

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

All hospice volunteers and their guests, along with hospice staff are invited to attend this special event recognizing the 2011 Honored Volunteers and the important contributions of every hospice volunteer.

AGENDA

10:00 am Registration

10:30 am Remembering and Being Remembered: Stories, Wills and Legacies at the End of Life

Jo Kline Cebuhar, Attorney and Author, Des Moines

It's a challenge to know what our dearest loved ones want at life's end. How can we make their final journeys as peaceful, dignified and mindful as can be? That goal can seem almost unattainable when the dying person is someone you are serving in hospice care - someone you just met - and time is so very precious.

An Ethical Will is a message of your beliefs, life lessons and hopes for the future. A wedding, a birthday, retirement, welcoming a grandchild into the world, even facing our own mortality, each is an opportunity to think about what we stand for, to appreciate our hard-earned wisdom and to consider what the future will mean for us and for our loved ones.

As elaborate as a multimedia slideshow or as straightforward as a typed or handwritten letter, simply put, an Ethical Will is how you want to be remembered. Most importantly, an Ethical Will can be a window into the very essence of a life: which achievements one is most proud of, the relationships that have been the greatest blessings and the dreams that will never die.

Join author Jo Kline Cebuhar to learn the use of this ancient tradition as a valuable tool in discovering and acknowledging what makes each hospice patient unique. Perhaps you'll decide to create and share your own legacy of values as well.

11:45 am Break

12:00 pm Honored Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

Join us for a special luncheon, where we will recognize the 2011 Honored Volunteers as nominated by their hospices across the state.

1:30 pm Adjourn

SPEAKER

Jo Kline Cebuhar, JD, is a graduate of Iowa State University and Drake Law School. Jo first learned about Ethical Wills as chair of Iowa's largest hospice and included a short chapter about Ethical Wills in her 2006 book, "Last things first, just in case... The practical guide to Living Wills and Durable Powers of Attorney for Health Care." After three years of audiences wanting to learn more about that chapter (and less about the legal side of life's end), Jo wrote the 2010 book, "So Grows the Tree - Creating an Ethical Will." Jo is a frequent speaker and workshop leader on creating Ethical Wills and lives in a state of bliss called Iowa with her husband and two cats.

PROGRAM LOCATION

Hilton Garden Inn Johnston
8600 Northpark Drive, Johnston

REGISTRATION

Individuals are encouraged to use the online registration at <http://hpcacolunteerrecognition2011eventbrite.com>.

All registration and cancellation requests must be sent to Sarah Neary at 319-688-4216 or Sarah.Neary@IowaCityHospice.org.

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