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Kangaroo/ camp-kangaroo-brochure—visit this website: florida/ or call 847-692-1000. November 11-12. For more information, please contact Seasons Hospice Foundation at 847-692-1000, ext. 4.

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Honor to Reach More Patients & Families Every Day, the Seasons Hospice Foundation is Growing

In July, Gabby (Gabrielle Two) joined us as the Vice President of Operations. With a strong background in operations, communication and fundraising for hospice organizations, Gabby will help us ensure that we provide comfort and lasting memories to our growing number of patients and families.

Gabby holds an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a BS in Psychology from The University of Illinois in Urbana. Gabby lives in Illinois with her two daughters, a super fan who enjoys replaying Game 7 of the 2016 World Series on a weekly basis. Go, Cubs, go!

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LEGACY: The Woods’ Fishing Legacy

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Support seasons hospice bereavement Support

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1. Hang a special ornament on the holiday tree to commemorate your loved one. This ornament can be something from the past which holds sentimental value or it can be a new ornament which best represents your loved one’s life.

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10 Ways to Honor Your Loved One during the Holidays

By Luisa Kront, LIMSW

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4. Cook your loved one’s favorite dish and serve it during the holiday times.

5. Drink a toast to your loved one at the beginning of dinner.

6. During dinner, take turns sharing favorite memories and telling stories about your loved one. Reminiscence can be therapeutic.

7. Visit your loved one’s gravestone. Decorate it with a wreath or grave blanket.

8. If you belong to a faith community, you can request the community to honor your loved one during a special remembrance service or through prayer.

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If you are finding it hard to cope, consider making your loved one’s favorite cookies and donate them to a shelter or nursing home or donate a holiday present to someone in need in their honor.

If it’s too hard to sit at a table together, opt to gather that time volunteering or doing something new and different. While you might still have your memories of grief and loss, hopefully, honoring old traditions and making new rituals will help you get through it.

Remember, there is no right or wrong with grief—especially during the holidays. If you need further assistance or ideas, please reach out to the Bereavement Specialist at your local Seasons Office.
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A wave of energy rolled over John and Carolyn as they made their way out across the dock. Once the perfect fishing spot was found, John slowly got up from his chair, shaking off the help nurse Patty was offering. He was determined to use his own back and teach Parker and Paisley how to do the same. Carolyn joined them, dropping her own line into the murky water sun. A nip here and then on the pole, an exclamation from Carolyn, a laugh from the kids, but no luck. Oh, it's fine; for nearly two hours!

But the trip wasn’t about catching fish; it was about making memories. Parker and Paisley couldn’t smile so long as they learned fishing tips from their real “pro.” Pa reminded the kids how important patience is in life, even outside of fishing. Granny reminded them to nurture their bond as siblings and always set aside quality time for family.

It was a quiet, reflective drive home, everyone was tired but filled with joy from the excursion. John and Carolyn couldn’t stop thanking our entire staff. They were thrilled, one last time, they were able to make a special moment for them.

More importantly, they were thankful that one of the last memories their great-grandchildren will have with them is a happy one. Their words, their actions and their love through this memory will stay with their family for a lifetime.

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When a loved one dies, it can be especially tough on children, many of whom are still struggling to understand life and death.

This is why it is so important for the Seasons Hospice Foundation, along with volunteers from Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, to provide bereavement support for the youngest members of our community.

Each year, Seasons offers "Camp Kangaroo" in various locations across the United States. This is a summer-camp environment with activities to help these children who are grieving. Here, children can journey through grief – and embrace life – in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

It is free of charge to children in the community who are grieving. Here, children can learn effective coping strategies, express their emotions and help them learn effective coping strategies.

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Fulfilling these final wishes makes a profound impact on the lives of our patients and families. Your generosity helps us to continue our mission. Thank you for your support!

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