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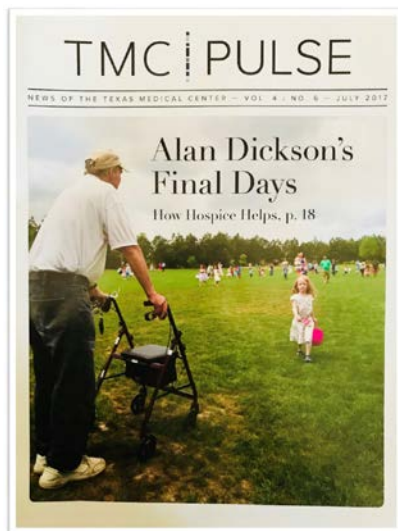
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Feature Story on Houston Hospice Patient Alan Dickson in TMC Pulse A Finalist for Ellie Award

The American Society of Magazine Editors has published the list of finalists for the 2018 National Magazine Awards for Print and Digital Media. ASME will celebrate the 53rd presentation of the Ellies when each of the 104 finalists is honored at the annual awards lunch on March 13.

The Ellie is considered the magazine industry's most prestigious award. Hundreds of national and regional publications entered, submitting 1,368 print and digital entries for judging by 269 print and digital magazine editors, art directors, photo editors and journalism educators. On the awards' shortlist this year is [*Alan Dickson's Final Days*](#) by Alexandra Becker which earned a place alongside six other finalists in the Feature Writing category including stories in The Atlantic, GQ, and The New York Times Magazine. The category honors original, stylish storytelling.



Becker's extensive piece was published in the July 2017 issue of TMC Pulse, an award-winning publication of the Texas Medical Center. Becker followed the last year of life of Alan Dickson, who was a Houston Hospice patient. She poignantly captured a dramatic portrait of a hospice patient's life not typically seen by most. Dickson's care by the Houston Hospice team, interactions with people, a new pet companion, daily routines, and end-of-life planning illustrated the hopes, battles, uncertainty and acceptance patients and their loved ones experience.

Houston Hospice Vice President of Development and External Affairs, Cynthia Nordt said: "We congratulate Alexandra on this significant recognition at the very highest level by her industry peers. What she chronicled about Alan's life was powerful. Our patients bring deeper meaning to the care delivered by social workers, nurses, physicians, volunteers, hospice aides, and chaplains. Alexandra's story is a must read for anyone wanting to understand hospice and learn more about our patient care."

The 2018 winners will be announced during a lunchtime presentation at Cipriani Wall Street in New York. The lunch will be hosted by Don Lemon, the anchor of "CNN Tonight With Don Lemon," airing weeknights at 10. More than 500 magazine editors and publishers are expected to attend. The winners receive "Ellies," the elephant-shaped statuettes that give the awards their name.

About Houston Hospice: Nonprofit Houston Hospice was founded in 1980 and has grown from an alternative, grass roots concept to a leader in hospice care for people of all ages and walks of life. Care is provided to patients and families in private homes and in residential facilities throughout Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Jackson, Matagorda, Montgomery, Waller and Wharton Counties. Inpatient care is provided through the Margaret Cullen Marshall Hospice Care Center located in the [Texas Medical Center](#).

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