



Season of Giving

With the holidays around the corner, this most wonderful time of the year can also feel like the most frantic. As the seasons change, it's worth taking the time to stop and watch the leaves fall and remember why we come together for the holidays. Ultimately, the holidays are a time to come together as a community, to reflect on the past year, and pay forward the blessings we have received.

Giving comes in a variety of forms. While gifts under a tree, or in a stocking have become a sort of symbol of the holidays, giving can be so much more. It can be the gift of quality time with friends or family, volunteering at a non-profit, or donating items to charity. Giving can even be as simple as a smile and kind word to a stranger. Giving is more than a verb – it's an action with intention.

At Hospice of San Joaquin, our giving season kicks off with giving back to our nurses, social workers, home health aides with National Palliative Care Month. Hospice care is a critical part of lifelong healthcare, and it takes a special kind of person to provide that. Part of life at Hospice of San Joaquin means encouraging a culture of self-care – another kind of giving. But self-care can be hard to fit into the hectic holiday season, which is why National Hospice & Palliative Care Month is so important to celebrate every November.

And of course, the season wouldn't be the same without inviting you to one of our lighting ceremonies for Tree of Lights. This is a free public event held across San Joaquin County where we invite everyone to come together as a community to celebrate the lives of those who have passed on. Each year, you can dedicate a light on the tree and the funds go toward providing end of life care.

As the giving season comes fully upon us, we encourage you to reflect on ways you can both give yourself time to fully enjoy these moments, as well as give to others in need.



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To be the leader in ensuring quality of the journey, from serious illness through end of life.

MISSION

Our Mission is to honor life by ensuring Patients and their Caregivers are the focus of everything we do.

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Season of Giving – Searching for Normalcy

As I reflect on 2022 it is with mixed feelings. It has been a difficult year, but also a year of triumphs. Watching the news on any given day can result in feeling afraid, defeated, and helpless. But if we change the channel and look around at the ways we are blessed, how quickly that outlook can change.

Our positivity can be easily overshadowed by the country's uncertain future, and one might conclude that the world is no longer a good or safe place. But the truth is the world remains what we make of it. Our worlds are a combination of what we are willing to accept and the amount of ourselves in which we are willing to invest. There is truth in the old saying "be the change you wish to see."

It has been just short of three years since COVID changed the world. Being a healthcare agency, we continue to follow strict guidelines to keep our staff and patients safe. We have learned to do our best with what we have and the heroes at the center of this is our hospice team, diligently working with changing guidelines to continue the mission of dignity and quality in end-of-life care.

It has not been easy. Meetings became virtual, we found new ways to do what had to be done. We kept moving forward, all the while keeping true to our vision and mission to honor life and ensure our patients and their caregivers continued to be our focus. We have learned a lot about ourselves – and what we are capable of.

For almost two years our volunteer program was put on hold, but we are now back with new and returning volunteers eager to use their time and talents, and our Butterfly Auxiliary working overtime to make events like this year's sold-out Moonlight Sip & Stroll possible. Watching the excitement of attendees sample local food & wine, while dancing to live music brought back that long-sought-after feeling of normalcy.

I am reminded that those with whom we surround ourselves can impact our worlds. Hospice of San Joaquin is surrounded by our unwavering administrative and clinical staff, Board of Directors, volunteers, Butterfly Auxiliary, donors, and advocates for Hospice of San Joaquin who have faithfully held on through tough times. There is much to be thankful for and there is still so much good in the world. The spirit of giving is alive and well here at Hospice of San Joaquin. If you need us, we will always find a way to be there.

How you can contribute!

There are a number of ways you can contribute to Hospice of San Joaquin.

Facebook Birthday Donation Campaigns to Support Non-Profits
Select Hospice of San Joaquin as your next non-profit to support on your birthday!

Direct Contribution
Make a donation on our website at hospicesj.org, by calling (209) 957-3888, or mailing a check payable to Hospice of San Joaquin.

AmazonSmile
Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice, choose Hospice of San Joaquin!

United Way Campaign
Make a contribution or sign up for employee payroll deduction with United Way of San Joaquin and select Hospice of San Joaquin as your non-profit of choice.

RECAP OF EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 | CAMP CATERPILLAR

Hospice of San Joaquin expanded our Camp Caterpillar program to twice a year for 2022 – one held in Lodi, another in Stockton. September 10th was our Stockton camp. Camp Caterpillar is a day camp program for children in grades K-8 who have lost a loved one. Campers learn to express their feelings, improve communication, and learn coping skills to deal with current and future losses. Camp Caterpillar is free and open to the general public.



OCTOBER 22, 2022 | HATS, HEELS, & HARVEST LUNCHEON

Our annual Hats, Heels, & Harvest Luncheon was held in October. We brought back our fashion show in addition to over 50 raffle baskets and many one-of-a-kind silent auction items. With 210 attendees, we couldn't be more grateful to kickoff the autumn season with such a show of community support. Thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors, donors, and of course our Butterfly Auxiliary for making this event possible.



“We're the one with the Butterfly”

UPCOMING EVENTS



POINSETTIA SALES

NOW through November 11
Our 19th Annual Poinsettia Sale offers a chance to brighten the lives of our patients and families by donating a plant of your choice. Plants are delivered to the administrative offices and delivered by our nurses and social workers.

NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

November 1-30, 2022

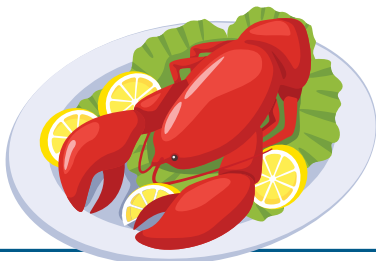
For the month of November, we're celebrating Hospice & Palliative Care Month to honor and celebrate the nurses, physicians, home health aides, therapists, social workers, and everyone who made a remarkable difference for the patients and families in our care. From Taco Truck days to cozy giveaways, this month is all about giving thanks to our staff!

TREE OF LIGHTS

Tree of Lights offers a chance for anyone in the community to recognize the people who have impacted their lives, through a memorial or honorary light dedication. The dedication comes to life through our lighting ceremonies across the county. Check the schedule below for a ceremony near you!

Schedule:

- Stockton: Nov 22 | San Joaquin Delta College | 5:30 PM
- Lockeford: Nov 26 | Bank of the West | 5:30 PM
- Ripon: November 28 | Veteran's Memorial Wall | 6:00 PM
- Escalon: November 29 | Main Street Park | 5:30 PM
- Lodi: December 1 | City Hall | 5:30 PM
- Manteca: December 1 | Doctors Hospital of Manteca | 5:30 PM
- Rio Vista: December 3 | City Hall | 5:30 PM
- Tracy: December 7 | City Hall | 5:30 PM



LOBSTER BOIL

January 28, 2023 • Stockton Ballroom • 4pm-8pm

We're back! Hospice of San Joaquin invites you to Lobster Boil! Enjoy a no-host bar with a silent and dessert auction as well as live music. This Lobster Boil includes 6oz lobster, shrimp, sausage, corn on the cob, potatoes, garlic, and onions. Proceeds from this event will benefit Hospice of San Joaquin's Hospice House. Must be 21 or older to attend.