

# 2012 Annual Report

(Aug 1, 2012 – Jul 31, 2013)

# Because of YOU, the COMFORT, CARE, and LOVE of Hospice Visions, Inc. Offers Hope, One Person and Family at a Time

Hospice Visions, Inc. is committed to providing the highest level of skilled medical and holistic care and comfort to the patients and families we serve. The Hospice Team directs their energy to both the patient and family as the unit of care - to lessen their burden and to answer their calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Hospice Visions, Inc. believes that every individual has the right to make choices, both in how they live and how they die. Knowing that our hospice will comfort the loved ones left behind eases the patient's concern for their family. No one should have to face dying alone, dying in pain, or feeling out of control. We at Hospice Visions, Inc. have dedicated ourselves to giving our Magic Valley community a moral and ethical health care choice.

A New Year, a New Building, and a New Beginning



**Ribbon Cutting** 

About a year ago, we made a big decision. We had been in our building on Shoup for over seven years, but our growth and expansion had made space a premium for our people. As we grew, our building of course did not, so we embarked on designing and building a beautiful new space. Taking on this endeavor during a wavering economy was a wild adventure. There was so much that needed to be done, and at times it felt overwhelming. But we knew that building an actual structure, also meant building a new future with new possibilities. Our company, and the important work that our people perform for our patients, was always in the forefront of our minds.



# Hospice Visions, Inc. is on a Mission to Serve our Veterans

#### WE HONOR VETERANS

Hospice Visions, Inc. has partnered with the Veterans Administration and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization to join **the** "We Honor Veterans Campaign". Currently, Hospice Visions, Inc. is a Level III Partner. By recognizing a veteran's unique needs, we can adapt our care to their backgrounds. The emotional and spiritual components of hospice care can be especially meaningful to veterans who often face issues near the end of life relating to their military experiences. Support is even more crucial for veterans who do not have a strong support network of family and friends.

We have developed a Hospice Veteran Partnership with our County Veteran Service Officers, Veteran Service Organizations and other Veteran Health Advocacy Services. This enables us to increase awareness and knowledge about veterans' end-of-life care needs and options, while strengthening relationships between hospices, VA programs and community organizations. Our goal is to improve veterans' access to hospice and palliative care across all sites and levels of care. By utilizing and implementing The Military History Checklist upon admission we can achieve these goals and provide the very best of care to our Veterans. These brave men and women have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country. We believe it is an honor and privilege to care for them and know that it is never too late to give them a hero's welcome home.



Our grateful acknowledgement of veterans includes pinning ceremonies, like this one held at Heritage, in Twin Falls. Several former servicemen and women were treated like heroes as they were recognized for their service to our country.

## I Have a Dream...



### dream foundation®

Hospice Visions is honored to be affiliated with the Dream Foundation "Making dreams come true for adults facing life-threatening illness." Because of our shared passions, we have been able to help fulfill final dreams, reunions with loved ones, vacations of a lifetime, and crossing items off their bucket list.

Stubby was able to cross several things off his Bucket List including going on a helicopter ride with his family.

## **Fundraising and Grants**

Thank you to **Saint Luke's Community Health Improvement Fund** – Continued support for room and board scholarships for residents of "Visions of Home" hospice house.

It is with sadness that I report Flo Slatter, RN, co-founder of Hospice Visions, Inc. passed away peacefully, with me by her side, while receiving hospice services with comfort, care, and love from the same hospice we started almost 20 years ago. Life for Flo was never the same after the loss of my brother, her son, Doug on December 22, 2012. Flo died September 13, 2013.

Flo had a fire and passion to help those nearing their end of life. Her first thoughts were always about "what does the patient and family need" never about financial gain. We both knew as long as we took care of the patient and their family the financial aspect of it would be provided. I am proud to say this concept remains at the core of Hospice Visions values today!

In memory of what Flo contributed to Hospice Visions we will rename our Annual Golf Tournament to the "Flo Slatter Memorial Golf Tournament," our first to be held August 23, 2014 at Clear Lake Country Club. Please join us for this event in honor of our beloved Flo!

--Tami Slatter, RN, BSN Executive Director



Flo Slatter, RN, Co-Founder



Thank you to all who participate in our Annual Golf Tournaments!

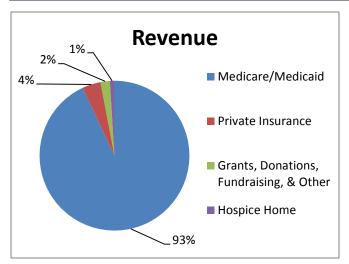


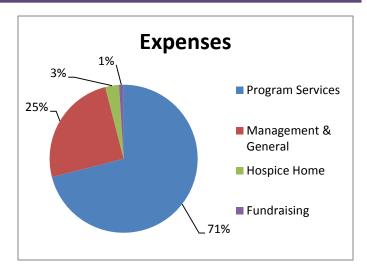
Emily Walker, Senior Project "Hearts for Hospice"

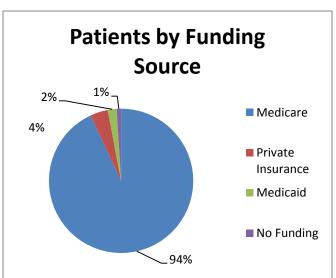
#### **OUR MISSION**

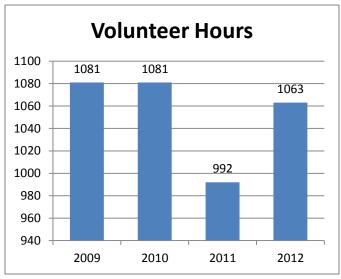
Hospice Visions Inc. is a nonprofit, community based and supported organization. When cure is no longer possible, the Hospice team provides professional care designed to meet the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of patients and their loved ones who are coping with a life-limiting illness and related losses. Hospice is committed to educating the community on issues of death, dying, quality of life and bereavement. Care is provided without regard to personal beliefs or financial status.

# Financial Highlights









# Volunteer!

Gayle Kemp, Mary Devey, and Jeanene Ellis

#### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our supporters; board members, employees, volunteers, our community, our business partners, and especially to our patients and their family members for allowing us to care for them.

"A <u>biq</u> thank you to all of you who shared in taking care of Mama in her last months—about 8 I think. Special thanks to Steve L, Karen B, and really <u>Biq</u> thanks to Robin who took such special care and time to love her, fuss over her and really take special care of her. You all made a difference in her life and our family sooo appreciate that!! You are truly what you say on your card—Comfort, Care, and Love."

Thanks again & again, Janelle S.

To all of our wonderful *volunteers* who give graciously of their time to support our cause. We had a cost savings of \$23,535. Thank you for your dedication and hard work, we couldn't do it without you.