Meet Lisa Eccles Crenshaw, the new Director of Merced Outpatient Services

Lisa is a graduate of University of California, Davis with a double major in Biological Sciences and Psychology. She has extensive experience in Inpatient/Therapy, Home Health Care, Hospice, Rehabilitation, and Psychiatric Nursing. She has also been a nurse for 25 years, which includes a license to practice in New Zealand and nursing experience in the United Arab Emirates. Born in Massachusetts, Lisa traveled overseas with her family at the age of 8 and was raised in the House of Potosi in Western Samsa and India. She moved to California in 1967, initially working in San Diego then moving to Modesto where she is raising her two children. Lisa is very excited to help grow our agency as the new Director of the outpatient Services in Merced. Lisa feels passionate about providing the best possible care and support for patients in the home setting and personal experiences with the loss of her mother and brothers. She looks forward to working with the wonderful and supportive Hinds Hospice team to forge new and stronger relationships within the Merced community. Lisa can be reached at (209) 383-3123 or via email at lcrenshaw@hindshospice.org.

Face of Hinds Hospice

I am honored to be a part of the Hinds Hospice team. I began my journey with Hinds in 2008 as a social work student intern. I was grateful when the opportunity was presented to assist permanently with Hinds Hospice in 2009. I have learned that it is a privilege to share in a sacred time in the lives of those who are dying and their loved ones. Death is a natural part of life, the process of saying goodbye is profound. In having worked with patients of all ages I have realized the one true thing that matters at the end of life is the love in the room. I am forever indebted to our patients and families, for allowing us to be in their “rooms.”

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Charity Navigator, America’s largest and most-utilized independent Charity navigator, has once again presented to work permanently with Hinds Hospice in early 2014, Hugh Jones died while a patient with Hinds Hospice. As MaryAnn reflected later, sharing memories with patients of all ages— I have learned that it is a privilege to share in a sacred time in the lives of those who are dying and their loved ones. Death is a natural part of life, the process of saying goodbye is profound. In having worked with patients of all ages I have realized the one true thing that matters at the end of life is the love in the room. I am forever indebted to our patients and families, for allowing us to be in their “rooms.”

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The Wall of Remembrance: A “Forever” Place for Families

"These are not just letters, and this is not just a wall. It is a place we can meet, and talk, and laugh, and pray. For my little family, this is where conversations can be picked up where we left them, and future plans made. This will be a unique place on earth where I know I can always find her, and she will always be waiting. It is timeless ground.”

This is how Bodie Março describes our new Wall of Remembrance: a place he titles as of his late wife’s “forever place.” By making a gift to Hinds Hospice’s Ray of Hope Remembrance Drive, he can see her name listed on new glass panels in our Patient & Family Service Center. His generosity provides essential operating support for many of Hinds Hospice’s beloved and under-funded programs such as Angel Babies and the Wall of Remembrance.

Ray of Hope donors are not the only Hinds Hospice supporters who can honor someone on the new wall. Those giving a one-time donation of at least $1,000 for any purpose (other than event sponsorship) can add a loved one’s name to the wall by calling 559.317.4025. Ray of Hope Remembrance Drive donors can also make multiple payments or work with others to reach the required gift level.

The wall design, created by Martin Hlc and Dede Darnell of Garden Architects, captures the symbolic transitioning of loved ones ending a life journey. Standing like the butterflies emerging from the glass panels, fluttering up towards a massive clustering near the ceiling. For Hlc, the project had special meaning. "It’s a honor to be a part of this project for Hinds Hospice, and I am thrilled to be involved.”

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The Power of Story Sharing

Started in 2012 and named in memory of the late Joseph Carlile, Ray of Hope Remembrance Drive makes an important difference for Hinds Hospice while honoring those who have passed away. The 2015 drive ran from February 16, 2015 to March 20, 2015. Volunteers and donations are now sought for the 2016 drive.

Ray of Hope volunteers set a personal goal and choose a way to share their story. Some contact friends or create a Facebook event page to reach the required gift level. Ray of Hope volunteers make a personal set and choose a way to share their story. Some contact friends or create a Facebook event page to reach the required gift level. Ray of Hope volunteers make a personal set and choose a way to share their story. Some contact friends or create a Facebook event page to reach the required gift level. Ray of Hope volunteers make a personal set and choose a way to share their story. Some contact friends or create a Facebook event page to reach the required gift level. Ray of Hope volunteers make a personal set and choose a way to share their story. Some contact friends or create a Facebook event page to reach the required gift level. Ray of Hope volunteers make a personal set and choose a way to share their story. Some contact friends or create a Facebook event page to reach the required gift level. Ray of Hope volunteers make a personal set and choose a way to share their story. Some contact friends or create a Facebook event page to reach the required gift level.

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The story of sharing the desire to honor someone is many volunteers many stories. One notes, “I am still helping and honoring my late husband but I hate asking people for money I was surprised to discover I didn’t have to do that. Sharing my story was enough.”

Gifts in all levels are always welcomed with a letter of appreciation. In addition, those giving at least $120 are offered Memorial Keeper Opportunities to pay tribute. Options include remembrance cards, memorial flower seed packets, inclusion of names in a newspaper’s memorial honor roll and the new Wall of Remembrance. For further details, visit hnhospice.org.

For information or to volunteer call (559) 317-4025 or send an email to angie@hindshospice.org. Checks made payable to Hinds Hospice-Ray of Hope can be mailed to 2401 Shaw Ave. Ste 101, Fresno, CA 93711. For online donations, visit hnhospice.org.

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Upcoming Events

Please join us for the following fundraisers to support Hinds Hospice:

3/20/15 Fresno Zoo’s 11th Annual Zoo Tea for Hope, Fresno – This fun event is back this year, so add even more to your event schedule. For more information please call 559.310.6266.

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6/16/15 Hinds Hospice Memorial Walk, Applegate Park, Fresno – This walk encourages anyone who has lost a loved one to walk in their memory while raising funds for the programs and services of Hinds Hospice in Merced County.

2015 Granville Home of Hope

The Granville Home of Hope Grand Prize Drawing will be June 16 and 100% of the tickets we sell will benefit our organization. The Granville Home of Hope is a unique opportunity to support your local community, with all of the money raised staying in the Central Valley to support its local non-profits. Tickets are $100 each and a maximum of 5,990 tickets will be sold between now and June 15. If at any point the money raised runs out of tickt sales you would like to purchase a ticket, please send this form to Hinds Hospice, 2410 W. Shaw Ave. Ste 101, Fresno, CA 93711.

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4/18/15 Granville Home of Hope Grand Prize Drawing, Belterra Community, Fresno - Tickets to win this beautiful home are $150 each. Hinds Hospice keeps 100% of the proceeds from tickets we sell. Other ticket sales are split between Hinds Hospice and various local non-profits.

Raffle.

Face of Hinds Hospice: The mission of Hinds Hospice is to provide exceptional care and support to our patients during the most sensitive times of their lives. Many lives is what Nancy Hinds, 1928-1996, envisioned for Hinds Hospice, and I am honored to be given the opportunity to support those who wear Nancy’s name.

Nancy Hinds, Director of Thrift Store Operations