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November is National Home Care & Hospice Month!

HOSPICE OF THE PRAIRIE CELEBRATES THE “FACES OF CARING” WHO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, a time when professionals and volunteers work to raise awareness of this invaluable system of care. Hospice and palliative care puts a “face” on quality end-of-life care-- the faces of nurses, doctors, social workers, spiritual caregivers, homecare aides and volunteers who provide services and support to families during one of life’s most challenging times.

Those who provide hospice and palliative care offer pain and symptom control, dignity and spiritual and emotional care for both dying persons and their loved ones when a cure is not possible. “Every year, more than 1.2 million people living with a life-limiting illness receive care from hospice and palliative care providers in this country and approximately 400,000 trained volunteers provide 18 million hours of service annually,” said J. Donald Schumacher, president and CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. “These people are the face of compassionate care at the end of life.”

NHPCO reports that over 1.2 million patients were served by the nation’s 4,000 hospice providers last year. Hospices helped these people live with dignity, comfort and compassion. Hospice and palliative care programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to patients and their families. They also serve as important sources of information about care options.

Locally, Hospice of the Prairie

served over 150 hospice patients last year, and has served more than 2,300 patients since 1991. Hospice of the Prairie is committed to informing the community and local health care professionals about the benefits of hospice and palliative care, and to honoring those who do this important work each day.

When families think of the care their loved one received in hospice, they think of the concern on the face of the nurse as she made their loved one more comfortable, or the smile on the face of the volunteer listening to an old family story or joke. National Hospice and Palliative Care Month provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate these “faces of caring” in our community.

Additional information about hospice, palliative care, and advance care planning is available from Hospice of the Prairie, Inc. Hospice of the Prairie has speakers available for your civic, church or community group with a variety of hospice/palliative care topics to share. Information and resources for professionals and consumers are available through our website, www.hospiceoftheprairie.com or call 620-227-7209.

CELEBRATING PRAIRIE HOME HEALTH

Prairie Home Health joins hundreds of home health agencies across the nation in celebrating National Home Care Month. Prairie Home Health is proud to be a part of the local health care system, providing skilled nursing care and specialized therapy services to individuals in their home environment. The kinds of highly skilled and often technically complex services that Prairie Home Health provides has enabled hundreds of frail and vulnerable persons to receive their healthcare right where they want to be, in the comfort and security of their own homes. To learn more about Prairie Home Health or to receive a free home health evaluation, please contact Mary Beth Ploutz RN BSN, Home Health Coordinator.



“Being feeble and ill is not all bad. It has it’s good side if Prairie Home Health is around!! What a wonderful group of ladies Thank you.”

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Hospice of the Prairie invites the community to attend our Remembrance Service on December 5, 2006 at 7:00pm. This service is a non-denominational, spiritually based celebration of the lives of those special to us who have died.

The names of patients who have died over the last several months will be read, as well as any names submitted by hospice volunteers, staff, board and members of the community. There will be inspirational readings and music, and the evening will end with the lighting of the Celebration of Life Tree.

The service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in the Parlor Room. Please call 227-7209 by December 1, 2006 to RSVP and/or submit the names you would like read.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Hospice of the Prairie invites the community to remember loved ones during this holiday season. The "Celebration of Life" Christmas Tree will be dedicated during our Remembrance Ceremony on December 5th and will then be on display at the Village Square Mall through the month of December. A contribution to Hospice of the Prairie will illuminate a symbolic light in memory of someone you miss or in honor of someone you admire, and the names will be on display with the tree.

While the primary purpose of the Celebration of Life tree is to offer a thoughtful way to remember those who have made a difference in our lives, the Celebration of Life tree is also an important fund-raiser for

Hospice of the Prairie. The funds will be used to ensure that hospice care is provided to persons meeting the admission criteria regardless of their ability to pay. Contributions to the Celebration of Life Tree can be made using the coupon located on this page.

MEN'S SUPPER

Hospice of the Prairie will host a Men's Grief Seminar this fall. This special event will take place Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 pm and will be facilitated by Jerry Hodges, Bereavement Coordinator. Those attending will enjoy a hearty meal and learn ways to cope with the unique issues that men face after the loss of a friend or family member. Participants are required to pre-register by contacting Nancy Renner at 227-7209

CHILDRENS GRIEF GROUP

Hospice of the Prairie will offer a children's grief group November 1, 3, 6, 7 & 8 at Soule Intermediate School, Dodge City and November 13, 15, 17, 20 & 21 at Commanche Intermediate Center, Dodge City. "Adventure in the Land of Grief" uses games, activities and imagination to help children learn to cope with the death of someone close to them. They will learn about the concepts of grief, explore their own feelings about the death and learn the importance of keeping good memories. The group is a community service of Hospice of the Prairie, is free of charge and is open to children regardless of what school they attend. To register your child, please call Nancy Renner at Hospice of the Prairie at 227-7209 or your school counselor.



The "Celebration of Life Tree" — your tax-deductible contribution to Hospice of the Prairie, Inc. will illuminate a symbolic light on a beautiful holiday tree. You may dedicate your light in honor of someone you admire or in memory of someone you miss — names will be on display with the tree. Brighten the holiday season by helping us Celebrate Life!

December 5th Dedication & Remembrance Ceremony, First United Methodist Church, 7:00 pm (Please RSVP to 227-7209 if you wish to attend)

December 6th-29th On display at Village Square Mall

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Hospice of the Prairie, Inc.

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Community Seminar

Holidays & Grief

Traditionally the holiday season is a time of family togetherness and joy. Yet, if someone in your life has recently died, the holidays are among the most difficult times. This workshop is designed to offer ideas on how to find meaning in the holiday weeks ahead.

Tuesday, November 14

7:00-8:30 pm

Dodge City Senior Center

2408 Central, Dodge City

If you would like more information about holidays and grief or this seminar, please call

227-7209

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Hospice of the Prairie will host a Volunteer Training January 23, 25, and 30 2007. We will meet from 6:30-9:00pm each evening at the Dodge City Senior Center 2408 Central Dodge City.

Participants of the training are not obligated to become a hospice volunteer; the training is simply an opportunity to learn more about hospice care and other related topics. Those who choose to be a volunteer can pick from a wide variety of roles, which include: being a friendly visitor to the patients at home or the nursing home, working in the office, making deliveries, making bereavement calls, and more!

Those interested in learning more about the volunteer training can contact Carolyn Eichman, Volunteer Coordinator at 227-7209.

MEMORIALS...

Hospice of the Prairie, Inc. wishes to thank the following for their contributions in honor of their loved ones. Their generosity will help enable Hospice to continue to address the physical needs of our patients, as well as to assist with the spiritual and psychosocial needs that arise during this time for both the patient and family. We believe that this support enables life to be lived as fully as possible, even though dying is imminent. Memorials listed were received between August 1, 2006 and Sept 30, 2006.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 1 Soule Intermediate School Kids Group begins
- Nov 6 Chapter 2 Grief Group 6:30-8:00
- Nov 13 Commanche Kids Group begins Last session of Chapter 2
- Nov 14 Holiday Grief Seminar at Senior Center 7:00pm
- Nov 28 Men's Grief Seminar/Supper 6:00pm
- Dec 5 Celebration of Life Tree Dedication Remembrance Service at 7:00pm at First United Methodist Church
- Dec 6-29 Celebration of Life Tree Display at Village Square mall
- Jan 23 Volunteer Training 9:00pm at Senior Center
- Jan 25 Volunteer Training 9:00pm
- Jan 30 Volunteer Training 9:00pm

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