



Aurora House News

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Of Special Note

Since Inception June 21, 2007

- # of Patients and their Families Served: 631
- Age Range: 6wks—103
- Avg. Length of Stay: 35 Days
- # of Cities served: 14

Oct 2015– May 2016

- # of Volunteers: 71
- # of Volunteer Groups: 0
- # of Volunteer Hours: 541

Since 2010

- 1185 Nursing Students have received training in Palliative Care at Aurora House

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Annual Luncheon Fun for All Run for the Roses

The Aurora House Administrative Professionals' Day Luncheon was held on April 27, 2016 at the Knapp Conference Center. Celebrating the 142nd running of the Kentucky Derby "the greatest two minutes in sports", guests were treated to delicious southern fare, beautiful fashions and a memorable afternoon.



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The event included a catered luncheon by Chef Roberto Torres; a Spring Style Show by Lionel's Western Wear and Wells of Weslaco; a great Silent Auction; and fabulous door prizes. Beautifully adorned Derby-styled hats were everywhere.

This is a major fundraiser for Aurora House and all sponsorships and donations are always so important since Aurora House does not receive any government funding. It relies solely on the generosity of our Mid-Valley community.

Committee Chairs included:
Chair: Kathy Scheuerman
Catering: Melanie Riley
Desserts: Mitty Reyna
Silent Auction: Melissa Beckwith
Style Show: Esperanza Garza
Tickets/Program: Yolanda Salinas
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Walk-A-Thon

Aurora House held its 7th Annual Walk-A-Thon for Health on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Harlon Block Sports Complex in Weslaco. Chairs were Yolanda Salinas and Jose Soto.

The Walk-A-Thon is a non-competitive awareness walk to familiarize the community about the importance of health and wellness, along with the services of Aurora House. Walkers who raised at least \$40 received a free T-shirt.

Diamond Sponsors: Donna Medical clinic, RGV Adult & Internal Medicine Specialists, PA, Mercedes Children's Clinic Mid-Valley Adult Specialists, PS, Justice Raul A. Gonzalez Elementary School.

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Memorials October 2015 to May 2016

Memorials

In Memory of **Fred McCaleb**

Jennifer N. Urcelay
Andy & Pam Scott
Atanacio Hinojosa Jr. & Gloria Hinojosa
Jack P. & Thelma R. Dyer
William T Jr. & Sally Roach
Virginia Janik

In Memory of **Ted Long**

Patricia Long

In Memory of **Ramiro Rodriguez Jr.**

Ramiro Rodriguez Sr.
Laura R. Cordova

In Memory of **Rene Escamilla**

Elva Escamilla

In Memory of **Juanita Volpe**

Alfred & Velma Dirks

In Memory of **Lynn Marie Hulme**

Loy D. Self

In Memory of **Juanita Volpe & Jose Aguilar**

Marguerite J. Wiegand
Jeanne L. Wiegand

In Memory of **Margaret Housely**

Camille J. Jones

In Memory of **Jesse Hall**

Mary Catherine Patty
Jane Grace Hall

In Memory of **Rufino Barron**

Ofelia G. Barron

In Memory of **Bill Summers**

William T Jr. & Sally Roach
Jo Summers

In Memory of **Eva Gonzalez Garza**

Soyla R. Gonzalez Ins. Agency

In Memory of **Derrick Heilman**

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Roach

In Memory of **Luis Hernandez (2012)**

Antonia Hernandez

In Memory of **Arthur C. Doyle**

Ms. Maryanne Doyle

In Memory of **Gertrude Nehr**

Dawn Sepulveda

In Memory of **Rafael Martinez**

Ms. Olivia Martinez

In Memory of **Nicolas Martinez**

Artemisa Martinez

In Memory of **Duane Crawford**

Arlene C. Crawford

In Memory of **Felipe Garcia**

Mr. Faustino Villanueva Jr.

In Memory of **Guadalupe Gonzalez**

Consuelo Gutierrez

In Memory of **Luis Hernandez Jr.**

Minerva Garza

In Memory of **Laura Lee Yocum**

Llano Grande Lake Park Church

In Memory of **Anastacio Sandoval**

Yesenia Bocanegra

In Memory of **Gayle Douglas**

Virginia Janik

In Memory of **Don Osborne**

Donald W. & Marianne A. Osborne

In Memory of **Maria D. J. Longoria**

Gumecinda T Gomez

In Memory of **Francisco Jaloma**

Gumecinda T Gomez

In Memory of **Eugene Henry**

Sheryl Henry & Family
Ms. Margaret A. Davenport

In Memory of **R. R. Cabaza, Jr.**

R. Cabaza III & C. Cabaza

In Memory of **Bernabe Contreras Sr.**

Ainslie Tatum

In Memory of **Jesus Covacevich**

ACC

In Memory of **Taurino Rodriguez**

Arnulfo & Maria Rodriguez

In Memory of **Richard Sondergard**

Ann Sondergard

In Memory of **Fernando Leal**

Robert Leal

In Memory of **Larry H. Rembold**

Alan & Kathy Scheuerman

In Memory of **John Wade**

Donald L. & Margaret C. Barnes



Memorials, Honorariums (cont.)

In Memory of
David Overfield
Marilyn Overfield

In Memory of
Robert Garza
Camille J. Jones
Alan & Kathy Scheuerman
Arthur Benton & Melissa Beckwith
Montalvo Ins. Agency
Monse & Norma Montalvo
Jones, Galligan, Key & Lozano
Mrs. Liselotte Pinkerton
Frost Bank-Officers & Directors
Mr. & Mrs. James Williams
Loretta Barbee
Robert & Virginia Janik
Scott & Rita Jenkins

In Memory of
Noble Allen
Jones, Galligan, Key & Lozano,
L.L.P.
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Vaughan
Ray & Lowery Dyer
Don & Becky McDaniel
James R & Vickie Wilt

In Memory of
Bob Quirk
Montalvo Ins. Agency
Ramon Montalvo

In Memory of
J. R. Wade
The Eilers
Anna & Al Smith
Dial M. Dunkin & Associates
Michael Trevino
Donna & Matt Colley
Charles & Elain Luza
Diane & Jonathan Wiener
Denise & Andrew Fawcett
Mrs. Liselotte Pinkerton
Terry Minor
Fanny & Buddy Ross
Austin E. & Beverly A. Sterling II
Marian Sturgeon
James A Wade
Catholic Daughters of Americas
Bennie & Charles Thompson
Jayne Tavenner & The Special Pro-
grams Dept.

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James R & Vickie Wilt
J. R. Wade Farms Inc.
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Joe & Linda Aranda
Ms. Carolyn Heldt
Mr. & Mrs. W. R. & Sharon Jones
Marvin & Bonnie Schwarz Family
Jerome L. Ledwig
Jerome L Ledwig/ExxonMobil Foun-
dation: Retiree Matching Gift Pro-
gram

In Memory of
David Bannister
Sylvia & Thomas Burke

In Memory of
Charles Layman
Fred & Betty Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Roach

In Memory of
Mrs. Leona Key
J D Key

In Memory of
Jake Boultinghouse
Teresa Mize, Patsy Patterson,
Chantel Bellamy
Majors Family
Ned & Jean J. Cole

In Memory of
Jean Mullere
Robert & Sherre Odom

In Memory of
Douglas Brundige
W. R. & J. Ronyck
Mr. & Mrs. James Williams
Virginia D. Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Vickie & James Wilt
Richard & Freddy Vaughan
Loretta Barbee
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Judith Kotrola
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Robert & Billie Vanderveer
Walter & Sherry Thompson
The Sturgis Family
Atanacio Jr. & Gloria Hinojosa
Mary Anne Parker
Mrs. Margaret J. Whitley
Patti & Larry Dittburner
Martin C. and Beth W. Masso
Robert & Virginia Janik
M. A. Brundige
Jackie P. & Thelma R. Dyer

In Memory of
Ann Fletcher
W. R. & J. Ronyck

In Memory of
Richard A. Nelson
Dot & Clarence Wagner & Tommy
Stanford

In Memory of
Evangelina Fuentes
Santiago Fuentes

In Memory of
Victor Zamora
Rios of Mercedes Anderson Bean
Boot Co.
Anderson Bean Boot Co., Inc.

In Memory of
Jack White
Loretta Barbee

In Memory of
Dr. Marvin D. Heilman
Norman & Erroyn Anthony
Ann Edwards & Family
Richard & Freddy Vaughan
Miriam Namken
Fred & Betty Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Roach
Loretta Barbee
John Allen
Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Wiegand

In Memory of
Jack Tate
Richard & Freddy Vaughan

In Memory of
Baltazar Garcia
Richard & Freddy Vaughan

Memorials, Honorariums (cont.)

In Memory of
Rebecca Reyes Garcia
Sylvia & Robert Caballero

In Memory of
Adolfo Acevedo
Burton Companies Vaughan Interest,
Inc.

In Memory of
Glenn Brady
Richard & Freddy Vaughan
Burton Companies Vaughan Interest,
Inc.

In Memory of
William (Bill) Schnabel
Kathryn A. Bertaccini
Eileen Schnabel
Louise Richards

In Memory of
Maria A. Noyola
Michaela Koert
Johnny Aranda

In Memory of
Teodoro H. Garcia
Aurora C. Garcia

In Memory of
Kathy Emanuel
Donna M. Packer
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kubalsky

In Memory of
Bob L. Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Lowery Dyer
Richard & Freddy Vaughan
Pat White
Randy Summers
Patti & Larry Dittburner
Enrique Garza, Sr. & Leticia Garza

In Memory of
**Rita Bernadette "Bunny"
D'Hemecourt**
Charles E. Thompson, Jr.

In Memory of
Charles Robert Jackson
Charles Dowling

In Memory of
Patricio Briones
Rachel Briones

In Memory of
Donald E. Matthews
Karen Macking & Kenneth G.
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In Memory of
Joe Harren
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In Memory of
Debbie Kennedy
The Ladies Elks Auxiliary of Weslaco

In Memory of
Katherine Emanuel
Cleveland & Sandra Whatley

In Memory of
Keneth Haugen
Joan D. Roets

In Memory of
Faustina Villarreal
Mary Alice Gonzalez

Honorariums

In Honor of

Olga Martinez
Olivia F. Wright
Antonio Cavazos
Dinora Cavazos
93rd Birthday of Ralph Rydl
Mr. & Mrs. Orin J Anderson
Belen Diaz
Mercedes Diaz
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Rodriguez Family
Rebecca Garcia
Garcia Family
Teodoro H. Garcia, Sr.
Third Coast CrossFit Family
Antonia Garza
Jesus Garza
Arturo Posada, Sr.
Arturo Posada Sr.

Memorial Garden Pavers

In Memory of

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Samuel Martinez
Lynn Marie Hulme
Loy D. Self
Lilia P. Tamez
Norma Tamez-Lopez
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Dorthea Jean Kirsch
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Memorial Garden Bench

In Memory of

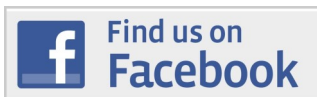
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Aurora House recognizes dying as part of the normal process of living and focuses on respect and compassion in preparation for death. Its mission is to provide care for persons in the last phase of incurable disease, so they can approach death with dignity, comfort and peace.

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News and Notes

Dearest members of the Aurora House Family,

It has been my great privilege and pleasure to serve as the Executive Director of Aurora House for nearly eight years. I began here working primarily with the wonderful caregivers, volunteers, patients, and their family members and visitors. Over the years, my job has become much more administrative, taking me away from the work I truly love. As I approach retirement, I am returning to the position and work at Aurora House that I find most gratifying.

I have truly enjoyed helping to lead this amazing team in developing Aurora House into what it has become. Our community knows Aurora House as a safe, clean, and welcoming place for terminally ill patients and their loved ones. And now we can serve so many more.

We have doubled the capacity of our care facility and built a state-of-the-art education building. Many brilliant medical professionals and educators have worked to initiate and enhance our palliative care education program that other facilities around the nation want to duplicate.

We have developed local and national partnerships that can help us achieve our goals. I never dreamed that I would become a construction manager, a nursing teacher, or an accountant, but I've enjoyed filling these roles and meeting these challenges.

I am going to enjoy working again with the caregivers and patients. I am leaving my administrative duties in the capable hands of Mr. Richard Barr. He really likes that sort of work! Rick comes to us with many years of experience. He has a background as a Pastor, Home Director and for the past 10 years as a Human Resource Director.

I'm still here to give what I can to Aurora House as the Caregiving Director. Please continue to support our mission, and I invite you to visit us and to volunteer.

Yours always,
Kathy Scheuerman