



Silver Linings

Hospice Caring, Inc. 2018 Gala

Honoring & Remembering:



Legacy Honoree:
The Vilardo Family
In Memory of
Dick and Jody Vilardo



Loyalty Honoree:
Toni Robinson
Hospice Caring Volunteer



Corporate Leadership Honoree:
Bar-T, Year Round
Programs for Kids
(Nancy & Joe Richardson)

Saturday, September 22

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PROGRAM

Reception and Silent Auction

Introduction & Invocation

Councilmember Craig Rice, Master of Ceremonies

Welcome

Allison Stearns, Executive Director, Hospice Caring, Inc.

Loyalty Award

Presented to Toni Robinson, Hospice Caring Volunteer
By Penny Gladhill, Director of Volunteer Helping Hands

Dinner

Corporate Leadership Award

Presented to Nancy and Joe Richardson, Bar-T
By Jody Engel, Board Member, Hospice Caring, Inc.

Live Auction

Councilmember Craig Rice

Legacy Award

Presented to Katy Vilardo and Andy Vilardo
By Allison Stearns, Executive Director, Hospice Caring, Inc.

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The Big Reveal

By Allison Stearns, Executive Director, Hospice Caring, Inc.

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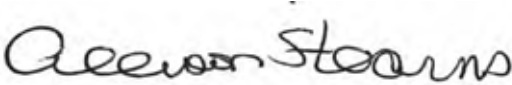
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2018 Silver Linings Gala celebrating Hospice Caring! Tonight we would like to recognize your generous support and honor the dedication and extraordinary work of our volunteers and staff. The people who come to Hospice Caring seeking compassion and support are facing some of life's most difficult and painful challenges – serious illness and grief. Hospice Caring volunteers and staff use their training and expertise to provide not only resources and services, but empathy as well. They help them see illness and grief as part of our shared humanity. They help them remember that even in the worst situations, the sun is always there behind clouds, along with a silver lining of solace and hope.

Every day, I'm proud to help lead this organization and work side by side with incredible people. Their energy and dedication is truly inspiring. Over the past few months, we've put this inspiration to good use. Many volunteers, supporters, and community partners, along with our board members and staff, have worked together to create a new name and visual identity for this organization. The new name, which will be unveiled tonight, will bring exciting changes as we enter our 30th year of service to the Montgomery County community. Through this rebranding effort, we can clarify our mission and the scope of our work and create new programs to serve more people in need. Your support is key to the success of this important initiative and we're so excited that you're here to help us launch our new brand!

Please enjoy tonight's festivities, as well as the fine food and delightful company. Thank you so much for joining in our celebration and for your continued generous support of Hospice Caring.



Allison Stearns, MS, MPH, LCPC
Executive Director



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CELEBRATE OUR HONOREES

Loyalty Honoree:

Toni Robinson, Hospice Caring Volunteer

(Award presented by Penny Gladhill, Director of Volunteer Helping Hands)

When Toni was in massage school, she was asked to provide the segment of Hospice Caring's training on touch. Amazed by the level of commitment and degree of service from the staff and volunteers, she instantly felt at home. She became immersed in the organization, finding inspiration in the compassion and dedication of the extraordinary people there.

A retired database architect from Lockheed Martin, Toni is also a massage therapist, photographer and a former teacher who has lent her many talents and skills, to Hospice Caring. Currently, she volunteers multiple days each week at The Cottage (and sometimes remotely, even from other countries), helping the organization grow by skillfully managing their database and email systems. Toni has volunteered for nearly every program at Hospice Caring. However, she is most proud and passionate about her work with the children's programs. Through the Good Grief Club and Camp Erin, she watches the children heal as they form bonds and learn that they are not alone in their grief and she is honored to be part of their journey.



CELEBRATE OUR HONOREES

Corporate Leadership Honoree: Bar-T

(Award presented by Jody Engel, Board Member, Hospice Caring, Inc.)

If you are lucky, there is someone in your life who will inspire you to do more and be more. For Nancy Richardson, owner of Bar-T, that person was Shirley Kay, her high school guidance counselor. Shirley introduced Nancy to Hospice Caring and it wasn't long before Nancy realized why the organization meant so much to her mentor. Struck by the wonderful volunteers and staff, Nancy soon became involved, volunteering and eventually joining the board. Currently, she serves as the chair of Hospice Caring's Board of Directors and remains involved with Bar-T, although her son, Joe, has taken over day-to-day operations. A premier childcare provider, the company operates before and after school programming, summer camps, outdoor education, corporate team building, and events in Maryland and Virginia.

For Bar-T, the partnership with Camp Erin was a natural fit. Camp experts since 1984, they understood how important the relationships made at camp could be for a child. Many aspects of Camp Erin are the same as any other camp. Bar-T hosts Camp Erin at their Mountainside site, providing the campgrounds at no charge. Nancy's family and other Bar-T staff volunteer their time as Camp Erin Big Buddies, serving the 50 children who attend each year.



CELEBRATE OUR HONOREES

Legacy Honoree: The Vilardo Family, in memory of Dick and Jody Vilardo

(Award presented by Allison Stearns, Executive Director, Hospice Caring, Inc.)

Dick and Jody Vilardo had a true love and by all accounts completed each other. With his vibrant personality, Dick truly wanted everyone around him to succeed. Jody's quiet strength and supportive nature were remarkable. Above all, the Vilardos cherished their family, including their two children, Katy and Andy.

On Mother's Day, May 10, 2015, Dick and Jody's lives were tragically cut short due to an act of violence. It's easy to let the tragedy overshadow the people affected, but the Vilardo children believed that their parents deserved more. Endlessly proud of their parents, they wanted to find a way to honor and preserve their legacy. They founded the Dick and Jody Vilardo Foundation to continue giving back to the community in their honor.

In 2017, they were drawn to Hospice Caring after learning about Camp Erin. Katy became a camp volunteer and felt an immediate connection to the mission and the children. She found the experience life changing and became even more involved in Hospice Caring. After undergoing additional training, she's ready to facilitate Good Grief Clubs, as well. The Vilardo Foundation is Hospice Caring's largest donor this year, supporting Camp Erin and other children's bereavement programs.



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

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Oil on Linen by Mark Tennant - An 18 x 24 inch, oil on linen by Mark Tennant, who received a B.F.A. from the Maryland Institute College of Art, in Baltimore, and an M.F.A. from the New York Academy of Art, in New York City. He was the Director of Graduate Fine Art Painting at Academy of Art University, in San Francisco and has exhibited at museums around the world, including in the Salon d'Automne, in Paris. He has taught at the Louvre in Paris, at the Metropolitan in New York, and the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. His works are featured in many collections in the United States, Paris and Spain, including the permanent collection at MEAM Museum in Barcelona. *Donated by Mark Tennant. Priceless.*

Vacation in Vinalhaven, Maine - One week of bliss on the island of Vinalhaven, Maine in a newly renovated, charming home on the tidal basin, with 5 bedrooms (sleeps 12). The island is only accessible by ferry and has ample hiking and swimming opportunities as well as lobster dinners and beautiful sunsets. The home is available in either September or October 2019. *Donated by Nancy and Joe Richardson. Valued at \$2,500.*

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All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds on auction items are permitted. Everything will be sold "as is." Please read carefully the specifications, restrictions, and limitations.

By his or her purchase, the buyer waives any claims for liability against either Hospice Caring, Inc. or the donor of the property or services, and neither Hospice Caring, Inc. nor the donor is responsible for any personal injuries or damages to property that may result from the utilization of property or services sold.

AUCTION RULES CONTINUED

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All auction items must be paid for in full, tonight, by cash, check, or credit card. Unless otherwise specified, no returns, refunds, or exchanges are allowed. All items are non-transferable. We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, and Discover.

Silent Auction Rules

Items offered in the silent auction will have bid forms in front of each item. You may bid by simply writing your bid number on the form and the next increment you want to bid.

You do not have to take the next available bid amount. You may write in the amount you really want to bid that is higher than the next increment. The next bidder must bid a higher amount than your bid to be successful.

Most items offer a guaranteed purchase price, simply write your bid number on the "BUY IT NOW" line. The bidding on that item is then concluded and no one may bid above your guaranteed purchase bid.

You may bid on any item in any silent auction section until it is announced that the silent auction is closed or until 7:30 p.m., whichever is later. A silent auction official will circle the top bid number and amount at the completion of the auction. At checkout, if your bid number is listed among the successful bidder numbers, you may claim your auction items at the checkout counter after 10 p.m. To see if you have won, signs will be posted outside the ballroom doors.

Please allow our volunteers the time they need to calculate all of the auction items. We want to ensure accuracy and the time allotted is necessary to do so. Please do not remove auction items from the tables. Items will be available at auction checkout after 10 p.m.

Live Auction Rules

The live auction will take place during the dinner and continue without interruption until all items have been purchased.

Bidders remain seated. To enter a bid, the bidder raises his/her bid number, thus directing a signal to the auctioneer or to the spotter, whose job it is to relay bids to the auctioneer.

The highest bidder acknowledged by the auctioneer shall be the purchaser. In the event of any dispute between two bidders, the auctioneer shall have the sole and final discretion either to determine the successful bidder or to re-offer the item in dispute.

If the auctioneer determines that an opening bid is not commensurate with the value of the article offered, he may reject the same and withdraw the item from the sale.

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About Us

Founded in 1989, Hospice Caring, Inc. is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization that provides companionship and practical support for Montgomery County residents with serious illnesses and their families, as well as emotional support for anyone grieving the death of a loved one.

Our small staff and 300 + volunteers provide non-medical services, free-of-charge, none of which are covered by Medicare or other insurance. Our direct services are delivered by screened and trained volunteers, all of whom have completed at least three full days of specialized training.

Hospice Caring has been awarded the *Maryland Nonprofits Seal of Excellence* and has been named by the *Catalogue of Philanthropy* as one of the best small non-profit organizations in the Washington, DC area.

Our Mission

Hospice Caring provides caring, compassionate, practical and high-quality, non-medical support services, without charge, to Montgomery County adults and children facing a life-threatening illness or grieving the death of a loved one.

Our Vision

Hospice Caring envisions a community that accepts death as a part of life; where the processes of dying and grieving are embraced without stigma; where everyone has access to support services without charge; and where no patient dies alone and no one grieves without support.

Our Values

- Presence, caring, and compassion
- Quality services that honor personal choices
- Culturally competent support, accessible to all
- Programs that make a positive difference
- Our volunteers and partners whose support is crucial
- Being an integral part of our community
- Responsible management of resources

Our Service Area

We serve all of Montgomery County, Maryland. The Volunteer Helping Hands program serves patients wherever they reside (private homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, etc). Bereavement groups and educational sessions are held in schools and other convenient locations throughout the community.

Programs

Volunteer Helping Hands (Caregiving)

Volunteer Helping Hands, Hospice Caring's patient and family program, offers short-term, practical, social and emotional support for people of all ages with a serious illness and no reasonable prospect of a cure.

Services include but are not limited to: companionship and emotional support, assistance with household tasks, respite care, patient advocacy, and limited transportation to appointments. Hospice Caring is licensed by the state of Maryland as a limited hospice care program. While we do not provide medical services, we supplement medical hospice and we also support patients who are still pursuing curative treatment.

Bereavement Services

Adult Support Groups

Bereavement support groups, facilitated by trained volunteers, allow participants to meet others who are also grieving, share their stories, and learn from one another. Specialized groups include adult child loss, parent loss, sibling or friend loss, spousal loss, and suicide loss. Additional groups are formed based on community need.

Good Grief Clubs

These seven-week support groups help children in grades K-12 explore their feelings, develop healthy coping strategies, and find comfort and safety in learning that they are not alone. These groups are facilitated by trained Hospice Caring volunteers in partnership with Montgomery County Schools, independent schools, and other community-based organizations.

Camp Erin® Montgomery County

This overnight weekend camp for grieving children is part of a national network of Camp Erin programs. It serves children and teens ages 6-17 and offers age-appropriate discussions and creative, fun-filled activities designed to help children share their feelings with peers who have had similar experiences. Camp Erin Montgomery County is a partnership between Hospice Caring, the Moyer Foundation, and Bar-T, a premier childcare provider.

Family Nights

Hospice Caring's Family Nights are designed for families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Each workshop is held prior to a major holiday so families can learn coping tools, plan for how to handle celebrations, and mark the absence of their loved ones. Following activities, families are invited for dinner and to enjoy conversations with one another.

Community Education

Our Community Education program works to raise awareness and better equip people to address end-of-life and grief-related issues. We host an educational series called Seasons of Caring, teach lessons on loss and grief in schools, offer continuing education (CEU) workshops for professionals, and facilitate dialogue on relevant topics in the community.

*To all the Hospice Caring
volunteers and incredible staff
of the last 20 years,
thank you
for the honor
of serving our community with you.*

Toni Robinson

Thank you to Allison Stearns, our incredible Executive Director of Hospice Caring, Inc. and thanks to our outstanding honorees of the evening: Toni Robinson, Nancy and Joe Richardson & Family, and the Vilardo Family.

- Joan and Ken Miller

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Richard Kay and the Kay family are proud to support the wonderful efforts of Hospice Caring, Inc. The world is a kinder, better place because of their work.



Congratulations on all of the wonderful work that Hospice Caring does.

Jack P. Kelly

*To Allison and staff
for great work!*

-Judy Peres & Jerry Anderson

Great work, Toni!

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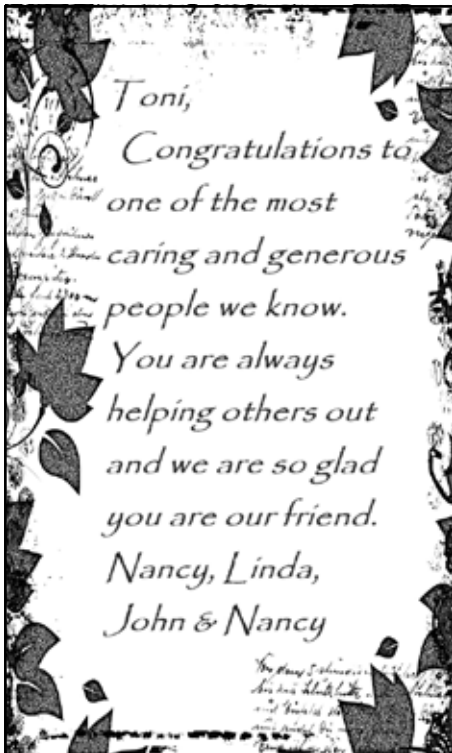
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- Dave & Terri

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The Vilardo Family,
Toni Robinson and Bar-T.*

*Your dedication and support
of Hospice Caring
inspires all of us!*

Sean & Lisa Creamer



**Congratulations
Joe & Nancy Richardson
and Bar-T on
your Corporate
Leadership Award.**

You are truly and inspiration to us. You have changed the lives of so many grieving children through Camp Erin. Thank you for all you do to make this world a better place for children.

With much love,
Bob and Tammy Sickels

Nancy,

*Thank you for your
Leadership, Loyalty
and Love.*

Lisa McKillop

Toni,

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Nancy, your generosity is over the top!
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With admiration, Cecilia Thonet

Thank you to the team at
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Allison,

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and the team do –
keep up the good work!*

Love, Meredith

With heartfelt appreciation for
Toni Robinson, whose skillful
hands, beauty-seeking eye,
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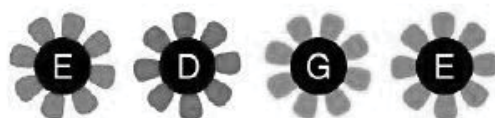
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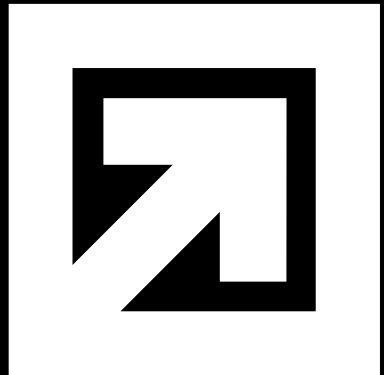
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