

Plumas Community Hospice Newsletter - Fall/Winter 2025



Plumas Community
Hospice

Our Mission: Plumas Community Hospice provides compassionate end-of-life support to individuals and their loved ones through life's final journey.

Thank you to our volunteers – you truly make all the difference!

In 2025, Plumas Community Hospice (PCH) had the honor of serving 39 individuals and their families/support systems. This was possible thanks to our strong team of dedicated, compassionate, and well-trained volunteers who are available in central and eastern Plumas County. Some of our volunteers work directly with patients, others do a variety of office tasks, and still others help us with fundraising. All of our volunteers help ensure that individuals receive the best care possible. We value and appreciate every single volunteer for giving their time, energy, and compassion!

Thank you to our donors! PCH is supported financially by folks throughout the community – some who have walked with a loved one along with our volunteers in the past, and others who know the value and necessity of end-of-life support. Since PCH is a voluntary non-medical service, we do not bill for our services. Thus, fundraising is vital to pay for resources and supplies, offer training, and to offer our director a modest salary. We greatly appreciate all those who have contributed monetarily or with goods and/or services.

This Year's Accomplishments



- On February 22, 2025, PCH was pleased to have Kate McDonald, RN lead a volunteer training at the Quincy Public Library. The training covered such topics as the difference between Medicare-certified hospice and volunteer hospice; palliative care vs. hospice care; and next steps in becoming a volunteer with Plumas Community Hospice. Diego Lozano recorded the training, and the video is now used for onboarding new volunteers.

- Throughout the year, Board members worked in conjunction with Susan DeLano, PCH Director, on many projects, including updating the PCH mission statement, creating new community education materials, establishing Board policies/procedures, and updating forms and other essential documents.

- A Hospice Volunteer Appreciation Lunch was held June 22, 2025, at Pangaea in East Quincy, and was catered by Jessie's Joint. Board President, Sharon Taschenberg, offered words of appreciation for all the volunteers, and those sentiments were echoed by the rest of the Board. In gratitude for their services, each volunteer was given a gift card to a local business. Many of the gift cards were donated by the proprietors.



- Once a month, from May through August, "Death over Drafts" discussions were offered at the Brewing Lair in Blairsden, CA. The intention was to "spark curiosity and connection around death and dying." In June, special guest and author, Dana Lacy-Amarisa, spoke about her book, "Condolences Pocket Guide: what to say and not to say to griever."



● Even when the subject is hospice care, there are plenty of moments of fun. Our biggest fundraiser of the year was an Asado BBQ at the Brewing Lair on August 2, 2025. Volunteers put together skewers of meat and vegetables and Guest Chef, Diego Lozano, grilled them up with Argentinian flavors. The turnout exceeded expectations and all in attendance enjoyed great food, conversation, and music. In addition to the BBQ, a

raffle and silent auction were held, with items donated by volunteers, local businesses, and other hospice supporters. The fundraiser was a positive community engagement event and PCH plans to host a similar event next year.



Goals for 2026

- The Board plans to host “Meet and Greets” with Plumas County medical staff and the community. These events will give people the opportunity to have conversations with volunteer hospice providers and learn more about the services available.
- PCH plans to have collaborative discussions between volunteers in east and central Plumas County for the sake of enhancing the hospice care we provide.
- Finally, as mentioned above, due to the success of the Asado BBQ in 2025, plans are in place for PCH to repeat this endeavor next year!

How You Can Help

If you would like to support Plumas Community Hospice, consider volunteering, donating, or spreading the word about hospice services. Together, we walk life’s journey, and no one should face the journey’s end alone.



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For more information about our services, to get involved, or to refer someone for services, please call (530) 394-7228 or visit our website at plumashospice.org.

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Plumas Community Hospice Board: Sharon Taschenberg (President), Debbie Anderson, Kendrah Fredricksen, Hannah Richards, Ericka Thompson

Thank you for being such a meaningful part of the PCH community and for your generous support. Because of you, compassionate end-of-life care can continue to be provided to those who need it the most.