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Hours: Mon - Sat: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Donations accepted daily until 4:30 p.m.

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It's About How You Live

National Hospice & Palliative Care Month and Giving Thanks

by Susan Hearn

This November, the theme of 2019's National Hospice and Palliative Care Month is "It's about how you live". It is also the month of our national day of gratitude, Thanksgiving. We give thanks this November for all the special moments and last days well lived at Celia's House.



In this e-newsletter we feature "The HUB Re-set Team" who makes The HUB a boutique. We give thanks for the meaningful moments and lasting memories made at Celia's House like the story of "Beer and Chocolate." We give thanks for our generous donors, volunteers and supporters. We invite you to our Annual Candlelight Event at The HUB and we welcome our fourth Resident Support Volunteer class. Happy Thanksgiving to all.





How We Put the Boutique in Hospice Unique Boutique

Boutique: A small shop that specializes in distinctive merchandise

by Trudy Duncan, Volunteer HUB Volunteer Coordinator

When the Hospice Unique Boutique (The HUB) opened in 2009, we weren't exactly sure how to make it boutique-y. It wasn't until 2011 that two gifted volunteers led the way. Nancy James and Kristen Horton were our first "reset" team. The store manager gave them free reign to create a boutique look. Every week they would completely reset the entire shop and created small departments of like items. They grouped furniture into room type settings. They displayed clothing in artful, accessorized ways. They set up kitchen items and glassware in its own corner and turned our shop into an upscale resale boutique.

To this day, Nancy and Kristen's vision for displaying the newly donated, eclectic items that we receive every week works magic. Many shoppers wait for the Monday reset and the doors to open as we welcome them into our shop.

You can see examples of the reset items and receive photos of the weekly reset by going to the HUB Facebook page and following us. [facebook.com/HospiceUniqueBoutique/](https://www.facebook.com/HospiceUniqueBoutique/)

Once we made the decision to stay open seven days a week, we needed to add additional volunteers who had an eye for design. This is the team organizes the reset:

Sunday

Cheryl Ugland and Sue McDonnell review the newly donated items and plan out the displays.

Early on Monday

Along with Cheryl and Sue, Glen Paris-Stamm, Judy Bryant and Rebecca Reid reset the displays. Glen is our jewelry displayer. Rebecca works at placing designer clothing, shoes and bags in just the right places. Judy, Cheryl and Sue get busy placing the furniture.

Weekly

The HUB's muscle team, Rocky Dalmaso, Butch McCamey, and Rich Ugland bring in the furniture from donors' homes or from our warehouse. If needed, the men will deliver furniture that is purchased at the boutique.

These talented and committed volunteers also spearhead improvements that are needed, including painting; building of storage and display items; and any other tasks that contribute to efficiency.

Today you can purchase framed artwork, kitchenware, glassware, china, furniture, lamps, carpets, women's and men's clothing, shoes and accessories, women's designer clothing, and jewelry at the HUB.

And our sales directly contribute to the operations of Celia's House at Holmes Park, a 12-room, free standing residential hospice in Medford, that Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice opened in May 2018.

Our re-set team is complete now, but there are many volunteer opportunities at The HUB. If you are interested, please email us: thehub@opendoor.com

Beer & Chocolate With Love from Celia's Kitchen

by Karen Amarotico

Recently Celia's House was home to the patriarch of a large farming family. As I was taking his lunch order on his first day, I asked what he would like to drink. Immediately he responded, "Coors Light!" His wife was concerned about that choice, but Nurse Nancy assured her that it was permissible as he was on hospice.

Several weeks later, this man passed with many family members in attendance. While the family grieved, I asked Nancy what I could do to help them. She wisely counseled that all I could do was to be present for them. Moments later the family gathered in their Dad's room and before closing the door said, "Unless you have moonshine, please don't bother us."

I returned to the kitchen, and stared at the open fridge. Seeing a box of chocolates that had been gifted to us... I pulled it out. And then I remembered that we had Coor's Light in the back room. I placed the beer in a bowl of ice, asked a nurse to accompany me with the chocolates, and headed to the room. After gently knocking, I entered and placed the bowl of beer in front of the family. "We don't have moonshine, but this was your Dad's favorite beer." Immediately, the family erupted in laughter and the heaviness of the occasion was lightened. For an hour after, you could hear them telling stories and laughing. That was a precious gift I won't soon forget.

HUB HAPPENINGS

*** Monthly drawing - anyone can sign up at the HUB store to receive the Celia's House newsletter and be entered to win a \$20 gift certificate. Winners will be announced in the newsletter. If your name is not drawn, you remain eligible to win during each drawing. Congratulations to our October winner, Iris Hofford!**

* Every Wednesday is senior discount day. All seniors 62 and over receive a 20% discount on items under \$100.

* Student Discount: 10% off with your student ID

* Candlelight Event is December 5 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. Check Facebook for the latest information: <https://www.facebook.com/HospiceUniqueBoutique/>

* To become a HUB volunteer visit us at 1618 Ashland Street and fill out an application.



5 pm to 7:30 pm

Annual Candlelight Event

Festive Fare * Delicious Drinks
Holiday Music & Entertainment



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Meet the Fall, 2019 Class of Resident Support Volunteers



by Sue Carroll, Volunteer Coordinator

We welcome 9 new resident support volunteers to our team. They have just completed 30 hours of training in mindful care giving at Celia's House. Their training will include another 10 hours of special topic trainings. We now have a total of 54 volunteers who have committed to serve on a weekly four hour shift offering compassionate care to our residents and families. Resident Support Volunteers are on duty Monday - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. to provide extra support and comfort in addition to what our kind and skilled CNA staff provides. (not pictured: Nicola Walker)

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