

WHHF and its affiliate educational institutions are addressing the need for medical and allied health practitioners with core skills in palliative treatment, hospice and end-of-life care as a essential part of their training. This program is funded by grants and donations.

## GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

### FAMILY REFLECTIONS

Family Reflections was created to assist patients in communicating messages of comfort, reassurance and lifetime memories to their families/significant others and friends. An audio recording of patients desiring this service is made and can include a book of photos, memorabilia, quotes and other “reflections.”

### DONATIONS AND PLANNED GIVING

Volunteering to work with patients and their families, assist with fund raising activities or assisting in the Wells House office are some of the ways that community support for services is attained. Donations assist in closing the service gap in providing palliative treatment and end-of-life care to underserved populations in the Long Beach and Orange County community. They can also be made in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. These donations provide the seminal support of the Foundation’s day-to-day operations. Donations to support specific programs are appreciated and are tax deductible.

Bequests to Wells House Hospice Foundation can be made through wills, living trusts, life insurance and retirement plans. Wells House Foundation can send additional information and advise that you consult with your attorney and/or financial advisor to help you make the best decision.

We thank all of you for your continuing partnership in assisting us to provide compassionate and high quality care.



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## UNDERSERVED & UNINSURED POPULATION SERVICES

### **HOMELESS PROGRAM**

Wells House Hospice Foundation (WHHF) is pleased to announce the availability of palliative treatment, hospice and end-of-life care for the terminally-ill homeless population in Long Beach and the Orange County regions. The objective of this project is to provide compassionate care and services at Wells House Hospice Program (WHHP). This sub-population of the homeless frequently has less access to care than other groups and has a lower rate of survival. Once they have been recognized in the system, they are likely to be at an advanced stage of the terminal disease, their prognosis is poor and treatment options are limited. While initial funding for this program was provided by the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, continued support is provided by corporate, philanthropic and private donations.

### **REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO HIV/AIDS CARE | RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE AND NURSING SERVICES**

WHHF and WHHP are providing residential hospice and nursing services for people with end-stage HIV/AIDS, which many skilled nursing facilities are reluctant to provide. WHHP has a history of admitting “hard to place” patients from indigent and/or underserved populations who have been turned away from skilled nursing facilities and other hospice programs. WHHP provides palliative care with a strong emphasis on pain management and increasing the comfort of the patient and any involved family members as much as possible during the final stages of life. The provision of this care to our uninsured or under-insured patients is supplemented by the Wells House Hospice Foundation.

### **COMPLEMENTARY & ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES**

Wells House Hospice Foundation provides complementary and alternative therapies that support patients, families and caregivers. People of different cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds frequently have different views of health and healing and different patterns of use of health care services. People’s views and behavior also vary with their age, literacy and specific health conditions. In recognition of a holistic orientation to health care delivery, complementary and alternative therapies involve all aspects of life: mind, body, spirit, and environment. These include aromatherapy, art therapy, massage therapy, music therapy and pet therapy. Such therapies have been proven to assist in reducing stress, anxiety, depression, apathy, loneliness and negative thinking, and they contribute to improving the patient’s quality of life. By collaborating with professional groups and community-based organizations such as the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA), Pathways and New Found Life, we are providing these therapies at Wells House Hospice and other skilled nursing facilities in the Long Beach and Orange County region.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Our foundation collaborates with professional associations of the Inter-Disciplinary Treatment (IDT) team and other affiliated groups to host seminars, workshops and discussions of special interest to medical, allied health and human service professionals in the Long Beach and Orange County community. This program improves quality care by providing a forum for sharing interdisciplinary knowledge and training on end-of-life care. Featuring outstanding speakers and presenters on various interdisciplinary topics in palliative treatment and end-of-life care, this program is sponsored by grants and donations.

### **END-OF-LIFE EDUCATION & TRAINING**

This program for physicians trains Osteopathic Medicine interns in the essential clinical competencies required to provide quality palliative treatment and end-of-life care regardless of their eventual medical profession destination. This program provides clinical rotation opportunities for third and fourth year students in this rapidly expanding subspecialty. Furthermore, the training program includes additional clinical experience for interns in Family Medicine. The curriculum that we have adapted is based on the Education for Physicians on End-of-Life Care (EPEC) Modules.

Wells House Hospice Program (WHHP) is expanding as a training site for interns in Osteopathic Medicine, nursing and social work, having secured Affiliation Agreements with the Western University of Health Sciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP); California State University, Long Beach, Department of Social Work; and the Nursing Programs at California State University, Dominguez Hills, Cerritos College and Long Beach City College. WHHF provides funding for clinical rotations of interns on-site at WHHP, in skilled nursing facilities and in patient’s homes in the Long Beach and Orange County regions. These rotations are augmented by concentrating on core topic areas and training formats including self-study guides and resources, lectures, workshops and seminars.