



# VOICES

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## Volunteer Opportunities

If you're looking for a way to serve your community, consider the volunteering opportunities at Hope Hospice. Even the smallest gesture, such as reading to someone, makes a positive impact. We have both patient-facing and office/event jobs.

- ✓ Companionship visits
- ✓ Reading at the bedside
- ✓ Art therapy
- ✓ Music therapy
- ✓ Beside vigil
- ✓ Pet therapy
- ✓ Veteran to Veteran
- ✓ Photography
- ✓ Massage or reiki
- ✓ Cosmetology
- ✓ Event assistance
- ✓ And more!

To learn about the requirements and onboarding process, visit [HopeHospice.com/volunteer](https://www.hopehospice.com/volunteer), or call (925) 829-8770.

In general, volunteers must be age 18 or older for patient-facing (homecare) roles; ages 16 and 17 can be approved for these roles, but they require a trained adult chaperone at all times. ➤



## Donor Dollars Go Further With \$40k Match Offer

Throughout our 44-year history, philanthropic support has enabled us to develop outstanding community programs that complement our core work of hospice. Through bereavement support, family caregiver resources, dementia education, and volunteer services, we are able to assist patients and their families in ways beyond what most other hospice programs offer. None of this is possible without the generosity of community members who believe in our mission to provide care and support of the highest quality.

This fall, several anonymous donors have collectively offered to match every donation received up to \$40,000 through December 31. Please consider participating in this amazing opportunity to help us unlock these matching funds. Your donation of any amount will go a long way in boosting our continuing efforts to support the community. Here are a few ways that donations helped make an impact in our last fiscal year:

772 hospice patients  
cared for

942 hours of grief  
support provided

2,275 volunteer hours

Thank you for considering making a year-end gift to Hope Hospice. You can give online at [HopeHospice.com/donate](https://www.hopehospice.com/donate), or mail a check to 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin CA 94568. Questions? Call (925) 829-8770. ➤



Donations fund grief support and family caregiver programs

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO  
**A Year-end Challenge**

**O**ur late founder Richard “Dick” Martin shared with a local newspaper in 1979 that Hope’s purpose was to ensure families had every resource needed to care for their dying loved ones in the comfort of home. When hospice became a covered benefit under Medicare, guidelines were introduced to define what hospice programs should provide. The list of required services is

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rather short, though, to this day. Hope, however, is driven by a mission to provide hospice care and family support of the highest quality.

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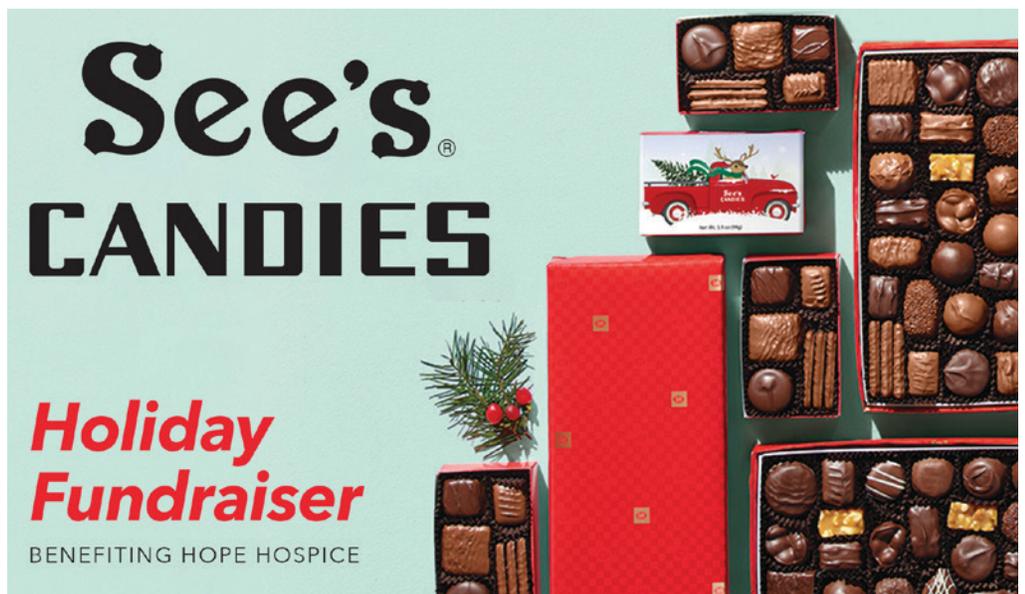
Hope is a leader in our region in dementia care education, family caregiver support, and

bereavement care—services that are funded by donations from people who value our vision of a thorough hospice program that prioritizes people over profits. **You have enabled us to grow outstanding supportive programs that make a heavy season of life feel a little lighter for families across the East Bay.**

Our programs are in demand now more than ever, and we need renewed funding to serve a growing audience. Please consider making a year-end gift within your means to help Hope

Hospice continue to be such a tremendous resource to our neighbors in the East Bay Area. ➔

**Jennifer Hansen**  
Chief Executive Officer



**T**reat yourself and your loved ones to holiday season sweets from See’s Candies and help raise support for Hope Hospice! The confectioner will donate a portion of sales made through December 1 to support our community programs and patient care needs. Orders start shipping November 10. Have your purchase sent to your home or directly to your recipient. Place orders only at [bit.ly/2023holidaysees](https://bit.ly/2023holidaysees). ➔

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Community-based and non-profit, Hope Hospice is accredited by The Joint Commission, certified by Medicare and Medi-Cal, and is a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and National Partnership for Hospice Innovation.

## 2023 Hike for Hope Results

Despite drizzly weather, nearly 850 supporters of Hope Hospice gathered at Del Valle Regional Park on May 6 for our annual Hike for Hope. An impressive 1,174 registrants committed to the fundraiser and helped raise \$153,000, but late-spring inclement weather deterred some families from attending the hike itself.

Unprecedented winter storms kept Del Valle Regional Park closed to the public for several preceding months. It was looking like we'd have to relocate or reschedule our event. Fortunately, park management gave us a last-minute green light. We're grateful to the team at Del Valle for helping us keep this tradition with only minor adjustments.

Lawn games were canceled, but the hike itself, a barbecue lunch sponsored by MCE Corp., and the silent auction continued undisturbed, save for light showers throughout the day. Kudos to **Team Sensiba** and **Fari Safinia**, the Top Fundraising Team (\$6,800) and Individual (\$1,500), respectively.

We offer special thanks to our sponsors at the Comfort Level and above: Graham-Hitch Mortuary, Heritage Bank of Commerce, Draexlmaier, Vigus & Miller Construction, MCE Corp., Hundal Companies, Premier Pharmaceutical Services, Pleasanton Emergency Medical Group, Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley, Kaiser Permanente, John Muir Health, Bradley Tanks, Country Builders Construction, Pro-Tek Manufacturing, Sansei Gardens, New Image Landscape, Tri-Valley Home Care, Bay Area Concretes, Skycam Aviation, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Provident Credit Union, and Northern California Nursing Academy. The 2024 hike is tentatively scheduled for May 4. Watch for updates at [TheHikeForHope.com](http://TheHikeForHope.com). Registration opens in early spring. ➔



## Fiscal 2022-2023 Grantors

Hope is deeply grateful to the businesses and organizations that support our mission by granting funds to support our programs and patient care needs. The following groups awarded grants to Hope in fiscal year 2022-2023.

City of Dublin

City of Pleasanton

Kiwanis Club of San Ramon

Lawrence Livermore Lab Foundation

Pleasanton Rotary Club

Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund

Rossmoor Rotary Foundation

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Sunstate Equipment Foundation

Sutter Bay Medical Foundation

Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance

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*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.*

— MAHATMA GHANDI





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## *What our Families Say*

Thank you for the support you provided during my father's hospice. Everyone was so helpful. I can't imagine going through this experience alone. It was difficult, but the Hope team made it bearable.

Hope Hospice is a gift from heaven. Having that help with my mom at the end of her life was such a comfort.

My dad's nurse went above and beyond. She was loving, patient, and attentive. She never acted like she was in a hurry to attend to other patients, even though we knew she had others depending on her. She is a rare gem of a person, and I'm so glad my dad was on the receiving end of her loving care.