



## Do Good for Others and the Community

**G**ive yourself a sense of pride and accomplishment by getting involved with Hospice of San Joaquin. We have a diverse and talented group of volunteers and members of the Butterfly Auxiliary. Our Butterfly Auxiliary works tirelessly year round to provide funding for our Hospice House and advocate our mission and vision to be the leader in providing compassionate end of life care for our patients. Our Family Team members give direct patient support offering comfort, reassurance and often much needed breaks for the caregiver. Our Veteran-to-Veteran Volunteer Program matches up Volunteer Veterans with Veteran

patients, establishing trust by sharing common life experiences. Our Pet Therapy teams visit our patients offering a welcoming distraction and helping to reduce stress and loneliness. Our Every Life Matters Program provides a volunteer for bedside vigil at the very end of life, ensuring no one dies alone. Getting involved with Hospice of San Joaquin helps the lives of patients in so many ways. See how you can get involved by attending an event, volunteering your time, or joining our Butterfly Auxiliary. Visit our website at [hospicesj.org](http://hospicesj.org) or call (209) 957-3888 to learn more how you can get involved and do good for others and the community.



Just in time for the season, Hospice Volunteer, Florencia Sanchez, hand-knitted decorative beanies for our patients. Thank you for your stewardship and dedication to ensure patients live life with dignity.



The Stockton Butterfly Auxiliary held the Annual Lobster Feed at the Stockton Ballroom. 552 attendees enjoyed an evening filled with lobster dinner, the 49ers game, and a chance to win raffle prizes. We thank Dolly French and Family for their years of Leadership.

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donors who all play an important role in elevating Hospice of San Joaquin to an unsurpassed level of quality care for our patients and their families.

A heartfelt thank you to our staff, board members, volunteers, butterfly auxiliary, community supporters and donors. Each of you make a difference in the lives of so many in our community, when they need us the most.

## Making every moment count

Here at Hospice of San Joaquin, we strive to make every moment count. We know all too well that every day we are blessed with is a gift. Not just for our patients and their families, but for the entire Hospice of San Joaquin team as well.

The words “thank you”, seem sorely inadequate to express the immense gratitude I hold in my heart for everyone who makes Hospice of San Joaquin such a unique asset to our community.

What we do takes a loyal and dedicated team of staff, volunteers, community members, and donors who all play an important role in elevating Hospice of San Joaquin to an unsurpassed level of quality care for our patients and their families.

## OPEN HOUSE



### 40th Anniversary Open House and Ribbon Cutting

November 5, 2019 marked 40 years of care for Hospice of San Joaquin, the first non-profit hospice agency serving San Joaquin County. We began this celebration by hosting an Open House at the Stockton Campus followed by a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with the Stockton Chamber of Commerce. Visitors were able to visit our facility, take a tour of the Hospice House, meet some of the staff, and learn more about our history.

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# IN THE COMMUNITY



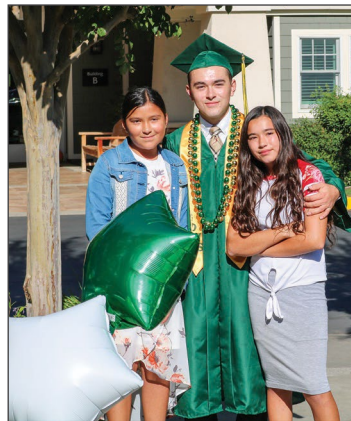
## Tree of Lights

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. Lighting ceremonies were held in Stockton, Ripon, Escalon, Manteca, Lodi, Lockeford, Tracy, and Rio Vista, each with its own memory boards. This year, 8,188 lights were honored, bringing in over \$230,000 to support Hospice of San Joaquin's programs. Thank you to Pacific Gas & Electric Company employee volunteers for helping light the lives of loved ones this holiday season.

## Susan B. Anthony Award – Linda Dillon



The San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women honored Stockton Butterfly Auxiliary Chapter Member and proud Hospice of San Joaquin Family Team Volunteer, Linda Dillon, for the Susan B. Anthony Award. Linda was nominated by Hospice of San Joaquin staff for her dedicated and committed work in supporting our Hospice House through Butterfly Auxiliary events. Her continued support has helped foster hospice care for families throughout San Joaquin County and we are honored to have her on our Auxiliary.



## Graduation Ceremony Held at Hospice House

Modesto father, Paul Espinoza's dying wish to see his son's high school graduation was fulfilled from his own hospice bed. In his final days he saw his son, also named Paul, receive a high school diploma in a very special ceremony. "It's my dad's dream to see me graduate," the younger Paul said. "It's my dream to graduate in front of my dad and everybody made my dad's dream happen."



## 5th Anniversary Open House – Lodi Office

November 2019 marks five years of our Lodi Office, which serves as a satellite location for our nurses and home health-aids to convene when they are caring for north county patients. We invited the public to meet and greet some of the dedicated people involved in honoring life followed by a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by the Lodi Chamber of Commerce.

**Would you like to Volunteer?**

Contact Ann Leale, Volunteer Program Manager at [aleale@hospicesj.org](mailto:aleale@hospicesj.org)



*"We're the one with the Butterfly"*

## JOIN US



### KENTUCKY DERBY WEST

**May 2, 2020 | 1pm**

Sargent Equestrian Center | Lodi, CA

## LUNCH & LEARN

PLEASE JOIN US

### HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

PRESENTED BY

Dr. Sharma

Hospice of San Joaquin Medical Director

**April 16, 2020 | 12pm – 1pm**

3888 Pacific Avenue | Stockton, CA

Hospice of San Joaquin

The event is free and open to the public.

Please RSVP by April 15, 2020

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### Champagne & English Tea

**April 18, 2020 | 1:30pm**

Church of the Presentation | Stockton, CA

### 40th Anniversary Celebration

**October 2, 2020 | 6pm**

Villa Angelica, Spanos Estate | Stockton, CA