

Reflections

Help keep our Community strong

Dear friends,

The spread of COVID-19 has brought about sudden and difficult changes for everyone, and you can play an important role helping our community battle this disease on the front line.

Our agency serves a highly-vulnerable population—the elderly, those with chronic conditions, and the dying. These patients have the highest risk of getting and succumbing to COVID-19. Our nurses, therapists, chaplains, social workers, and aides go into the community everyday caring for patients where they live to keep them in their homes and out of facilities. Our staff feel called to do this heroic work, but our agency doesn't want them to provide care without the equipment they need.

Like most healthcare providers, we have a shortage of masks, gowns, gloves, and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) our staff need to provide care safely. That's where you can help us:

Please join me in supporting the troops on the front line who are bravely fighting COVID-19. Consider making a contribution to our COVID-19 Crisis Assistance Fund, volunteering to sew PPE or asking people in your circle to sew PPE.

Visit our website at www.chhh.org to find out how you can help in this effort. With all hands on deck, we will succeed and can make sure everyone can stay in their homes and OUT of the hospitals and nursing homes! This is critical... right now! One of the best things you can do is to maintain social distancing, so that we can arrest COVID-19 in its tracks! Break the chain of infection by staying home whenever possible! Thank you.

With gratitude,



Greg Pang, President & CEO



P.S. This is a pic of me with a mask I just sewed for myself! My daughter, Meilin, and I are part of the volunteer sewing brigade and will be delivering several homemade masks for agency staff, patients, and their families in the coming weeks!

Grateful Hearts A spiritual perspective



Charlean Hayes Hughes

Community Chaplain Charlean Hayes Hughes pays special attention to every patient that she comes across.

"Charlean visited several times. We were surprised by how much [our nephew] looked forward to her visits," said Melissa Keenberg regarding her nephew's time with Community in 2017.

Melissa donated \$1,000 in honor of Char towards the Grateful Hearts program. This recognition is just the cherry on top for what Char already finds a rewarding career.

"Spiritual pain is part of the experience for most patients and their families," she said. "So being able to be a part of people's lives at this critical time is highly rewarding for me as a minister and a member of the community."

Are you grateful for the service of a Community staff member? Contact 360.597.0717 or give@chhh.org to make a Grateful Hearts gift.

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Three generations of care and comfort

Shared mission, compassionate care inspire Evergreen's support of Community



Top row: Norma Carlson (passed away in May 2019), Brad Carlson, Mary Carlson. Bottom row: Megan Field, Lindsay Fisher.

In the late '60s Willard J. Carlson moved from Spokane to Vancouver with his wife and children to work at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery Funeral Chapel and Crematory. In a few years, he was the owner and, 50 years later, the business is still in the family. It is now owned and managed by Willard's children and grandchildren and is the only cemetery-chapel combo in Clark County. Over the years Evergreen has developed new gardens in its cemetery and its services have evolved to respond to the diversity of its ever-growing community while honoring burial traditions.

Willard's son, Brad Carlson, is president and CEO, joining the family business in 1987. His wife, Mary is administrative assistant while their daughters Lindsay Fisher and Megan Carlson Field serve as vice president of administration and vice president of crematory operations, respectively. "There are many benefits, as well as challenges, to working with family members," Lindsay said. "The most obvious benefit is that we get to spend more time together! Personally, I love being able to carry on the family legacy of caring for the community at their most difficult times. My grandfather built the business on a foundation of serving the community. This same example is carried on by my mother and father for my sister and me to follow."

One of the ways the family has chosen to give back to the community they serve is by supporting Community Home Health & Hospice. Their generous donations over the past decade played a key role in expanding our care in Clark County.

Initially, the family was inspired to give to Community because their values aligned with our mission.

"We believe in and appreciate all that Community does for patients and their families as they near end of life," Lindsay explained. "Evergreen Memorial Gardens has the honor of continuing the compassionate care that patients and families receive at Community when death occurs, and we bring their loved one into our care."

Last year their giving became more personal when their family matriarch, Norma Carlson, transitioned to hospice.

"As a family we selected Community to care for her," Lindsay remembers. "She received such wonderful care and we are forever grateful to the team at Community."

LEARN MORE ABOUT EVERGREEN

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Thank you!

Our Community is coming together to ensure our staff on the front lines stay safe and protected during these trying times.

As of April 20, you have stitched 3,118 face masks. Thank you!

Visit chhh.org/masks-for-community for instructional videos, patterns, steps, and an ever-growing gallery of the Community Sewing Brigade.



Volunteer Beth Gilhuly

Rolling stone comes to rest in memorial garden

Legacy carries on with IRA gift

Vancouver resident Betty D. and her family moved around the country to follow her husband's Lloyd's career. As a landscape architect, Lloyd was passionate about nature. It's only natural that Betty honored his memory by sponsoring an island in our Seasons of Hope Memorial Garden in Vancouver that includes his engraved stone.

Lloyd and Betty were also passionate about supporting charities and making the most of their hard-earned income. For years, they used their IRAs to donate to causes while maximizing their tax savings by donating their required minimum distribution (RMD) directly from their financial institution to the charity.

2019 was Betty's first year without Lloyd. In determining her charitable contributions last year, she considered what charities were of interest to him. She chose Community Home Health & Hospice for an IRA gift. She especially liked that she could designate her gift for a specific purpose—to purchase an ultrasound machine for our hospice care center.

On January 1 of this year, new retirement legislation called the SECURE Act went into effect. It includes changes to IRAs and other provisions related to retirement savings and planning. A big change is that individuals must begin making required IRA minimum distributions at age 72 starting in 2020. The age was 70 1/2 years previously.

Please consider making an IRA gift to Community this year. Contact give@chhh. org or 360.597.0717 for more information.



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We take pride in providing peace of mind to families and patients in need.

Please help us achieve the top spot by voting for Community **May 3 through May 17**.

Just visit bit.ly/CommunityBOCC during the dates listed above and vote for Community Home Health & Hospice under Senior Living, In-Home Care.

