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Virtual, In-Person Dinner Set to Celebrate The Garden Club of Houston with Spirit Award. Join us!

This year marks the 22nd Annual Spirit Award Dinner, Wednesday, October 28, 2020 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and we are delighted to share that The Garden Club of Houston has been selected as honoree. Our virtual and in-person dinner will be held at the River Oaks Country Club, as well as live-streaming, for those who wish to enjoy the evening from home.

Historically, The Laura Lee Blanton Community Spirit Award recognizes the grace and generosity of a community leader or organization that has made a positive impact on the Greater Houston Area. Established in 1924, this year's honoree, has supported a plethora of Houston area green spaces, including Houston Hospice, in addition to providing educational programs that promote the love of horticulture in children, teens, and adults.

"It is our privilege to honor The Garden Club of Houston for their dedication to our community," said Cynthia Nordt, V.P. Development and External Affairs, Houston Hospice.

This year's featured speaker will be New York Times Bestselling Author and Breast Cancer Survivor Elin Hilderbrand. Previously scheduled for the Spring Butterfly Luncheon, the Johns Hopkins University and Iowa Writer's Workshop graduate is best known as the "queen of beach reads" with 28 novels about Nantucket life and love, to her name.

"Every life contains a novel," she famously penned. "I certainly agree," quipped Cynthia.



Elizabeth and Peter Wareing have graciously agreed to chair this year's annual fundraiser. Elizabeth Blanton Wareing is a longtime friend of Houston Hospice and serves as President of Scurlock Foundation. Elizabeth is also the daughter of Laura Lee Blanton, the namesake of the Spirit Award. Peter S. Wareing is Co-Founder and General Partner of Wareing, Athon & Company, a Houston-based private equity group. Together, the Wareings are an incredible team who help elevate Houston to a world-class city.

For more information, visit our website, www.houstonhospice.org.

To purchase tables and tickets, call Cynthia Nordt at 713-677-7123 or send an email to cnordt@houstonhospice.org.

Renovation Underway at Houston Hospice Garden



We are thrilled to share that our historic garden is under renovation to restore the walkways and landscape to their original Holcombe House layout. With the generous support of The Garden Club of Houston, we are revitalizing the 2-1/2 acre sanctuary to accommodate patients who would enjoy a visit to The Garden from the comfort of their hospice bed or wheelchair. "Patients and families love spending time in our picturesque garden," said Ms. Nordt. "The lush space offers 100-year-old trees, colorful plants and flowers, a wonderful water fountain, fun hedge mazes and plenty of outdoor seating." The Garden renovation began in July and will conclude in early October 2020. Visit our Facebook page for pictures of our progress. @houhospicelifematters



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Spirit Award Dinner
Honoring
The Garden Club of Houston
October 28, 2020, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
River Oaks Country Club & Live Streaming
Elizabeth & Peter Wareing - Chairmen




HOUSTON HOSPICE
Trees of Light
COMING NOVEMBER 2020
Honoring loved ones during the holidays

COVID-19 Stops at the Front Door, Compassion Fills the Air

How Houston Hospice Stays Open to Patients and Families During a Pandemic

As confirmed COVID-19 cases started to rise in the Greater Houston Area, Houston Hospice made necessary decisions to safeguard vulnerable patients from the spread of the Coronavirus. The good news is that visitors are still allowed and welcomed to visit loved ones at our Texas Medical Center facility, 24/7/365.

To maintain safe and secure on-site operations, visitors are allowed in patients' rooms at a maximum of two visitors at a time. In addition, every person entering the building is required to have their temperatures checked, and wear a face mask.

Off-site, nurses and team members are taking extra precautions to keep patients and families safe. Our staff maintain sanitized, proper PPE, carefully sort medical supplies to avoid cross contamination, wash hands before and after visits and use hand sanitizer, often. Together, we will stop the spread.



"We've been able to allow family members to visit their dying loved one when hospitals couldn't," confirmed Associate Patient Care Manager Gabrielle Staten, BSN, RN, Houston Hospice, in an interview with TMC Pulse Sr. Writer Alexandra Becker for Spotlight on COVID-19, In Their Own Words, Voices from the front lines of the pandemic, July 2020 issue.



Houston Hospice Community Outreach Coordinator Monica James and Retired Air Force Captain Erwin Teltschik

We Honor Veterans Retired Air Force Captain Erwin Teltschik

Captain Teltschik served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. The Pilot and Family Man shared his unique experiences in Turkey and life after the military in an interview posted on the Houston Hospice YouTube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/user/HoustonHospice>

As a Level 4 Member of the **We Honor Veterans** Program, Houston Hospice offers compassionate care to U.S. Veterans. To date, 20% of Houston Hospice patients are Veterans, and we are honored to provide care for them and their families.

Do you have an idea for a story, or do you know a hospice patient or volunteer we should interview? Send details to info@houstonhospice.org



Houston Hospice Celebrates 40 Years of Compassionate Care

Established in 1980, we were the first hospice in the City of Houston. In 1983, we became proud members of the Texas Medical Center. In 1991, our business office, The Holcombe House, was designated as a historic landmark by the State of Texas.

Today, Houston Hospice is the oldest, largest independent nonprofit hospice in Houston. We offer 33 spacious rooms for hospice patients, having served 65,000 people in the Greater Houston Area, and budget \$1,000,000 for uninsured patients, annually.

Thank you for making all of this possible!



Kelsey Crever named Good Samaritan Winner Excellence in Nursing

"Kelsey exhibits excellence in nursing leadership at our hospice and we are thrilled she has been recognized for her strong work ethic, friendly demeanor, and compassionate care," said Jayne O'Brien, V.P. of Patient Care, Houston Hospice.



Chaplain Raises Funds in Honor of Cousin, Former Houston Hospice Patient

Chaplain Todd Starnes-Williams loved his Cousin John and knew he needed hospice care from Houston Hospice during his final days. Through the uninsured patient program, Cousin John found a peaceful place to rest, visit with friends and enjoy life to the fullest. To honor his memory, Chaplain Williams created a Facebook Fundraiser, raising \$700, and donated the money raised to Houston Hospice. We sat down with Chaplain Williams to learn more about his cousin and his mission. Visit our YouTube page to watch the full interview.

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About Houston Hospice
Houston Hospice is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides compassionate, end-of-life care to all patients and families across 10 counties in the Greater Houston Area. Established in 1980, we are the oldest, largest, independent, nonprofit hospice in Houston and a member of The Texas Medical Center.

Meet New Houston Hospice CEO Rana McClelland

Rana McClelland has been appointed Houston Hospice President & CEO, as of September 1, 2020. Ms. McClelland brings over 20 years experience in hospice care to the position. Most recently, she held the role of Regional Executive Director, Florida Operations for Compassionate Care Hospice in Tampa.

"We are excited to have Ms. McClelland join our prestigious nonprofit hospice care organization," said Dr. Paul Mansfield, Professor of Surgical Oncology, MD Anderson Hospital and Board Chairman, Houston Hospice. "Let us all work together to support her during this transition."



"It has been an honor and a privilege to be the CEO of Houston Hospice for the past 11 year."

Farewell Jim Faucett, a Leader Among Leaders

Past Houston Hospice President & CEO Jim Faucett shares his thoughts on leadership and the future of our organization

Houston Hospice: What are you thankful for at Houston Hospice?
Jim Faucett: Houston Hospice lives its mission each day. We are focused on the patient and family, and we have some of the most compassionate care givers that I have ever been around.

HH: What wisdom would you like to share about leadership?
JF: A title and a level of authority are different from leadership. Leadership is a gift to the leader from those that the leader leads. The effective leader must serve those he leads. Goals are met by creating an environment based on values such as trust and inclusivity where everyone is able to reach their full potential and do their best work.

HH: How would you like to see the organization continue to grow?
Visit our blog to read the full interview at <https://blog.houstonhospice.org>