



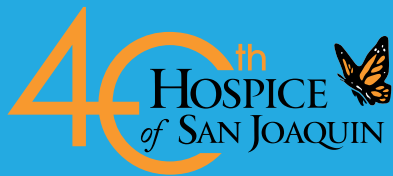
We Are All In This Together!

By Kelvin Cao

As we continue to respond and help our communities live through the COVID-19 pandemic, our priority has and always will be to support the highest quality end of life care, and provide the safety of our patients, their families, our staff and volunteers.

To limit the spread of COVID-19 we have enacted many additional, new safety measures in our facilities and in our patients' homes. We have also moved our in-person meetings to online communication, as well as modified our Bereavement Workshops and Butterfly Auxiliary events.

Compassionate end of life care must continue, and due to the outbreak of COVID-19, Hospice of San Joaquin has faced cascading challenges in our day to day operations. However, this motivates us to continue our commitment and responsibility of caring for our patients and families. Our Mission – *to honor life by ensuring Patients and their Caregivers are the focus of everything we do;* and our Vision – *to be the leader in ensuring quality of the journey, from serious illness through end of life,* is what drives Hospice of San Joaquin. This is stemmed from 40 years of care as the first not-for-profit hospice agency serving San Joaquin County. We are grateful for our wonderful staff and all that they do for our patients and their families.



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VISION

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MISSION

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

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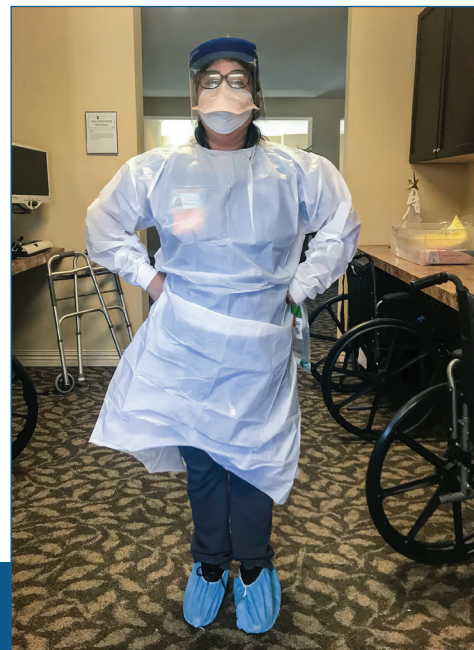
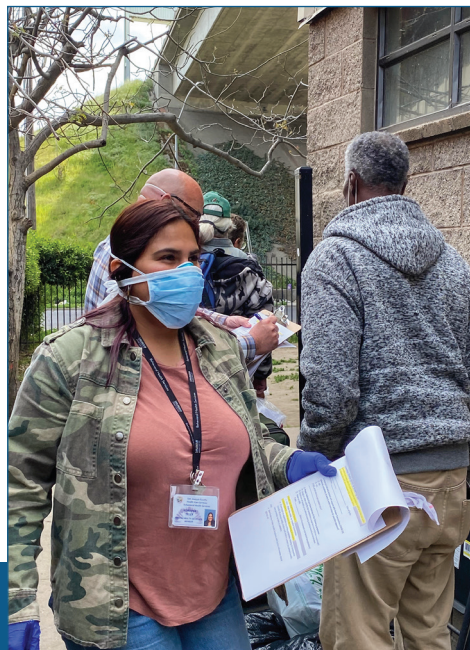
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Celebrating our Heroes

What is a Hero? A hero is someone with integrity and selflessness who puts the needs of others before themselves. At Hospice of San Joaquin, heroes come in many forms. The obvious ones are our nurses and home health aides. They work tirelessly to ensure our patients are granted their last desire – to be home with family and friends in their final days.

During this pandemic, when a physical visit is not always possible, staff are doing patient visits via telehealth. Most of our nurses would prefer not to conduct this type of visit, as they want to see, hear, touch, and feel a personal connection. Our social workers and chaplains are just as busy speaking with patients and caregivers by phone, providing much needed emotional and spiritual support where it has always been critical in end-of-life care. Our office staff is helping wherever help is needed, no questions asked. They happily do whatever needs to be done to keep the agency going. Our grief support team is also providing telehealth support and is developing an online support group for local health care providers during these difficult and stressful times. Still other staff that are not as busy due to the pandemic, are helping other non-profits in the community that are short-staffed. As an example, we have staff that have volunteered to take temperatures at the homeless shelter, to help them screen for COVID 19 symptoms. Our volunteers are doing anything and everything they can to support Hospice of San Joaquin, from sewing masks and gowns for patient care, to making training manuals, and admission packets. As always, we ask and they deliver. That is what makes a hero, anyone that asks what needs to be done and then does it. Not for the benefit of themselves but for the benefit of others. The Hospice of San Joaquin team is a family full of heroes.





APRIL: National Volunteer Month

National Volunteer Month is celebrated each April, a month dedicated to honoring all of the volunteers in our communities as well as encouraging volunteerism throughout the month. Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes. They pick a cause and make a difference in someone's life. Sometimes the difference is a drop in the bucket, other times it creates a tidal wave of change. From the anonymous volunteers who donate their resources to those whose efforts are part of larger national organizations, their missions provide valuable support to communities in times of need.



Volunteers are the backbone of what we do! Hospice of San Joaquin Volunteer, Jan Donis, helped sew masks for staff. We are grateful to have wonderful volunteers like you in our community.



Our amazing staff and volunteers put together care bags for staff and patient families. These bags are filled with children's arts and craft supplies and treats to comfort families during stressful times in the midst of the pandemic.



We were blessed with a donation of 60 N95-rated masks and safety goggles from our wonderful friends at Teichert. Our clinical staff is thrilled to have donors and supporters like you to help ensure their safety and others around them during patient visits.



Thank you to all of our seamstresses. Valarie Edwards, Stockton 218 Elks Board Member and friend of Stockton Butterfly Auxiliary Member, Penny Knapp, sewed masks for staff to ensure our staff's safety and others around them.

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!

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!

Direct Contribution:

Make a donation on our website at hospicesj.org, 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.

Would you like to Volunteer?

Contact Ann Leale, Volunteer Program Manager at aleale@hospicesj.org



"We're the one with the Butterfly"

THANK YOU for your Votes!

Best of Lodi 2020, Best Hospice Care

Manteca/Ripon Bulletin's Reader's Choice 2020: Favorite Non-profit Organization

Thank you to our dedicated supporters, donors, staff and volunteers throughout San Joaquin County for ensuring we continue to be the leaders in providing compassionate end of life care for our patients and families.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

July 31, 2020.

Facebook Premier Live

This year, the Annual Memorial Service, which gives those who have lost a loved one a chance to reflect on life and death, will be virtually broadcasted on Facebook Premier Live in July. The event includes excerpts and writings related to grief, and a reading of the names being remembered. The Annual Memorial Service is a tribute to those who have passed. It is also a guide through memories left behind and a testament to enjoying life for those who remain. We end with a butterfly release where participants are encouraged to let their memories and love soar on the wings of beautiful butterflies. Please visit our website to get more info as we finalize the date this coming July.

THE BUTTERFLY WALK

August 23 – 29 – Virtual Walk

Hospice of San Joaquin is hosting a virtual walk to raise money to support Hospice House. This walk will be hosted virtually, which means you can create your own path and walk when you choose. Every dollar raised through this event will allow our patients to live life to the fullest through high-level hospice services. These services include comprehensive and compassionate medical care, counseling and support with state-of-the-art pain control and symptom management. Check in to our website for further updates.

SUMMER EVENTS ON THE RIVER

at the Stockton Sailing Club • 4980 Buckley Cove, Stockton

The Stockton Sailing Club is hosting Runabouts on the River and Hot Summer Nights. Both events are free and open to the public and benefit Hospice of San Joaquin. Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to.

RUNABOUTS ON THE RIVER

July 25, 2020 • 9am - 3pm

View classic boats up close and personal, talk to the owners and stroll through vendor areas, and arts and craft booths.

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

August 8, 2020 • 5pm – 8pm

A cruise-in classic car show with burgers and refreshments, live music, and family fun entertainment.

PENDING EVENTS*

MOONLIGHT SIP N' STROLL

August 15 • 6pm
Brookside, Stockton

KENTUCKY DERBY WEST

September 5 • 1pm
Sargent Equestrian
Center Lodi

CHAMPAGNE & ENGLISH TEA

September 12 • 1pm
Church of the
Presentation

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Oct. 2 • 5:30pm
Villa Angelica, Spanos Estate,
Stockton

**Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions and with thoughtful consideration of Shelter in Place Guidelines the above events are pending. Please visit our website as updates will be regularly made to keep you informed.*