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Applause for Health Care Providers and Friends of Hospice Leaders

By Susan Hearn, Executive Director

At 8 pm every evening, Parisians are coming out on their quarantined balconies and applauding for the health care workers. At Celia's House, we applaud our nurses and certified nurse assistants, medication aides and cooks who are continuing to provide their heroic care in collaboration with Hospice providers from Asante, Providence and Signature Hospices. Our resident support volunteers, who are not high risk, continue to greet and screen each visitor, deliver meals and clean the high touch surfaces. By staying in our lane, of providing residential hospice to patients with terminal disease, end stage organ failure, frailty and end stage dementia, we are helping to free up hospital beds for care for patients with Covid 19.



At the same time, the depth of leadership at Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice Board is so helpful. Our Board President, Fred Bockstahler, JD is taking the lead as a former hospital risk manager, planning for Celia's House response and safety for our residents, staff and volunteers. Nurse leader board members Jerrye Wright, RN and Kathy Apple, RN have anticipated advance planning and protective measures before the state mandates. Ken Rhee, MD, board member and Sarah Bieniek, administrative assistant, both with advance public health degrees, identified emergency response scenarios specifically to the Covid 19 pandemic and personal protective equipment (PPE) shortage.

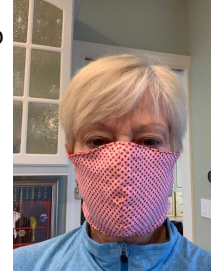
Having just returned from Nepal, Singapore and Japan on March 8, I have been in quarantine myself, helping where I can from my home office. All group meetings are being conducted virtually, using Zoom technology. Elyssia Krenzer, Celia's House Administrator, and nurses, Nancy Goldman and Nita Hartin provide clear communication with daily updates and proactive measures like temperature taking of all who enter Celia's House, restricting visitors to essential family and

healthcare providers, and offering alternative ways to communicate between loved ones and hospice patients using video conferencing.

In this unusual time, we will be sending out more frequent communication to you our donors, volunteers, supporters and loved ones of former residents. Please take care of yourselves and stay safe during this challenging time.

Volunteers Help By Sewing Masks

On Saturday morning, March 21, we made a request for help from our volunteers to sew fabric masks to add some protection for Celia's House care providers during the nationwide personal protective equipment shortage. Extra precautions for droplets from coughing and sneezing is still helpful when disposable masks are in short supply. We can save the disposable personal protective equipment we have in case someone needs to be isolated in the future. By noon on Saturday, volunteer Karen Barrow sent us this picture, having already sewn a mask using the recommended pattern and she offered to make 14 more by Tuesday.



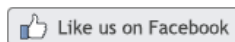
Another wonderful long time volunteer, Bev Sweet, is delivering masks this Monday. Bev shared "let others know that we can't all be 'on the front line' and that little things we do, can help."

Hospice Unique Boutique Temporarily Closed

The HUB (Hospice Unique Boutique) is closed and will likely not open until at least May. Since many of the HUB's volunteers and shoppers are in the high risk population, our board elected to close our beloved HUB temporarily. Shop at eBay



<https://www.ebay.com/str/hospiceuniqueboutique> from home and continue to support Celia's House and our mission. Stay tuned for updates and announcements for the HUB reopening for shoppers and donations in the hopeful near future.



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