



Member Newsletter

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President's Corner



A warm welcome to our continuing members, new board members and new officers, I am so eager to embrace the opportunities before us and am re-energized and ready to get to work! The entire Board's passion and dedication are essential in moving our organization forward. What we have been able to do over the last 34 years is phenomenal. We shall continue with our Mission to raise funds for the community

through informative educational events. We shall tell "Our Story" of how we do what we do with passion and enthusiasm. We have achieved incredible milestones and we anticipate further accomplishments, especially as we focus on what we do BEST!

Our goals for this year are to increase our donor base, invest in our membership, and improve our board governance. This is an extremely important moment; times are getting more difficult for everyone, especially those who are uninsured. It gets even harder when a diagnosis of a serious life-limiting illness is received. The cost of health care is expensive and without our fundraising efforts, some patients and their families could miss out on the supportive care offered by our partners at CHRISTUS VNA Hospice. Our fundraising efforts not only generate funds, it also raises the awareness about the importance of end-of-life care. The donations we receive help to bridge the gap, ensuring that financial limitations do not prevent access to quality hospice care services for everyone.

I am excited to have such an awesome team, with our Board and our Executive Director, Terri Gutierrez, to work alongside with as we together make a beneficial impact in Bexar County and our surrounding communities. Our aim is to ensure our commitment to the well-being of hospice patients facing end-of-life care and to make sure they receive the support they need. Once again, "welcome aboard"! With combined efforts, outstanding results are expected, further solidifying the influence of Friends of Hospice San Antonio in our community.

Most Sincerely,

Robin Ford Dillard, DBA,MBA,BSN,RN
President, Board of Directors

Board of Directors 2025-2026

Lynne Breuer
Nancy Davies
Dr. Robin Dillard
Wanda Edlund*
Traudi Eizenberger*
Liz Jauer
Patti King
Trisha Lodde
Aggie Manwell-
Jackson*
Ellen Pfeiffer
Sandy Ryan
Dr. Ken Smith
Shary Smith
Beverly Tuomala*
Becky Walker

* Welcome to our new
Board Members!

Terri Gutierrez
Executive Director/Editor

*On August 27th, our Board will
be meeting for a
retreat at Colonial Hills United
Methodist Church.*

*Together, we will work to build
on the Board's strengths,
address challenges, foster
open communication, and
share insights to ensure our
success this year.*

The mission of Friends of Hospice San Antonio, Inc. is to increase community awareness and understanding of hospice and to raise funds in support of patients and their families in end-of-life care.

Special Gifts as of 8/6/25

BENEFACTOR MEMBERS

Devine Area Hospice Thrift Shop

Tracy and Alan Hibberd

Rebecca Sargeant

Rachel and Richard Spoon

Mark Wright

ANGEL MEMBERS

Lois Armor

Wanda and Stephen Edlund

Donna and Dr. Mark Gilger

Carol Kumler

Aggie Manwell-Jackson and John Jackson

Judy Morton

LouAnn and Wayne Noll

Camilla Parker

PATRON MEMBERS

Gretchen and Alex Bealer

Lisa and Tom Blonkvist

Ann and Rick Brawner

Genie Calgaard

Elizabeth and William Chiego

Nancy Jackson

Olive Anne and Tres Kleberg

Judith Lachman

Ruth and Bob Willoughby

Arlene and Jim Wueste

MAJOR DONORS

Alamo Heights Rotary Club

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Charities Aid Foundation

Mr. and Mrs. Luis Espinoza

Terri and Juan Gutierrez

Ann McMullan

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In Honor Of

Jan Jamboe Russell

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IN MEMORY OF

Todd Colburn

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Rick Forsyth

Mary Dittmar

Sherry and Toffe Satel

Elizabeth "Liz" Howard

Evelyn Atkins

Joyce Hobbins

Lourdes and Thomas Pryjowski

Mary Lou Lamphear

Ann and Jim McMullan

Lucy and Bill Rasco

Jeffrey Pace

Ginger and Mike Cave

REMEMBERING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



Mary West Traylor

*In
Loving
Memory*

Jeffrey Pace
Son of Beverly Pace

Calendar of Events



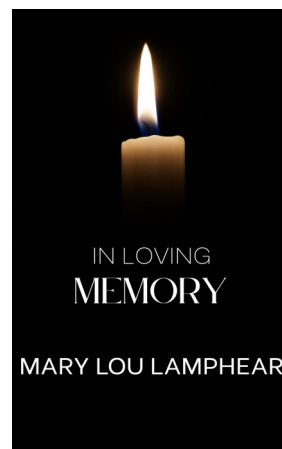
Fall Social October 14, 2025
San Antonio Garden Club



Poinsettias and Prosecco
Reception
San Antonio Country Club
December 9, 2025



Valentine Luncheon and
Style Show
San Antonio Country Club
February 14, 2026



Board of Directors
Executive Committee for 2025-2026

Dr. Robin Dillard– President
Ellen Pfeiffer– President-Elect
Dr. Ken Smith– Vice President, Education Programs
Beverly Tuomala– Second Vice President Membership
Trisha Lodde– Secretary
Nancy Davies– Treasurer
Members-at Large
Shary Smith
Lynne Breuer



Dr. Robin Dillard



Ellen Pfeiffer



Dr. Ken Smith



Beverly Tuomala



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Lynne Breuer

Thank You for Leading our Organization This Year