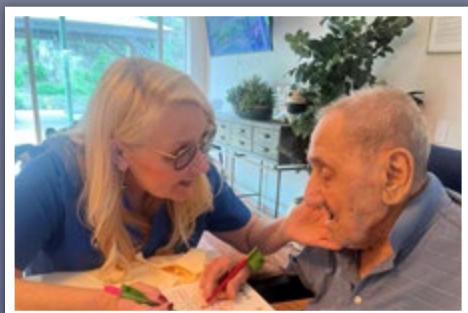
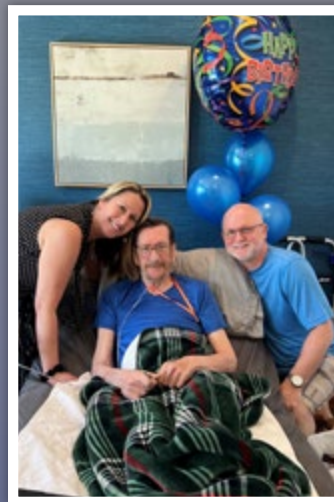
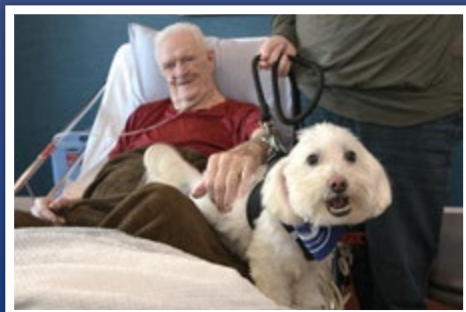
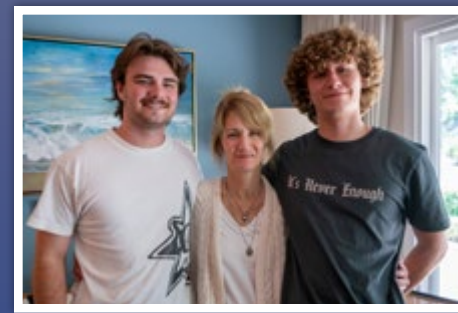
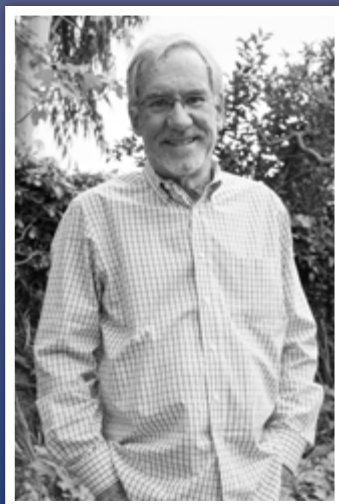


# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Built with *Love*, Embraced in *Grace*



Southern California  
**Hospice**  
Foundation

The Heavenly  
**Home**  
A Sanctuary of Hope



## COVER STORY: Built with *Love*, Embraced in *Grace*



Some dreams are too big for one person to accomplish alone. But with vision, faith, and unwavering dedication, they become reality.

John was more than a visionary—he was a builder of hope. As a founding member of the Southern California Hospice Foundation’s Advisory Council, he saw the need for Orange County’s first end-of-life care home and took action. With his expertise as a developer and businessman, he guided the complex process of acquiring,

renovating, and licensing the Heavenly Home, transforming what once seemed impossible into a sanctuary of peace.

But what John didn’t know was that this home—built for others—would one day be his own.

Just as renovations neared completion, he confided in Michelle, the Executive Director, “Sometimes I think I’m building this house for myself.” A month later, he was diagnosed with stage four cancer.

John faced his diagnosis with the same courage

and selflessness that defined his life. He declined aggressive treatment, choosing instead to pour his remaining time into the mission he believed in. He attended every fundraiser, every council meeting, and continued mentoring Michelle over coffee, offering wisdom and encouragement until the very end.

Two months before his passing, John stood in the master bedroom of the Heavenly Home and softly said, “I want this to be my room. If I ever come to the Heavenly Home, this is where

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I want to be.”

On December 17th, that moment became reality. After a month in the hospital and major surgery, John was in a semi-coma. His wife, Krissy, knew the hospital was not where he wanted to spend his final days. That night, he was transferred to the Heavenly Home—the place he had helped create, the room he had chosen.

Friends and family gathered. The Threshold Choir sang at his bedside. A pastor anointed him with oil. On Christmas morning, Michelle and

Krissy sat with him, reading the story of Christ’s birth, believing that perhaps this would be his final day.

That evening, as prayers were spoken and his impact was honored, our caregivers sang Amazing Grace. Tears rolled down John’s unresponsive face. At 10:25 PM, on Christmas night, he took his final breath—a peaceful passing, a beautiful farewell.

John’s story is one of purpose, love, and lasting impact. His vision for the Heavenly Home

became a reality—a beautiful place where people find dignity, and compassion in their final days.

His legacy lives on in every life touched through our organization. As we continue this mission, we invite others to help ensure that no one faces the end-of-life alone. Because the greatest gift we can offer is a place where love remains until the very last breath.



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## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



Dear Friends and Supporters,

This past year, we celebrated 22 years of the Southern California Hospice Foundation and the first anniversary of the Heavenly Home—a milestone that reflects our unwavering commitment to bring comfort to those at the end-of-life. Truly, the Heavenly Home has become more than a place of care; it has become a sanctuary of hope—a home filled with love, shared moments, and meaningful connections.

But our mission extends beyond these walls. Through Community Education, we have empowered families and caregivers with knowledge about hospice care, helping them navigate the journey with confidence and peace of mind. Our Patient Assistance Program has provided vital resources—food, transportation, and payment of bills—to individuals facing hardship in their final days.

We have also continued our commitment to honoring veterans through our We Honor Vets program, ensuring that those who have served our country receive the recognition and care they deserve. Additionally, through Bereavement Support, we have walked alongside grieving families, offering comfort and guidance as they process loss and find healing.

Throughout the year, we have witnessed the power of community in action. We have celebrated birthdays with favorite meals, fulfilled last wishes, and created cherished memories. Families have reunited in moments of joy and reflection, reinforcing that love remains at the heart of everything we do.

One particularly touching moment was when Samantha, a 54-year-old resident, arrived at Heavenly Home. Her family feared she would feel alone—but instead, she was welcomed with an impromptu celebration. Laughter and music filled the room, turning sorrow into warmth and reassurance. Moments like these remind us that hospice care is not just about the end—it's about making every moment meaningful.

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our commitment to ensuring that no one faces the end-of-life alone. Whether through direct care, education, assistance, or emotional support, we will continue to meet individuals and families with open arms and kind hearts.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support makes this mission possible, and together, we are transforming the way people experience their final chapter—with love, dignity, and peace.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Duran".

Chris Duran  
Board President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Wulfestieg".

Michelle Wulfestieg  
Executive Director

# HEAVENLY HOME HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, the Heavenly Home welcomed 28 residents ranging in age from 54 to 97, with an average age of 81 years. Male residents comprised 57% of admissions, and diagnoses included Alzheimer's, senile degeneration of the brain, cancer-related illnesses, and cardiovascular conditions.

## CARE AND SUPPORT METRICS

- **Days of Service:** Over 1,600 days of service were provided in 2024, reflecting a 15% increase from the previous year.
- **Care Hours:** Nearly 40,000 hours of care were delivered, demonstrating the staff's dedication to providing personalized, around-the-clock support.
- **Specialized Fees:** Flexible room rates and tailored service fees were introduced to accommodate a diverse range of financial circumstances.

## TRENDS AND IMPACT

- **Focus on Neurological Conditions:** A significant rise in residents with Alzheimer's and other neurological conditions reinforced Heavenly Home's ability to manage complex medical needs.
- **Extended Care Durations:** Increased demand for sustained and specialized end-of-life care resulted in longer stays for many residents.
- **Community Support:** Generous donor contributions helped subsidize care for residents in financial need, ensuring equitable access to essential services.
- **Innovative Care Models:** The implementation of flexible fees and personalized care demonstrated Heavenly Home's ongoing commitment to meeting the unique needs of each resident and their families.

**1,600**  
Days of Service

**40,000**  
Hours of Care





## THE LIVES YOU'VE TOUCHED

At the Heavenly Home, we believe that every individual deserves comfort and compassion in their final days. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide not only care but also emotional and spiritual support to those who have nowhere else to turn.



### ARCHIE'S STORY: A LIFE OF COMPASSION

When Archie arrived at Heavenly Home in April 2023, he was given just weeks to live—but God had a different plan. For 15 months, he inspired everyone with his resilience, wisdom, and unwavering faith. In July 2024, Archie's journey on earth came to an end, but his legacy will forever remain in our hearts.

As a former pediatrician, Archie dedicated 40 years to caring for sick children. His compassion extended beyond medicine—like when he refused to give up on a young girl in a coma, speaking to her daily until she finally wiggled her toes. Or when he made a terminally ill boy's dream come true by dressing him as Zorro for one final Halloween. These

moments reflect the heart of Archie's life's work: love, dedication, and hope.

At Heavenly Home, Archie left his mark in three unforgettable ways: his passion for good food, his love for celebrations, and his deep faith. He helped elevate the dining experience for all residents, never hesitating to send a dish back if it didn't meet his high standards. He brought joy to every gathering, always present with a big smile. And most importantly, his faith remained a guiding light, reminding everyone of the power of prayer and God's presence.

Though Archie is no longer with us, his story lives on—a testament to the impact of kindness and community at Heavenly Home. He was not just a resident—he was family.



### KEM'S STORY: A FINAL MOMENT IN THE SUN

A former professional football player, Kem, 74, suffered severe brain degeneration from years of repeated head injuries. His condition made finding care nearly impossible—until he arrived at Heavenly Home.

We tailored his environment to bring him comfort, placing him in a bright, peaceful room with direct access to an outdoor patio. Though bedbound, he found solace in sunlight, fresh air, and birdsong.

In his final days, Kem longed to feel the sun on his skin one last time. We honored that wish, wheeling his hospital bed onto the patio, where he soaked in the warmth and found peace in nature's embrace. Weeks later, he passed away with the dignity and care he deserved.

Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, 2024 marked a year of growth and adaptability for the Heavenly Home. With increased admissions, extended care hours, and enhanced financial flexibility, we continued to provide exceptional end-of-life care. By responding to evolving healthcare challenges and fostering strong community engagement, the Heavenly Home remains steadfast in its mission to offer comfort to residents and their families during life's most critical moments.

## PATIENT HIGHLIGHTS

**T**hrough our Angel Assistance Program, we are able to meet the unique needs of hospice patients that fall outside the scope of traditional hospice benefits—whether it’s help with a utility bill, access to food, or the fulfillment of a final wish. Thanks to your generosity, we’ve been able to provide dignity as well as cherished moments for those receiving hospice care.

“A community’s true strength is shown in how it surrounds its own in their final days—with love, with presence, and with the promise that no one departs this world alone.”

– Unknown

### A TRIP TO DISNEYLAND: A FATHER’S FINAL WISH

Fulfilling final wishes has always been at the heart of our mission. Over the years, we’ve learned that one of the greatest desires of those at the end-of-life is to leave behind joyful memories for their loved ones.

For Eugene, a 42-year-old father of two young daughters, that wish was a family trip to Disneyland. Having only visited once as a child, he longed to see his girls experience the magic as he once had.

With the support of our generous donors, we granted Eugene’s wish—sending him and his family to The Happiest Place on Earth. The trip was filled with joy, laughter, and treasured moments that his daughters will carry with them for a lifetime.

Eugene’s family was overwhelmed with gratitude, and we are deeply thankful to our supporters for making experiences like this possible.

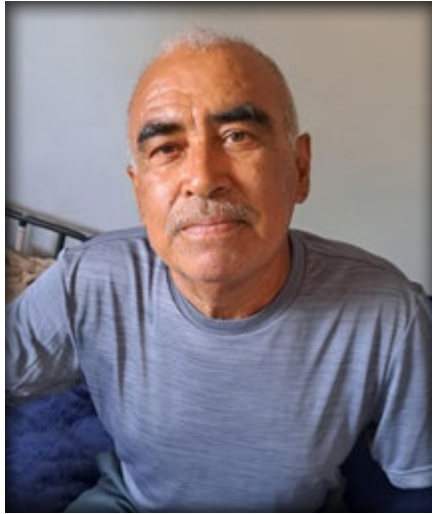




## RESTORING DIGNITY: A SIMPLE GIFT, A LASTING IMPACT

Augustin, a 64-year-old widower, lived alone in a converted garage with no access to basic appliances like a refrigerator or microwave. Daily life was incredibly difficult—his terminal illness left him too weak to leave home frequently to buy food.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we provided Augustin with a small microwave and refrigerator, restoring not just his access to food, but his dignity and independence in his final days.



## PROVIDING A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE

Sometimes, the smallest comforts make the biggest difference.

Eric, 64, was receiving hospice care for end-stage cardiac disease. His condition, compounded by a hip injury and a previous stroke, left him with limited arm mobility, making simple daily tasks—like tying his shoes—almost impossible.

A simple gift—a pair of non-lacing athletic shoes—transformed his daily

life. Thanks to your generosity, Eric was able to move with greater ease and comfort. He was incredibly grateful, reminding us that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a profound impact.

## WE HONOR VETS: A SALUTE TO SERVICE

On March 12, we had the privilege of holding a We Honor Vets ceremony for one of our Heavenly Home residents, Mr. Goodson.

In a moving tribute, a fellow veteran arrived in full uniform to salute Mr. Goodson and personally thank him for his years of service to our country. During the ceremony, he was presented with a certificate of appreciation from Bristol Hospice, and an American flag pin was placed on his shirt—a small but meaningful token of gratitude for his dedication and sacrifice.

These moments of recognition and respect mean the world to our veteran residents, and thanks to your support, we can continue honoring those who have selflessly served our nation.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**A**t the Southern California Hospice Foundation, we are committed to meeting the diverse needs of our patients, adapting to the ever-changing healthcare landscape, and prioritizing the hopes and wishes of both patients and their families. Community outreach plays a vital role in ensuring that hospice care is accessible, understood, and embraced by those who need it most.

## ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

In 2024, we hosted eight speaking engagements, including two podcast interviews, focused on educating the public about the benefits of hospice care. These opportunities allow us to raise awareness, dispel misconceptions, and advocate for compassionate end-of-life care.



## IN THE NEWS

We are honored that the work of the Southern California Hospice Foundation has been recognized in multiple media outlets, further amplifying our mission and impact.

### KTLA – Remarkable Women



Heavenly Home’s Executive Director, **Michelle Wulfestieg**, was honored as one of four finalists for the KTLA Remarkable Women Award, a recognition that underscores the transformative work being done in end-of-life care. This distinction reflects the profound impact of Heavenly Home on the lives of hospice patients and their families. As part of this recognition, **Heidi Emmert**, the daughter of **Joanne Saxe**, who spent her final days at Heavenly Home, was interviewed and shared her heartfelt testimony about the compassionate care her mother received. This acknowledgment further validates our commitment to providing dignified care to those facing their final journey.

## NEWPORT BEACH Magazine

The March 2024 issue of Newport Beach Magazine featured an article titled “Heaven Sent,” spotlighting Heavenly Home’s first resident, **Meagan Wymer**. A Newport Beach native, Meagan’s story embodies the mission and heart of our organization.

## Los Angeles Times ORANGE COUNTY VISIONARY

### Los Angeles Times – OC Visionary Award

We are proud to share that **Michelle Wulfestieg** was named a **2024 OC Visionary in the Healthcare Industry** by the Los Angeles Times in recognition of her leadership in developing Heavenly Home. Her dedication and vision continue to shape the future of hospice care in our community.

## MAKING AN IMPACT TOGETHER

Community outreach and media recognition help us expand our reach, educate the public, and ensure that more patients and families receive the care they deserve. Thank you for being a part of this journey and for your unwavering support.



## 17TH ANNUAL HOSPICE GOLF TOURNAMENT - LIFE. LINKS. LOVE.

On September 16th, 116 golfers and supporters gathered for a spectacular day at the Newport Beach Country Club. Between camaraderie, laughter, and friendly competition, participants enjoyed a thrilling round of golf.

### Contest Winners:

**Putting Contest:** Jeff Nordschow

**Closest to Hole #4:** Dennis Delaney (5'5")

**Longest Drive #10:** Brian Beckner

**Straightest Drive #10:** Jen Olsen

**1st Place Team:** Erik Hansen, Brian Beckner, Taylor Casper, Justin Hales (Winning Score: 54)

Following the tournament, guests enjoyed dinner and a heartfelt program, highlighted by the presentation of the Medal of Bravery Award, which honored the family of Barry Edwards, a beloved Heavenly Home resident.

**This year's tournament raised nearly \$100,000**, with all proceeds directly supporting the Southern California Hospice Foundation's mission to provide vital resources for hospice patients like Barry.

**Save the Date: Mark your calendars for our 18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Newport Beach Country Club on Monday, September 15, 2025!**



## 7TH ANNUAL PRESERVING DIGNITY - ONLINE COLLABORATIVE EVENT

In just 24 hours, with the help of the Orange County Community Foundation and three other nonprofits who serve seniors, our collaborative giving day - Preserving Dignity - exceeded expectations, **surpassing our \$75,000 goal!** Thanks to your generosity, nearly \$43,000 was raised specifically for Heavenly Home.



To celebrate, we hosted a Hawaiian BBQ, complete with grass skirts, floral leis, and tiki decorations. Residents were serenaded by a talented ukulele player, who played beloved Hawaiian favorites, including "Somewhere over the Rainbow."

Throughout the day, donors and volunteers embraced the aloha spirit, dressing in island attire and spreading joy. This event showcased the power of community, love, and respect, making a lasting impact on our residents.

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support. Every act of service and every celebration is made possible because of you.

**Save the Date: Join us for the 8th Annual Preserving Dignity Giving Campaign on July 9, 2025!**

# ANNUAL EVENTS

## 2ND ANNUAL DOLLED UP: WHERE FASHION MEETS PHILANTHROPY

On May 1st, the Southern California Hospice Foundation hosted the 2nd Annual Dolled Up fundraiser at the elegant Pacific Club in Newport Beach. This beautifully curated event raised nearly \$50,000 to support the Heavenly Home.

During the luncheon, Heavenly Home resident, **Archie Cachola**, a former pediatric doctor at CHOC was honored. The keynote speaker, **Teri Hausman Brusco** of the Hausman Family Foundation, delivered a touching message about the profound impact of hospice care. Reflecting on her own experience saying goodbye to her grandmother, she emphasized:

“Hospice care is an act of love that allows families to cherish precious moments together during the most challenging times, providing solace and support when we need it the most.”

We are truly grateful for the continued support of our donors, advocates, and volunteers who make hospice care possible.

**Save the Date: Join us for our 3rd Annual Dolled Up event on May 7, 2025, at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach!**



## 2ND ANNUAL LEGACY LUNCHEON

*“A legacy isn’t about what you accomplish; a legacy is about what others accomplish because of you.” – Unknown*

In November, we gathered at the Balboa Bay Club to celebrate and express gratitude to our Legacy Donors—those who have committed to including Southern California Hospice Foundation in their estate plans.



### Legacy Society Impact:

- 10 members with over \$3 million in planned gifts
- Contributions from living trusts, IRAs, real estate, annuities, and stock
- Ensuring quality end-of-life care for future patients and families

### Would you like to be part of this legacy?

If you have already included Southern California Hospice Foundation in your estate plans, or if you’d like to learn more about planned giving, we invite you to join this extraordinary group of supporters.

Contact Michelle Wulfsteg to discuss Legacy Giving and receive an exclusive invitation to next year’s luncheon. Help us ensure that the mission of Southern California Hospice Foundation continues on.





## GET INVOLVED: MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

At the Southern California Hospice Foundation, we believe that every person has something unique to give—whether it’s time, talent, or treasure. No matter how you choose to contribute, your impact is profound.

### How You Can Make a Lasting Impact:

#### *Join Our Hospice Advisory Council*

Are you a leader, expert, or advocate passionate about end-of-life care? Your insights can shape the future of hospice care in our community.

#### *Become a Heavenly Home Volunteer*

Be the smile, the hand to hold, and the heart that brings comfort to hospice residents. Whether it’s reading a book, sharing a story, or simply being present, your time makes all the difference.

#### *Help Us Fundraise - And Have Fun Doing It!*

Love organizing events? Want to be part of something meaningful? Get involved by:

- Becoming a corporate sponsor
- Donating a silent auction or raffle item
- Joining an event committee to bring our fundraisers to life

#### *Give in Honor or Memory of a Loved One*

Celebrate a special occasion—a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or graduation—by making a donation in someone’s name. It’s a beautiful way to honor their legacy while supporting those in need.

#### *Engage Your Company in Giving Back*

Does your workplace value philanthropy? Inspire change by:

- Launching a matching gift program
- Hosting a company-wide fundraiser
- Donating services or products that support hospice patients and families

#### *Leave a Legacy of Compassion*

Want to make a forever impact? By joining our Legacy Society, you ensure that end-of-life care is accessible to those in need for generations to come.

**No matter how you choose to give, YOU are a part of something bigger. Your generosity brings comfort, dignity, and peace to those in their final journey.**

### LET’S CONNECT!

We’d love to meet you, thank you, and share how your support changes lives. Reach out anytime—we’re here!

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**Your kindness creates a ripple effect of love. Will you join us?**

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

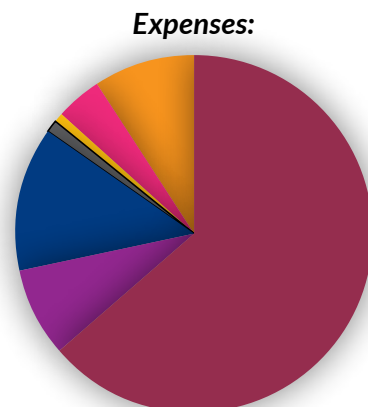
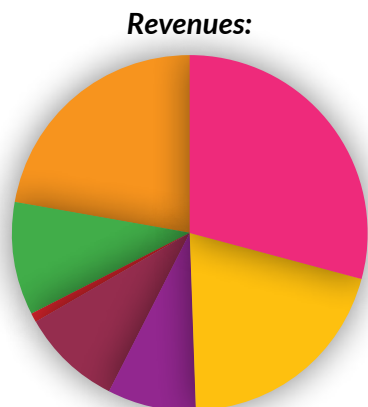
## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### Revenues:

Heavenly Home, Operations	\$266,719.00	29%
Heavenly Home, Donations	\$182,020.00	20%
Heavenly Home Events Income, net	\$76,872.00	8%
Golf Tournament - net	\$88,951.00	10%
Cash Contributions	\$2,060.00	0%
Grants & Other Income	\$93,764.00	10%
Net Investment Income	\$195,038.00	22%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$905,424.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Expenses:

Heavenly Home	\$612,908.00	63%
Patient Assistance	\$81,570.00	8%
Community Outreach	\$127,520.00	13%
We Honor Vets	\$12,192.00	1%
Bereavement	\$3,626.00	0%
Fundraising	\$41,681.00	4%
Operations	\$93,869.00	10%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$973,366.00</b>	<b>100%</b>



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

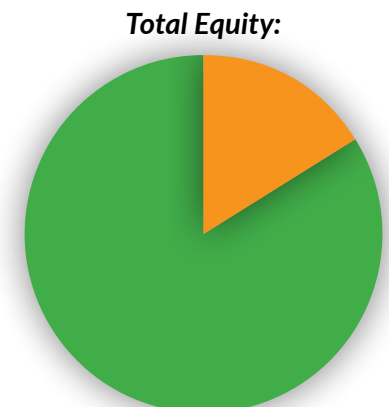
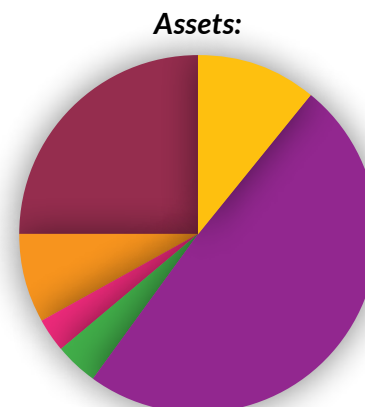
### Assets:

Investments	\$477,642.00	11%
Cash With Donor Restrictions for Heavenly Home Endowment	\$2,092,218.00	49%
Cash With Donor Restrictions for Heavenly Home	\$184,966.00	4%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$121,665.00	3%
Other Assets	\$330,939.00	8%
Fixed Assets - Heavenly Home	\$1,072,521.00	25%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$4,279,951.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$96,765.00</b>	<b>2%</b>
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### Total Equity:

Net Assets - without donor restrictions	\$736,094.00	17%
Net Assets - with donor restrictions	\$3,447,092.00	81%
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$4,279,951.00</b>	<b>100%</b>





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HOSPICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## HOSPICE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The purpose of the Hospice Advisory Council (HAC) is to increase awareness of hospice in Orange County, educate the community about hospice, and provide a dignified environment to those at the end-of-life through the Heavenly Home.

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