



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

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Jackson*

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Shary Smith

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* 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

CONTRIBUTORS

Anonymous
 Charities Aid Foundation
 Mr. and Mrs. Luis Espinoza
 Terri and Juan Gutierrez
 Ann McMullan
 Chica Younger

In Honor Of

Jan Jamboe Russell
 Emily and David Peeples

IN MEMORY OF

Todd Colburn
 Stephen Lancaster
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 Rick Forsyth
Mary Dittmar
 Sherry and Toffe Satel
Elizabeth "Liz" Howard
 Evelyn Atkins
 Joyce Hobbins
 Lourdes and Thomas Pryjomski
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



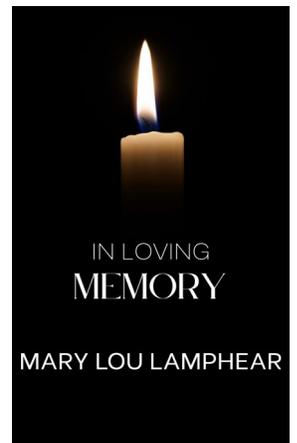
Fall Social October 14, 2025
San Antonio Garden Club



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



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Thank You for Leading our Organization This Year