

HOSPICE of SAN JOAQUIN




Opening Letter

With 2022 behind us, now is the perfect time to look toward the future. It's no secret that the start of a year brings with it new personal goals, challenges, and opportunities. We see that here at Hospice of San Joaquin with new staff, new volunteers, and new ideas. The end of a year usually signals reflection and looking around at the present and past. But a new year means new beginnings, it means taking what you learned from those months of reflection and applying them forward and into the future.

One thing never changes: our mission to serve our community and to provide the best patient care. We are proudly non-profit since our founding over 40 years ago – because everyone deserves access to hospice care and grief support.

Every light on our trees, every raffle ticket, event ticket, hour of volunteering, and donation from you helps us power and support this mission. And for that we thank you.

It's a new year, and we can't wait for what's to come.

Dedication – Mitch, the Therapy Dog

It is with a heavy heart that we learned about the passing of Mitch, the therapy dog.

Mitch served our community for many years. He and his owner Adrienne were frequently seen at Hospice of San Joaquin and events. Together they visited patients in the Hospice House and were a comforting presence at our children's grief programs. Whenever Mitch visited our office, he made everyone's day with his constant tail wags and sniffing out treats in staff drawers. Mitch was full of love for every person he met.

Our hearts go out to Adrienne. Mitch, you were a blessing to so many, and you will be dearly missed.



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VISION

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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Rebecca Burnett
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Looking Forward to Spring

I am looking forward to the end of the COVID 19 Emergency Declaration this spring. California will end its declaration in February and the Federal Government in May. That makes this spring extra special, I always look forward to spring and what wonders nature will bring us each year. This year we will get to welcome back in full force our volunteers, visitors, and events to our Pacific Ave Campus.

I have missed seeing everyone and their smiling faces. I am not sure I will even recognize some of our new employees without their masks. This past fall, I attended the Hats, Heels, and Harvest luncheon organized by our wonderful Lodi Butterfly Auxiliary. There was a woman sitting at our table that I knew from somewhere but could not recognize; I knew that voice. After we were talking for a while, I realized that she was one of our new Registered Nurses. We both laughed when I realized who she was; I had never seen her without her mask.

With the end of the Pandemic, the requirement to have 5% of our work hours done by volunteers will be reinstated. Our Volunteer Manager just completed training for a new group of volunteers, and I look forward to working with and meeting all the new volunteers that will join us this year. It's almost like spring will bring not only new life from the earth, but also new life to the agency. Happy Spring!

UOP "Pink Out" Game, February 11, 2023

Thank you UOP Women's Basketball for having us again as a partner for the "Pink Out" breast cancer awareness game! Staff and volunteers had a great time watching the game and Cooper the Therapy dog made lots of new friends. UOP held a raffle with all proceeds going to Hospice of San Joaquin. Special thanks to Rebecca Fisher, a breast cancer survivor for being the honorary coach of the night. Congrats to the women's team on their win!



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!

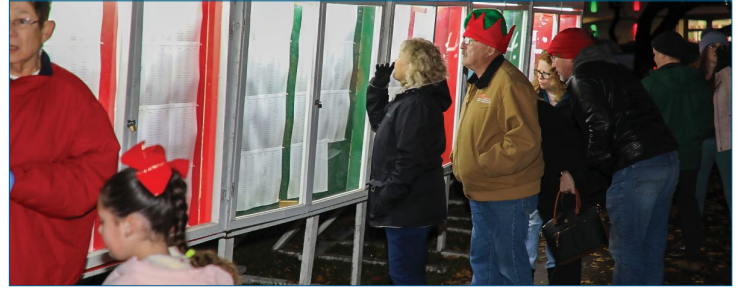
Direct Contribution
Make a donation on our website at hospicesj.org, by calling (209) 957-3888, or mailing a check payable to Hospice of San Joaquin.

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

2022 | TREE OF LIGHTS

With your help and generosity, we raised over \$290,000 for hospice patients and their families. For 34 years, Tree of Lights has been a part of the San Joaquin region, offering a way for the community to recognize and reflect on the people who have touched their lives. Our motto “Light up a life!” is one synonymous with the mission of hospice itself – treating every day of every life as a gift to be cherished.



JANUARY 28, 2023 | LOBSTER BOIL

Once again, the Stockton Butterfly Auxiliary did a fantastic job with this sold-out fundraiser! Every attendee got to dine on a full lobster, enjoyed music, dessert auction, silent auctions, and dozens of amazing raffle baskets. This annual event is always a great way to kick off the year.



“We're the one with the Butterfly”

UPCOMING EVENTS



CAMP CATERPILLAR LODI

March 11 • 8:30am-1pm
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Lodi

Last year, we tested adding a second Camp Caterpillar program in Lodi and received a lot of interest as well as community support. This year we will again be holding Camp Caterpillar twice – one in Lodi and one in Stockton. Camp Caterpillar is a child grief day camp experience for children in kindergarten through 8th grade who have had a loved one die within the last two years. Campers will learn they are not alone in their feelings of grief or their anxiety about the ways their lives have changed. This program is free and open to the public.



EGGSTRAVAGANZA

March 18 • 11:00am-1:00pm • Masonic Lodge, Tracy
A twist on the traditional Easter egg hunt, guests are invited to a vendor-style Eggstravaganza event in Tracy. Participants can walk to stations to purchase eggs, pick up their lunch, and pick up their prize basket at the end of the event. Each egg offers a chance of winning one of the hundreds of baskets. This is a great event for the whole family. This year our Tracy Butterfly Auxiliary are making charcuterie boards as an optional add-on for lunch.

CHAMPAGNE & ENGLISH TEA

April 22 • 1:30-4:00pm
Church of the Presentation, Stockton

A classic afternoon Champagne and English tea, this elegant event features table settings of beautiful china curated by members of the Butterfly Auxiliary. Each table is unique and gives attendees a distinct experience while they enjoy tea sandwiches and small bites. The highly anticipated raffle does not disappoint, with large bountiful baskets.

KENTUCKY DERBY WEST

May 6 • 1:00-4:00pm • Sargent Equestrian Center, Lodi

Break out the mint juleps and the big hats, time to show off your best at Kentucky Derby West! Watch the Kentucky Derby in real time on a jumbotron while enjoying Southern hospitality as you delight in small bites and all the thrills the track has to offer. Feel like you are in the middle of the action while rooting for your favorite horse. Cool down from the excitement with mint juleps, wine tasting, and a delicious dinner. Win big on and off the track with a traditional live auction and a fantastic silent auction. Join us for an afternoon that promises to be one of a kind.

