



*A support program for those
with serious illness*

Partners In Care

Spring 2011

*Our mission at Partners In Care
is to support the dignity and
choice of people in our community
as they walk the path of serious illness.*



The Director's Corner

Nancy Symons, Executive Director

The Passing of the Torch

Many of you are already aware that Partners In Care has seen a change in the position of Executive Director. We congratulate Cindy Rice and bid her a fond farewell as she steps into her new position at Marshall Hospital as Vice President of Clinical Nursing Services. Cindy passed the torch of Executive Director to Nancy Symons who has been the chaplain of Partners in Care for the last 8 years.

Says Nancy of Cindy: "She has left big shoes to fill having brought this fledgling program from a grant funded start-up to becoming it's own non-profit organization. In addition, she oversaw the opening of our thrift store as well as expanded the services of compassionate care Partners in Care offers those in our community struggling with illness. She kept us focused on our mission and built a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who not only work hard together but do so with joy. There were lean and shaky years when most would have thrown in the towel, but not Cindy. She was tenacious in making this program successful. She brought her creativity and energy to bear in overcoming every obstacle and all of this she did with a smile on her face and joy in her heart. She is an inspiration and her legacy is a great gift to me as I humbly step into this position as Executive Director.."

Says Cindy of Nancy: "She has been an integral part of the team and reason for success at Partners In Care. We walked through all of the changes mentioned above. She brings her knowledge and history of Partners in Care with her into the position of Executive Director which will be helpful in this transition. There will be challenges ahead as well as opportunities, and I wish her well. It was a very difficult decision to leave an organization that was so near and dear to my heart, but I look forward to new challenges ahead. Guiding Partners In Care through its infancy and childhood has been the greatest privilege of my life and I will miss the day to day contact. However, I am reminded that I will not be that far away and hope to continue to be a part of Partners In Care."



As we move into the future, we do so together as volunteers, donors, staff and clients. Together we have a hand in shaping that future, in sharing our gifts and in bearing the torch so that Partners In Care can continue to illuminate our community with compassionate care.



Wish List

If you are looking for specific items to donate or sponsor, a "wish list" for our organization is found on Page 9.



welcome welcome

Linda Owens, RN

Linda Owens, RN, is one of our new employees here at Partners In Care. Linda comes to us with over 25 years of nursing experience, as well as experi-

ence in other areas. She spent 20 years doing hospital nursing, working in all the various departments. She also spent 5 years as a hospice nurse. Between her hospital and hospice jobs, she taught K-8 for a couple of years.

Linda was born in Escondido, CA and moved to Sacramento to go to nursing school in 1975. She has lived in this area for 25 years. Linda has been married for 32 years, and has 4 children, 2 of whom are still in college. She enjoys reading several books a week, loves to cook and bake, and does some informal parish nursing for her church, providing guidance and helping them find resources.

Linda went into nursing to provide for people in rural areas who do not have access to all the medical resources available in urban areas. She enjoys small, grass roots kinds of organizations that are based on the needs of the people. She likes being able to provide care for people without the interference of insurance, or large corporate interests, which can sometimes block the most direct access to symptom relief and management.

Linda has been with us since November of 2010. She finds working for Partners In Care suits her unique interests, and we are very happy to have her with us, sharing her knowledge, skills and enthusiasm.

Partners In Care has several exciting events planned for this year, so here are the

coming attractions



We hope you will join us again this year for our ever-popular

Boeger Wine Tasting

Thursday, June 9th

5:30–7p.m.

Held in the tasting room area at the beautiful Boeger wineries, this annual event features tasty hors d'oeuvres, samples of wonderful Boeger wines, music by Lee Bratckowicz of the Sacramento Choral Society, and a raffle with several tempting items to choose from.

Admission at \$25

This fun event is usually sold out each year. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

*For more information, or to purchase tickets,
please call*

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Partners in Care **10** Year Celebration

*Come help us celebrate
10 years of
uninterrupted service to
our community.*

Band and Bar B Que
*blow out anniversary celebration on
Sunday, July 24th
at the spectacular
Jim Davies Family Inn at
Shadowridge Ranch
on Fort Jim Road*

This event will run from 1 pm to 7 pm

***Admission is \$10
with kids under 7 free***

You can enjoy the music and entertainment by the ever popular Hot Diggity. There will be a free entertainment area for the kids with face painting, balloons, and bounce house. Our sponsors for this event are Hog Wild and Beyond Baked, who will be selling their delicious wares. Madrona Vineyards is another of our generous sponsors, and will be selling wine by the glass. Beer and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available for sale. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and be prepared to spend an afternoon of fun



Hot Diggity Band

and music. Tickets will be available for advance purchase at Flowers on Main and the Partners In Care Thrift Store in Placerville, Cameron Park Health Foods in Cameron Park, and Carter's Carpets in El Dorado Hills. In an effort to support our sponsors, no outside food or drink will be allowed.

**For additional information,
please call**

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Night At The Theatre

On Friday, October 14th,
we will be hosting our
annual fall fundraiser at the
Shakespeare Club here in Placerville



This year our *Partners In Care Night at the Theater* will showcase skits and songs by the talented actors of Sutter Street Theater in Folsom. Come for an evening of finger foods and wine, be delightfully entertained by our performers, meet old friends, and enjoy browsing through our large variety of tempting items available in our silent and live auctions.

Seating is limited
reserve your seats early as this event is also very
popular and is often sold out.

For more information on any of these events
please call Partners In Care at
(530) 3 4 4 - 0 7 0 0.



last year Boeger Winery



**A special Thank You
to all for those who
contributed to make
last year's event a Big
Success!**



Story Voices



**Partners In Care
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thank all those
who made this
evening a
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- ◆ Dedricks Main Street Cheest
- ◆ Sienna
- ◆ Diane Wilkinson Catering
- ◆ Itza Cake
- ◆ We Olive

WELCOME



Partners in Care has a new chaplain, Dexter McNamara. Dexter has had a long and distinguished career in the Sacramento area and is a graduate of UCLA and Princeton Theological Seminary. Not only does he come to us with Clinical Pastoral Education and many years of experience in pastoral care, but he has an extensive background in community and multi-faith settings.

Welcome Dexter!



If you are looking for specific items to donate or sponsor to Partners In Care, here is a "wish list" for our organization:

- ◆ General office supplies, especially printer/copy paper.
- ◆ Paper goods - paper towels, toilet paper.
- ◆ Color and black cartridges for an HP Office Jet Pro 8500, Model A909 (takes cartridge 940)
- ◆ Color cartridges for a Copy Star Laser printer ModesCS400ci - can be purchased through Carbon Copy
- ◆ We also need a utility cart from www.uline.com, model H2503.
- ◆ Clear Plastic Hangers with swivel hooks.
- ◆ Tuition (\$190) for 2 day Grant Writing Workshop for Executive Director.



"The moment I opened the door to the Partners in Care (PIC) team, a weight was lifted from my shoulders and I knew there was someone who could show us the way ahead - I was no longer alone," commented the daughter of a PIC client.

**Which donor provided that moment of relief?
that moment of hope?
that light in a dark time?**

Relief, hope, support, guidance, strength, compassion - these are the kinds of things your dollars provide our community day after day, dollar by dollar as we all join hands to support those who are struggling with illness, weariness and despair.

**No donation is too small and each offer of support
is
significant and greatly appreciated.**

**We rely heavily on your financial contributions to
meet the ever-increasing need of those suffering
from
serious illness.**



How can you
live life to the
fullest, right up
to the end?



"A rich, engaging portrait of why we need to have end-of-life wishes respected."

Ellen Goodman, Pulitzer Prize Columnist

Consider The Conversation

A beautiful documentary about a universal subject

Thanks to the wonders of science, many of us live longer than our ancestors and die more incremental deaths. While 80% of us say we would prefer to die at home, 75% of us will die in a hospital or nursing home. "Consider the Conversation" is an eloquent call to plan now, to talk now, and to prepare for the way we want the last part of life to unfold. Proceeds to benefit Snowline Hospice & Partners in Care.

This West Coast debut is sponsored by



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Featuring an interview with Dr. Marty Welsh

June 13, 2011 7 pm

Three Stages at Folsom Lake College Tickets: \$10 at
www.threestages.net

or

call 916-608-6888

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Why not consider a monthly pledge to Partners in Care?



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Monthly donations help us

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- To plan ahead
- To budget for the future
- To rest a little easier knowing the support is there for those we serve

You can give monthly in several ways:

- Be a Painless Pledger (see enclosed donation envelope)
- Add us to your online banking "bill pay" accounts to recur monthly
- Use our Pay Pal account found on our PIC website at

Such an easy way to support our organization to help people with serious illness.



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click on us. Every search you do through this site generates one cent for our organization. You can also help us by doing your online shopping through this site. At the top, click on the "shopping" tab, and you will be taken to a page with hundreds of very popular stores. Each business pledges a percentage of your purchase price to our organization. This is truly a painless way to pledge your support.



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