

A Little More Comfort. A Lot Less Pain. A Dream Fulfilled. A Final Wish Come True.









# WHEN THE STARS ALIGN, KATHERINE MEETS HER STARBOY!

On April 30, the Southern California Hospice Foundation (SCHF) was honored to grant a final wish for 19-year-old Katherine. With her best friend, cousin and sister-in-law by her side, they arrived in style at Los Angeles's Forum, pulling up in a black stretch limousine and eager to see Katherine's favorite pop-star, The Weeknd. The group was greeted with "Starboy" hats to wear during the concert and were treated to food and beverages as they took their seats.

Laughing and taking selfies, the girls were in awe as the opening act appeared on stage. Unbeknownst to them, SCHF was secretly sending text messages back and forth to The Weeknd's tour manager, in hopes of arranging a meet & greet after the show.

When The Weeknd finally came on stage, the crowd went wild. Everyone was on their feet screaming, and although Katherine was in tremendous pain from the bone cancer that afflicted her body, it didn't stop her from dancing.

The cheers became even louder when we received confirmation from the tour manager that Katherine was going to have the chance to meet The Weeknd! We whispered the news in Katherine's ear and the biggest smile lit her face with excitement. She was thrilled to share the unbelievable news with her family and friends. Hugging each other tightly, the girls shed tears of happiness and continued to sing and dance for the rest of the concert.

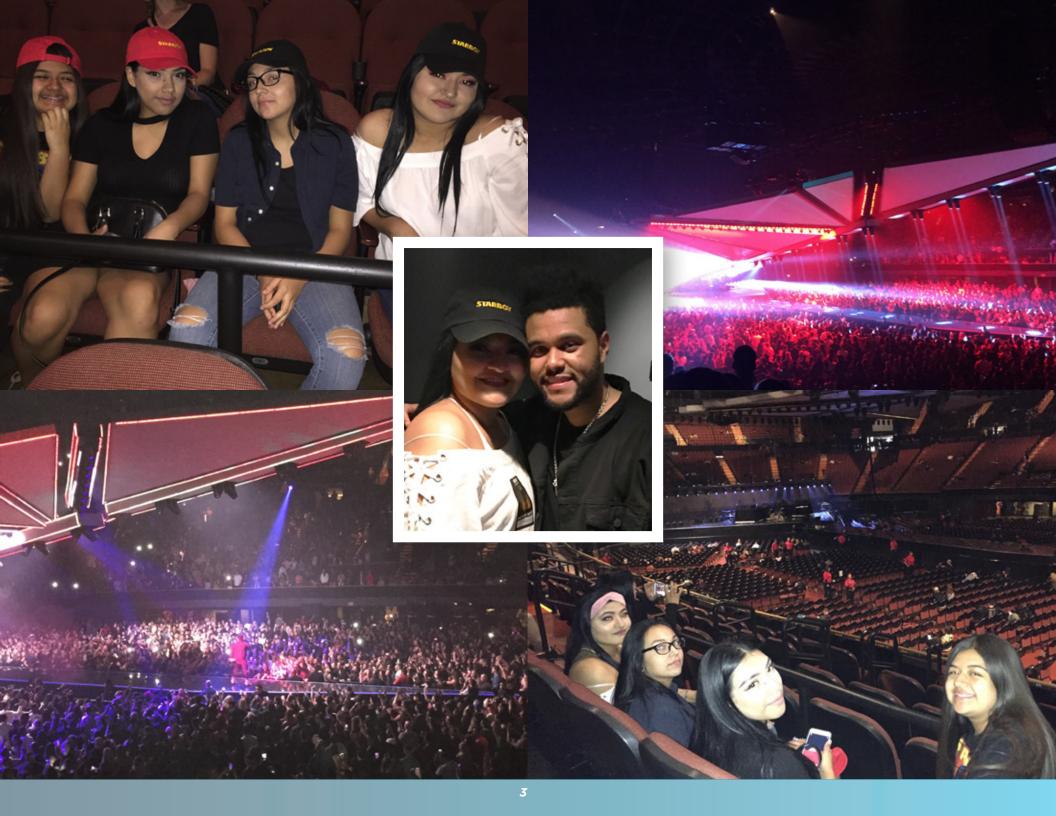
As the performance was coming to an end, Michelle Wulfestieg, Executive Director of SCHF, received a text to meet the tour manager at the Chase Lounge inside the venue. After some scrambling to find the infamous private lounge, we finally met with the touring manager's assistant. She quickly gave the group VIP passes and led the way to the star's dressing room.

When we arrived, Katherine's excitement couldn't be contained as she finally met her superstar, The Weeknd. Like true VIPs, Katherine, her family and best friend all exchanged hello's, autographs and received

individual and group pictures with the artist. Things got even more exciting when The Weeknd's then-girlfriend, Selena Gomez, joined the festivities.

The stars aligned for Katherine as her final wish had come true; she met her favorite artist and was able to share the experience with her family and closest friend. To top off the night, she received a Snapchat shout-out from The Weeknd, and he even snuck in a kiss on her cheek.

With their heads still in the clouds, the girls were brought back to their limousine when it was time to head home. Katherine treasured her awesome autographed memorabilia, pictures, videos and most importantly, an incredible memory that her friends and family will cherish forever. For just a moment, Katherine was not a sick patient, but a giddy teenager, having the time of her life.







### **2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

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### LEADERSHIP MESSAGE





Dear Friends.

For the last 15 years, we have created an atmosphere of comfort, support and acceptance that allows people to spend their last months on their own terms with their family and loved ones. Our ultimate goal is to provide meaning to the last days.

Through the numerous programs and services that Southern California Hospice Foundation (SCHF) and Hospice Foundation of Arizona (HFOA) provide, we are able to meet the growing needs of more and more community members each year. Our Angel Assistance program provides aid to patients and their families in ways that are important to them. Sometimes, it's helping with a utility bill or putting food on the table. Other times, it's planning a wedding or arranging for a trip to Disneyland.

Our Community Education program helps those facing serious illness get the support they need when confronted with difficult decisions surrounding end-of-life care. We conduct radio PSA announcements, speaking engagements, tabling events and end-of-life care conferences. In addition, our bereavement services have helped dozens of individuals and families deal with losing a loved one through a variety of grief workshops designed to support people of all ages.

And in 2017, we launched our efforts to open a Heavenly Home in Southern California to serve as a live-in residential care facility for those at the end-of-life. We are committed to maximizing the quality of a person's life by providing housing and caregiving services for those who cannot or prefer not to die in their own home. It is a heavy lift, but many hands make for light work and we are resolute in our efforts. We know that this is a God-filled mission and we are honored to lead the charge.

As a nonprofit organization, we are funded entirely by donations from our community. Please know that we could not serve the dying in such a meaningful and profound way without you.

Thank you again for your incredible support.

Sincerely Yours,

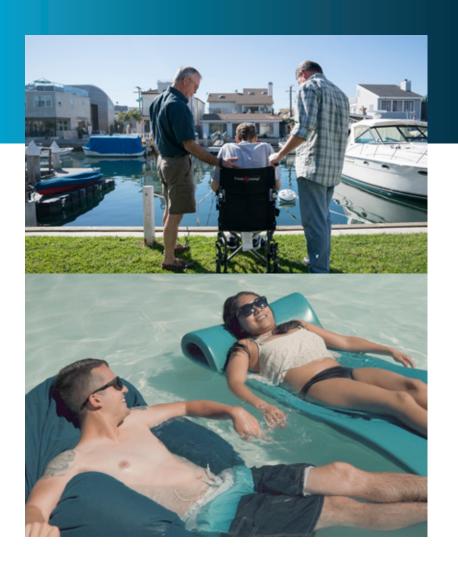
Michael A. Uranga

**Board President** 

Michelle Wulfestieg

**Executive Director** 

### THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT





### **PATIENTS & FAMILIES**

- Assisted 295 patients and their families by granting their final wish or helping with basic needs such as food, payment of bills, or transportation.
- Hosted 7 interactive grief workshops at churches and hospices throughout the community where 50 participants had the opportunity to find healing and hope by connecting with others in a therapeutic environment.
- Engaged local service clubs, corporations, churches and members
  of the community to adopt patients and their families during
  the holidays, providing Thanksgiving meals and fulfilling
  Christmas wishes.

### PATIENT HIGHLIGHTS



### **AVA**

Eight-month-old Ava was dying from Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a rare genetic condition that she was diagnosed with at just two months-old. Ava's parents, both in their early 20s, were coping well in spite of their circumstance. The entire family were longtime Dodger fans and wished to take Ava to a Los Angeles Dodger baseball game before she died. Ava's great-grandmother worked at Dodger Stadium for many years doing field level concessions behind home plate during the era of Mike Piazza. Ava's dad had a collection of Dodger Bobble Heads and watched games with Ava while laying with her on the floor of their home. Baseball ran in their blood and they wanted Ava to receive a certificate from the Jr. Dodger Kids Club for the first and last game she would ever attend. We made it happen, allowing for the family to create beautiful memories that will be cherished for years to come.

### **GERALD**

We believe that America's veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country and it is a great privilege to now serve them at the end-of-life. Gerald was a 94-year old World War II vet



whose dying wish was to have a celebration of life party with a veteran ministry group at his church. With catered food and decorations, the celebration of Gerald's life was opened with prayer, followed by a Vetto-Vet pinning ceremony led by chaplain and hospice volunteer Richard Bergquist. Ultimately, pinning ceremonies such as these are recognition events aimed at creating public displays of patriotism and are essential to remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Many people then spoke at the microphone, sharing fond memories they had with Gerald and thanked him for his service to our great nation. Several days after his life was celebrated, Gerald went home to be with the Lord.

### **GINA**

At 63 years-old, Gina was struggling with a terminal diagnosis of Congestive Heart Failure. She had spent the last 13 years living with the love of her life, Cesar. He took care of her, making sure to rub her feet, administer her medications, and keep her comfortable. As she struggled to breathe, her dying wish was to become Cesar's wife in a simple ceremony, officiated by the hospice chaplain. Within weeks, we brought together the community to put on the wedding of her dreams. We took her to David's Bridal where she was fitted with a beautiful wedding gown, a tiara and jewelry. Her daughter-in-law also chose her special dress and the groom and groomsmen were taken care of with a gift card to the Men's Warehouse. The venue was selected, Tivoli Too in Laguna Beach, where Gina got up out of her wheelchair and walked into the arms of the one she loved, promising to have and to hold until death do them part. During the reception, guests enjoyed a three-course plated meal, completed with a tiered wedding cake and a champagne toast. The couple then had their first dance and enjoyed the company of their loved ones before being whisked away in a limousine to the Anaheim Marriott where they enjoyed a brief honeymoon. Gina said, "Thank you for giving me the best day of my life." Just a few short weeks later, Gina passed away.



### THE HEAVENLY HOME PROJECT

## We are committed to establishing a loving home that will serve the dying with dignity and compassion in Orange County, California.





For some, their last moments will be spent alone. For others, they have family but no one to provide continuous care. It is for these people that a hospice house exists, offering an alternative to institutional care in the final days, weeks or months of life by providing round-the-clock caregiving services.

We are committed to ensuring that those at the end-of-life live out their final days with dignity, love and respect. With that commitment, the Southern California Hospice Foundation aims to open the first home in Orange County as a live-in residential care facility for those at the end-of-life.

This house will be a residential home where terminally ill patients can end life's journey in a comfortable home-like setting. It offers an important option for people who may not have family or friends who can care for them.

The services provided in the home will include:

- Routine personal care such as bathing, dressing, toileting, assisting with eating and medications.
- Meal preparation, laundry and housekeeping
- Coordination of care plan with medical hospice
- Comfort Companions, or volunteers
- Pet and music therapy
- Massage treatments
- Haircuts
- Meditation garden

No one will be turned away due to lack of funds. With your help, we will create a home totally focused on caring for those at the end-of-life. We would love for you to donate your time, treasure or talent toward our Heavenly Home Project. To get involved, please contact Michelle Wulfestieg at 877-661-0087 or email michelle@socalhospicefoundation.org.

### THE HEAVENLY HOME PROJECT



### THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT



### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- Through the \*\*Pelping Hands Hospice Guild,\* a group of many community volunteers created \*\*1,000 "Bags of Love" distributed to newly admitted hospice patients. The bags included such items as a lap blanket, prayer cards, letter writing prompts, a note pad and pen as well as non-scented lotions. This project has been so impactful that it garnished media attention, making the front page of the Orange County Register on Saturday, July 29, 2017! Special thanks to our fearless leader, and founder of the Helping Hands Hospice Guild, Vana Surmanian. Her dedication and commitment to end-of-life care inspires us all!
- Tn honor of Veterans Day, we hosted our 2nd Annual "A Final Salute" at Loma Linda University, designed to equip healthcare and hospice communities with the tools and knowledge on how to better care for our dying veterans. Keynote speakers included Deborah Grassman from Opus Peace who spoke on PTSD and trauma integration at the end-of-life; Medical Director of Loma Linda VA CBOC Clinics Bevan Geslani, MD, who talked about how his clinics are meeting veterans' health needs in their communities; and Jared Bosman, Veterans Affairs Liaison for Representative Pete Aguilar of the 31st District, who educated the audience on how Congress works to support our veterans.

### **COMMUNITY ACCOLADES**





### Honors given to our Executive Director, Michelle Wulfestieg

- 2017 Bronze Award for the Stevie Awards for Women in Business in the category Female Executive of the Year for Government or Non-Profit
- 2017 Fairhaven Oliver Halsell Care Award Recipient
- Orange County Register's 100 Most Influential Named one of 2017 Game Changers in Orange County

### THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT



### ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS



10TH ANNUAL HOSPICE GOLF TOURNAMENT - LIFE. LINKS. LOVE.

164 golfers signed up for our 10th Annual Golf Tournament, held at the renowned Pelican Hill Golf Club in Newport Coast! Golfers enjoyed breathtaking views on the North Course, sponsored beverage carts. goodie bags, and liquor holes. After a day on the links, guests loved the hosted happy hour in the Mar Vista Ballroom, followed by a delicious three-course plated dinner thrilling live and silent auctions and, always the highlight of the evening, a touching video about a patient. This time, it was 13 year-old Ashley who wanted to be a cooking queen for a day. With the support of Casey Reinhardt from Casev's Cupcakes and the Island Hotel catering staff, we were able to make all of her culinary dreams come true.

Save the Date for our 11th Annual Hospice Golf Tournament on Wednesday, April 18th, 2018



9TH ANNUAL PHIL BRAYBROOKS MEMORIAL CAR SHOW

Guests gathered for music, food, games, raffle prizes and a legendary car show in memory of Phil Braybrooks at the J&M Speed Center in Riverside. Nearly 500 classic car enthusiasts rallied and revved their engines in memory of the classic car icon while hundreds of beautiful and unique cars were showcased symbolizing Mr. Braybrooks' legacy. Phil was a hospice patient who passed away in 2008 and, to date, the annual Phil Braybrooks Memorial Car Show has raised over \$70,000 for those we serve. We are beyond grateful for the incredible support of the Braybrooks family!

Save the Date for our 10th and FINAL Phil Braybrooks Memorial Car Show on Sunday, May 20th, 2018



### 8TH ANNUAL WINE SOIRÉE SPECTACULAR

200 hospice supporters gathered to sip wines from 21 wine vendors, enjoy dinner, auctions and a "Start Your Own Wine Cellar" raffle where the lucky winner took home 50 bottles of exceptional wine! Congratulations to Judy Combs! During the dinner, palliative care physician Daniel Spurgeon, MD, was awarded the "Compassionate Heart Award," which honors those who have demonstrated extraordinary compassion through their everyday life and actions. A special thanks to our extraordinary co-chair of the event, Julie Dell'Aquila, our volunteers, dedicated sponsors, and guests who made this a truly unforgettable evening!

Save the Date for our 9th Annual Wine Soiree on Saturday, September 8th, 2018.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES

Special Events Net:	\$146,269.85	31%
Cash Contributions:	\$26,439.55	6%
Grants & Other Income:	\$298,931.05	63%
Total Income:	\$471,640.45	100%

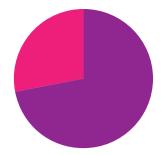
### **EXPENSES**

Patient Assistance	\$78,000.65	45%
Community Outreach	\$64,483.57	37%
Operations	\$11,185.02	6%
Fundraising	\$19,355.04	11%
Total Expenses:	\$173,024.28	100%

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### ASSETS

Investments	\$408,220.54	38%
Temporarily Restricted	\$253,535.99	24%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$372,883.80	34%
Other Assets	\$39,500.00	4%
Total Assets	\$1,074,140.33	100%



### TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Retained Earnings	\$775,524.16	72%
Net Income	\$298,616.17	28%
Total Assets	\$1,074,140.33	100%

### **2018 EVENTS**

### **GRIEF WORKSHOPS**

### Monday, February 5th 2018 Grieving a Loved One Bereavement Workshop

Mariners Church: 5001 Newport Coast Dr. Irvine, CA 92603 6:00pm - 8:00pm

### Thursday, March 1st 2018 Grieving a Loved One Bereavement Workshop

Companion Hospice: 2041 W. Orangewood Ave, Orange, CA 92868, 5:30 pm

### Monday, April 2nd 2018 Grieving a Loved One Bereavement Workshop

Mariners Church: 5001 Newport Coast Dr. Irvine, CA 92603 6:00pm - 8:00pm

### Thursday, May 24th 2018 Grief through Creative Expression Bereavement Workshop

Companion Hospice: 4199 Flat Rock Rd # 200, Riverside, CA 92505, 5:30 pm

### Monday, June 4th 2018 Grieving a Loved One Bereavement Workshop

Mariners Church: 5001 Newport Coast Dr. Irvine, CA 92603 6:00pm - 8:00pm

### Monday, August 6th 2018 Grieving a Loved One Bereavement Workshop

Mariners Church: 5001 Newport Coast Dr. Irvine, CA 92603 6:00pm - 8:00pm

### Thursday, September 13th 2018 Grieving a Loved One Bereavement Workshop

Companion Hospice: 8130 Florence Ave Downey, CA 90240, 5:30 pm

### Monday, October 1st 2018 Grieving a Loved One Bereavement Workshop

Mariners Church: 5001 Newport Coast Dr. Irvine, CA 92603 6:00pm - 8:00pm

### Thursday, November 15th 2018 Hope for the Holidays Bereavement Workshop

Companion Hospice: 2041 W. Orangewood Ave, Orange, CA 92868, 5:30 pm

### Monday, December 3rd 2018 Grieving a Loved One Bereavement Workshop

Mariners Church: 5001 Newport Coast Dr. Irvine, CA 92603 6:00pm – 8:00pm

### **FUNDRAISERS**

### Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11th Annual Hospice Golf Tournament

Pelican Hill Golf Club, South Course followed by Golf Tournament Gala in the Mar Vista Ballroom at Pelican Hill Resort

### Sunday, May 20, 2018 10th & FINAL Phil Braybrooks Memorial Car Show

J&M Speed Center in Riverside

### Saturday, September 8th 9th Annual Wine Soiree Spectacular Marconi Automotive Museum in Tustin

### **HELPING HANDS HOSPICE GUILD**

# Monthly Helping Hands Hospice Guild Meeting (4th Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at 3200 Park Center Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 - If you are new to the group, please call in advance)

We would love to see you there!

Please visit our website for more information or to register for our events online: www.socalhospicefoundation.org

### **GET INVOLVED**

We encourage people to give of their time, talent or treasure and there is a number of ways to do that:

- Become a certified hospice volunteer and provide companionship and emotional support for those facing the end of life.
- Join our Advisory Council and provide leadership expertise.
- Join the Helping Hands Hospice Guild, an all-volunteer group that supports the work of our organization through special projects.
- Assist with our fundraising efforts by becoming a corporate sponsor, donating a silent auction or raffle item, or sitting on an event committee.
- Give a gift in memory of a loved one or honor someone special by remembering them on an important day - birthday, anniversary, graduation, wedding, or other significant holiday.
- Have your company support the mission of SCHF by establishing a matching gift program, hosting a special fundraising event, or providing in-kind services or products.
- Join our Legacy Society by remembering the Southern California Hospice Foundation in your estate planning.

However you decide to help, we appreciate your contribution. On behalf of the many patients and families we serve, we thank you. Please know that we would love to meet you or say thank you over the phone, so please feel free to contact us at any time.

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\*Much of our staff's time is generously underwritten by an anonymous donor and Companion Management Group. Their kindness allows us to keep operating expenses low, so that your donations can directly impact the patients we serve.

### **HOSPICE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The purpose of the Hospice Advisory Council is to increase awareness of hospice, educate the community about hospice, and provide a dignified environment to those at the end of life through the Heavenly Home Project.

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