

SEPTEMBER 2017

News to Friends

A note from Christy

Fall is in the air for sure. As we scurry around with all of our activities each day, it is nice every once in a while to stop, slow down and reflect on the important things.



Christy Whitney Borchard,
President & CEO

I had the opportunity to do just that when I recently sat down with one of my mentors and long standing volunteer, Rich Green. He reminded me how fortunate we are to have staff and volunteers – who see their role here is as “an agent” of the ideal of HopeWest – not as just a “job.” That is huge.

Each one of us has a purpose on this earth and that is to bring about the potential for good in the universe. What a blessing it is to surround ourselves with such inspirational people as those here at HopeWest.



Speaking of inspirational, we have added to our team of leaders at HopeWest. **Scott Claeys** has joined our team as the **Senior Vice President of Philanthropy**. In his new role he will be leading our fundraising efforts in collaboration with Deb Horwitz, Vice President

of Development. Scott comes to us from the community of Chelan, Washington and brings a wealth of fundraising experience, especially in charitable estate planning.

Welcome Scott!

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Philanthropy Corner

What Does It Mean To Be A Nonprofit?

Debbie Horwitz, Vice President of Development

The concept of people coming together to solve problems and enrich communities is an important part of our country's history and culture. Frequently these efforts result in forming a nonprofit organization. But what does it mean to be a nonprofit anyway?

In very broad terms, a non-profit is a tax exempt organization (as determined by the IRS) that serves the public interest. It is an organization that uses all revenue available to advance their mission, rather than for individual personal or financial gain.

Successful nonprofits have sound business practices and any business surplus is re-invested into its mission for new programs and services, buildings or endowments.

Many hospices are for-profit. They answer to the people who have invested in their company. HopeWest, as a nonprofit, answers to our community.

HopeWest was founded in 1993 as an independent nonprofit.

Being a nonprofit, HopeWest is dependent on the generosity of our community to help achieve our hospice mission. The reason for this is that insurance (Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance) doesn't cover the cost of what it takes to care for our patients and families the way we all want our loved ones to be cared for.

Many of the programs patients and families rely upon could not exist without philanthropy—such as palliative care, Living with Cancer, HopeWest Kids and other grief programs as there is little or no reimbursement or revenue to support these programs.

When you donate, you are investing in the services that make our community stronger.

Donations enable us to do the next best thing for the patient without worrying about staying within the financial constraints of insurance reimbursement.

Generosity is an investment that provides a lasting impact both to the donor and the organization – making the world a better place.

*HopeWest
is a nonprofit
hospice,
established in 1993
here on the
Western Slope.*

The coffee is better; the utilities are more modern; and the pictures are now in color.

The Miller Homestead has come a long way since 1889, when it was built by Lawrence and Amelia Miller. But thanks to careful renovation and design, the historic Hillcrest house remains much the same.



If you are looking for a welcoming, cozy place to have a cup of coffee, meet a friendly face and find that one-of-a-kind gift, the Artful Cup is just for you! Once you discover Artful Cup, you will be hooked. Best of all, proceeds support grieving children and teens through HopeWest Kids!



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Monday - Friday | 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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CAMP

GOOD GRIEF! 2017



a success!

The theme for Camp Good Grief this year was **Griefscapes – the Healing Journey.**

As 53 children and teens were anticipating their weekend on the bus ride to camp, there were also 58 staff and volunteers waiting in anticipation to make this experience a good one. Everything fell into place as the weekend began and it was yet again a successful, memorable weekend for everyone.

Camp Good Grief happens every summer for kids entering 3rd through 8th grade. The goal of camp is to provide a safe and compassionate environment for children and teens to explore their grief issues with peers, learning they are not alone. There is also plenty of time to relax and have fun too!

It is only through our donor's support of time and money that we are able to provide this life changing camp, we couldn't do it without you. The power of your support is noticed on every single child's face who was able to attend Camp Good Grief this year.

Thank you!



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The Circle of Hope is a monthly giving club that helps us be there every day for those facing aging, serious illness and grief. Your contribution will change lives – visit HopeWestCo.org to join us and make a difference in the lives of friends and family members. Below are some examples of what your support can do:

\$10 a month = \$120 a year

Helps four kids attend our healing grief support camps for a weekend.

\$25 a month = \$300 a year

Provides a community member with pain and symptom management through our Transitions program for one week.

\$50 a month = \$600 a year

Ensures a community member and his family will receive exceptional nursing care through our hospice program for two weeks.

Thank you to our current Circle of Hope members!

(Members as of July 31, 2017)

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Les & LeAnn Zetmeir
Mary Zimmerer
Jane Zongker
Colleen Zweigle

Spotted around

Happenings across

Pet Therapy Days!

Pet Therapy Volunteers were celebrated with a paw-ty held under the pavilion on the Care Center campus in Grand Junction. The breakfast was held to recognize those who make a paw-sitive impact on HopeWest patients and employees all while having a doggone good time!



HopeWest was named a recipient of the 2017 Hospice Honors award

for the second consecutive year and the only hospice in Colorado to receive "**elite**" status. This national award recognizes hospices that continuously provide the best patient and caregiver experience as measured from the caregiver's point of view.

For the patients and families we are privileged to serve, it's the kind of care that really matters – the recognition is evidence of the impact compassionate care makes especially at the end-of-life.

Christy Whitney Borchard,
President & CEO of HopeWest

HopeWest's recognition from **Deyta Analytics** scored above the national average on 100% of the 58 questions – qualifying the organization for "elite" status for the first time. Performance was based on surveys conducted during the 11-month evaluation period evaluating participating hospices on a set of 24 quality measures rating patient care, team communication, emotional and religious support, help with symptoms, hospice care training and treating families with respect.

"It's always an honor to be recognized along with a handful of other incredible hospices from across the nation for our commitment to quality care and extraordinary service," said Christy.

our communities

the Western Slope

Montrose Volunteers Visit The Hospice Care Center

"What a wonderful experience to see what happens on a daily basis. It makes me very proud to be part of Heirlooms," said Grace, Heirlooms volunteer in Montrose.



Grace Russell, Lois Hutt, and Kay Karins,
Montrose HopeWest Volunteers

3rd Annual Hippies For Hospice Event at CB's Tavern



Carrie & Cathy Boyd, with CB's Tavern, organized the event and we could not be more thankful! With a keg donated by Palisade Brewing Company and Tie-Dyed T-Shirts made by HopeWest volunteers and staff, we **raised \$994** this year! Thank you to everyone who supported us, we couldn't do it without you!



You're Invited! Don't miss out on Halloween Fun!

Halloween Costumes
Encouraged!

5th Annual HopeWest-Meeker
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is the Delta Advisory Board.

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~Jason A. Jones, Branch Manager Cendera Funding



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