

# ❖ Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners, Inc. ❖

## Membership Newsletter

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### Membership Campaign 2008

The annual *Membership* campaign drive is the second largest fundraiser of the year for Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners. Last year's Membership drive raised approximately \$1000 towards reaching our level of support goal of \$10,000.

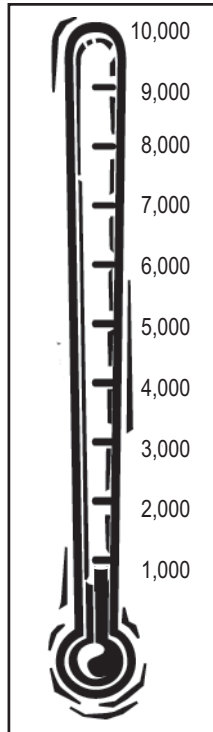
Members are entitled to a copy of our annual spring and fall newsletter, an invitation to our annual meeting held in June (see annual meeting information in this edition), and a copy of our annual report. All membership contributions are tax deductible.

As a member, you become a community service volunteer in your local communities. You assist in promoting and educating the public on hospice availability in our local area. A member is also part of an essential support group who assists hospice patients and their families.

"The hospice team was ALWAYS there to answer all of my questions, day or night. They never made me feel like I was a bother. The time I spent with my mom before she died was the best and worst of my life and without the hospice team behind me I don't think I could have done it. God Bless them and the work they do. "

Debra Horn  
Daughter of Sally Schramm

Membership support is an important part of the Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners program. Your contributions support hospice patients and families with expenses not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance. Contributions may cover patient medical supplies and equipment, bereavement and grief support and/or staff development which provides education and support for the St. Mary's Hospice and Palliative Care East Range Team. Membership also provides scholarships to a graduating high school senior from Cook and Orr as well as a current college student from the area.



#### Members may annually contribute in the following ways:

Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Memorial	\$50.00 In Memory Of _____
Lifetime	\$100.00
Corporate	\$200.00
Sustaining	\$500 or more (Underwrites Fund Goal)

Please complete and return the form on the back of this newsletter. You may also visit our website at [www.vhhp.org](http://www.vhhp.org) for a printable form.

### Membership contributions help secure Cook Hospital / St. Mary's Hospice and Palliative Care contract for local hospice care.

The Cook Hospital and St. Mary's Hospice and Palliative Care-East Range Team have recently signed a contract to offer hospice care services in the Cook Hospital. Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners and the W.C. Heiam Foundation have agreed to secure a \$20,000 Stop/Loss Risk Fund to support this contract. Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners must therefore raise a total of \$10,000 to fulfill its share of the agreement.

In the past, Cook Hospital has offered hospice services, but suffered substantial losses due to extended hospital stays and inadequate patient reimbursement, compared to Medicare and other insurance coverage. To avoid these losses, Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners and the WC Heiam Foundation will partner together to assist in covering Cook Hospital losses that may be incurred.

We are proud to support this service to our local community and thank those individuals who have dedicated their services to make this happen. Your contributions will be dedicated to supporting the Cook Hospital with local hospice services.

## Program Director's Report

Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners'– Purpose

*“The primary purpose of this organization is the direct support of hospice services as provided by SMDC Hospice and Palliative Care-East Range Team. Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners will ensure and facilitate access to quality hospice services and palliative care for all hospice patients and their families in the local community.”*

I would like to report that many accomplishments have been made as we move forward to fulfilling the purpose of Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners. As the new program director, I have spent the beginning months educating myself with hospice and focusing on program organization. I now look forward to taking the program to new directions. Our board of directors have kept me busy by offering valuable incite, dedication, and volunteering their time.

Your contributions to our program are very much appreciated. We are thankful that we can pass these contributions on to assist hospice patients and their families when needed.

*Cindy Palm  
VHHP Program Director*

## News from St. Mary's Hospice and Palliative Care – East Range Team

### *HOW TO OBTAIN HOSPICE SERVICES WHEN NEEDED.*

To find information on how to obtain hospice services when needed, please visit the following website at [www.stmarysduluth.org](http://www.stmarysduluth.org), and click on east range team under site services. You will find very helpful information on this website. If you don't have access to the internet then you may call the phone numbers listed below.

### Contact Information:

St. Mary's Hospice and Palliative Care –  
East Range Team  
Dee Dee Thesenvitz,  
Coordinator of Hospice Volunteers  
901 9<sup>th</sup> St N  
Medical Arts Building, Suite 215  
Virginia, MN 55792  
Toll Free 1-877-851-2213  
Direct 218-749-7976

## 2007 September Wellness Fair

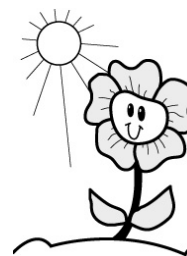


Dee Dee Thesenvitz of St. Mary's Hospice and Palliative Care – East Range Team and Marge Herr – Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners board member, hosted a booth for the 2007 September Wellness Fair held at the Cook Hospital. A gift basket was donated by Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners and the winner was Jill Crain who is an R.N. on staff with the Cook Hospital.

## 2008 Annual Meeting

*Mark your calendars!*

The VHHP Annual Membership meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Verdella Musech. A



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potluck dinner will follow. All new and existing members are invited to attend this meeting. The annual meeting is held to review past accomplishments, to discuss future goals, and to elect the board of directors. Please contact the program director or a board member for more details.

## LIGHTS OF LOVE

The 2007 Lights of Love campaign was a great success raising \$7000. VHHP thanks all businesses and individuals who contributed towards this important event. The December ceremonies in Cook and Orr give the communities a chance to come together and recognize hospice patients and their families during the holiday season. Local girl scouts and boy scouts were a tremendous help in assisting with the ceremonies and we thank them very much. Contributing In Honor Of or In Memory Of special person(s) gives people a chance to recognize loved ones during the holiday season and to reflect on how special they have been to each one of us. We look forward to continued success in 2008.

## MEMORIALS (2007/2008)

### *In Memory Of*

Jennie Nartnik  
Dorothy Junkert  
Patti Hautala  
Albin Zaloker  
Dr. James A Berlin  
John Basso  
Bertha Richart  
Jon Krog  
Mary Kilpela  
Harley Bergman  
John F Jordan Sr.  
Sam Skogsbergh  
Orma F Miller  
Donald Erickson

By sending a memorial donation of \$100 or more, you may honor a loved one with an engraving on the Memorial Board located at the Cook Hospital.

## DONATIONS (2007/2008)

CAL Contracting  
Diamond Willow Assisted Living of Mt. Iron and Virginia  
Fred and Kirsten Reichel - In Memory of John Matson  
Arnold and Shirley Reichel Ojanen - In Memory of John Matson  
Arnold and Shirley Reichel Ojanen - In Memory of John Jacobson

## VHHP Directory

### Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners, Inc.

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[vhhpdirector@yahoo.com](mailto:vhhpdirector@yahoo.com)  
218-666-2998

### Board of Directors

Chairperson	Karen McDermott 218-666-2766 <a href="mailto:kmcdermo@uslink.net">kmcdermo@uslink.net</a>
Vice-Chairperson	Jim Ganahl
Secretary	Wendy Appleby
Treasurer	Marlene Lundquist
Members at Large	Marge Herr Marge Hyppa Verdella Musech JoAnn Anderson Barb Hegg Joan Jordan Elder Metsa
Honorary Members	Erling Hegg Kathy Leding

### Website Information:

Please visit our web site at [www.vhhp.org](http://www.vhhp.org) for helpful information and to learn more about Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners. Rick Pearson, owner of Eagle One Productions (Cook, MN), has designed and does a fantastic job in maintaining our website.

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**To:**

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## Membership Champaign 2008

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Please indicate the membership option of your choice by selecting the appropriate box below. Payment can be mailed to VHHP - PO Box 244 - Cook, MN 55723.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate  | \$200.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$500 or more (Underwrites Fund Goal) |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State,  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in helping with

Lights of Love?

Board Committee?