieve Groggett
Mirella Kolbe
Elizabeth Lopez
Mireya Lopez
Gina Murrietta
Amy Turner

9 Years
Ann Farley
Beverly Orendain

10 Years
Elizabeth Nunez
Loida Rodriguez
John Williams

11 Years
Sandy Evans
Barbra Rubinstein
Dorothy Toney

12 Years
Angie Hill
Alysia Munoz

23 Years
Verna Austin

25 Years
Carol Davis

Hospice of Yuma
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