

## Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners, Inc.

a supporting partner of  
St. Mary's Hospice & Palliative Care – East Range Team

## Membership Newsletter

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## New Faces at VHHP



At this time we would like to welcome *Pastor Joey Bailey* as the newest member of the Board of Directors. Pastor Bailey brings valuable experience and insight to his new position of service with VHHP. He has previously served as a Hospice Chaplain as well as a Board Member for another hospice organization. He was also on staff for an AIDS hospice while living in Philadelphia. Pastor Bailey continues to see the need for quality hospice care in his ministry and deeply values the work possible in an active hospice program. The VHHP Board looks forward to the valuable insight and compassion that Pastor Bailey brings to the VHHP Board of Directors.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> *Lisa Squires* joined Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners Inc. as the new Program Director. Lisa will facilitate the activities of the Board of Directors, and she will help expand efforts to educate the local communities about the benefits of hospice care at present and in the future. She looks forward to helping VHHP achieve their goals.

## Recognition of Service

Pastor Bailey replaces *Barb Wilson* who resigned in March. At this time, the VHHP Board of Directors would like to offer their sincere *thanks* to Barb for her efforts while serving as a Board Member.

The Board would also like to express their *appreciation* to *Cindy Palm* who served as the Program Director for the past year and was active in facilitating movement of VHHP toward new goals. Cindy recently accepted the position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer with the City of Cook. We wish Cindy much success in her new position!

## 2008 Scholarship Recipients

VHHP Scholarships, in the amount of \$500, are awarded each spring to two graduating high school seniors from Cook and Orr. A third \$500 scholarship is also awarded to a current college student. These scholarships are awarded to individuals pursuing a career in the medical field.



*Rebecca Johnson* of Cook will be attending the Lake Superior College this fall to pursue a career in Radiologic Technology.

*Kelsea Ingebretsen* of Orr will be attending the University of Minnesota - Duluth this fall, to ultimately pursue a career in Pharmacy.

*Heidi Brinker*, is the 2008 recipient of the VHHP college scholarship. She is pursuing a career in nursing at the College of St. Scholastica.

Congratulations to each one of you! We wish you well in your future endeavors. For more information on this story visit us at: [www.vhhp.org](http://www.vhhp.org)

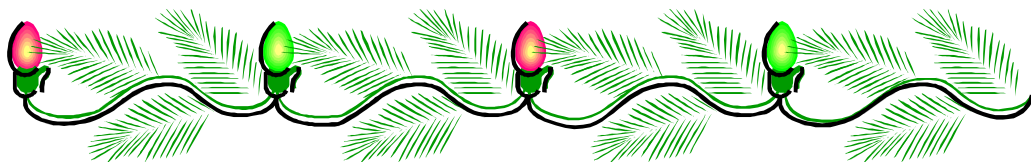
## Your Donations at Work in the Community

Your donations are at work in a variety of ways serving patients and their families in Cook and the surrounding communities as well as St. Mary's hospice staff. General categories of support include Patient & Family Support, Hospice Staff Development and Public Education. VHHP has been able to respond to a variety of requests that increase the quality of hospice care and the personalized services offered to patients and their families.

The first quarter of our fiscal year, we have been able to provide **Patient Support** in the form of nutritional food supplements, comfort care through massage, incontinence supplies and gift cards to meet every day needs. We have also been able to support **Families** by providing transportation \$ for a mother (of patient) to attend her son's funeral, providing grief resources for children and acknowledging a loss by sending flowers. *Your generosity allows VHHP to touch lives in a positive manner during a challenging time.* We have continued to support St. Mary's **Staff Development** by sending staff to Grief Support Training, providing lodging costs for employees attending the MN Hospice Conference and by contributing a gift basket as a door prize for employees attending a Competency Fair. *Your generosity contributes to maintaining quality hospice care.* **Public Education** includes the cost of promoting hospice care through advertising, brochures and speaking engagements. *Your generosity helps spread the word about compassionate and quality end of life care for patients and their families. We thank you for your continuing support!*

## 2008 Lights of Love Campaign

The Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners (VHHP) 18<sup>th</sup> annual *Lights of Love* campaign will soon be underway. This is our largest fundraiser of the year with our annual campaign beginning in November to honor National Hospice Month and National Family Caregivers Month. Last year's *Lights of Love* raised approximately 49% of VHHP's annual income. Fundraising goals are achieved through the dedicated efforts of our Board of Directors working together with a community of supporting individuals and businesses. Thanks to a generous grant from *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*, offering to match the first \$1500 raised by the 2008 *Lights of Love* campaign, your continued support will significantly increase our fundraising percentage beyond last year's goal. *For more information on this story visit us at: [www.vhhp.org](http://www.vhhp.org)*



Please clip & mail to: **Lights of Love, PO Box 244, Cook, MN 55723** ✂

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2008 Lights of Love

Categories:  Purchase a single bulb \$5       Purchase a string of bulbs \$25  
 Ice Candle Luminary \$10       Other \$ \_\_\_\_

In Honor of (*living person*) \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of (*deceased person*) \_\_\_\_\_

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