



Member Newsletter

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President's Corner



We have an exciting year ahead, with five new Board Members joining our awesome team of existing Board Members! We are celebrating our 35th year emerald milestone year and with that, we are changing one of our signature fundraising events. Our former December event, the

Poinsettias and Prosecco Reception, will now be a Tea Party event on November 15th. We look forward to this new event and hope we will see you there!

As we continue with our Mission of supporting unfunded hospice care, we will be extending our efforts to raise both funding and awareness of Friends of Hospice in the community. Our Board Members will take the lead in these efforts and we warmly welcome our Members who might like to participate in this campaign.

I look forward to getting to know more of you and greatly appreciate those who have already reached out, offering your help. I am deeply appreciative of getting to work with our amazing Executive Director, Terri Gutierrez, who somehow is always a step ahead on our many projects.

I look forward to seeing you and your guests at this year's Fall Social on September 30th. In the meantime, please reach out to myself, Terri or any Board Member with any suggestions or concerns.

Warmly,
Ellen Pfeiffer
President, Board of Directors

Board of Directors 2026-2027

Lois Armor *
Ashley Askew *
Nancy Davies
Wanda Edlund
Traudi Eizenberger
Tracy Hibberd *
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Patti King
Trisha Lodde
Aggie Manwell-Jackson
Pastor Germaine
Mathis *
Ellen Pfeiffer
Autumn Puckett *
Sandy Ryan
Dr. Ken Smith
Shary Smith
Beverly Tuomala
Becky Walker

* Welcome to our new
Board Members!

Terri Gutierrez
Executive Director
Editor

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 8/7/26

BENEFACTOR MEMBERS

Devine Area Hospice Thrift Shop

Rebecca Sargeant

Ruth and Bob Willoughby

Mark Wright

ANGEL MEMBERS

Carol Kumler

LouAnn and Wayne Noll

Holly and Bill Wagner

PATRON MEMBERS

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Gretchen and Alex Bealer

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Lisa and Tom Blonkvist

Ann and Rick Brawner

Genie Calgaard

Elizabeth and William Chiego

Bonnie Giddens

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Beverly Pace

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In Honor Of

Our 35th Anniversary
Almeda Hodge

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JoJo Davis

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Cindy Flores

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Helen Lyons

Elizabeth Hurst

Camilla Parker

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REMEMBERING MEMBERS



Camilla Parker



Sally Owens

Calendar of Events



Fall Social September 30th
San Antonio Garden Club



Anniversary Tea Party
San Antonio Country Club
November 15th



Valentine Luncheon and
Style Show
San Antonio Country Club
February 13, 2027



Steve Edlund

Board of Directors
Executive Committee for 2026-2027

Ellen Pfeiffer– President
Dr. Aggie Manwell-Jackson– President-Elect
Dr. Ken Smith– Vice President, Education Programs
Beverly Tuomala– Second Vice President Membership
Trisha Lodde– Secretary
Nancy Davies– Treasurer
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Shary Smith
Liz Jauer



Ellen Pfeiffer



Dr. Aggie
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Thank You for Leading our Organization This Year!