



Aurora House News

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Of Special Note

Since Inception June 21, 2007

- # of Patients and their Families Served: 238
- Age Range: 17—97
- Avg. Length of Stay: 27 Days
- # of Cities served: 13

Nov 2010—Feb 2011

- # of Volunteers: 61
- # of Volunteer Groups: 3
- # of Volunteer Hours: 402

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STC Students Finish Training

Eighty-nine students complete rotation at AH

Dear Dr. Rafael Rodriguez & Aurora House Staff:

THANK-YOU so much for the opportunity you have afforded our 4th level students to experience hospice-palliative care. As an RN advocating for people in the end-of-life in the Rio Grande Valley, I truly cannot thank you enough. You have blessed me!

To quote a couple students:

"What I enjoyed most about this experience was how passionate & devoted every member of the patient's care team seemed to be about what they were trying to achieve for the patient – Comfort & Compassion"

"I was exposed to a type of care that I had never been exposed to and I learned a lot about providing comfort for terminal patients."

Eight students expressed a desire to become hospice/palliative nurses in the future.

Without this experience they might never have realized this desire!

Sincerely,
Chelan M. Williams, RN, MSN,
FNP-BC
ADN Faculty, NAH
South Texas College



Memorial Garden

*Losing a loved one is never easy.
To comfort those of us left behind,
we offer a lovely way to pay tribute*

The southwest area of the backyard has been designated as the site for our lovely **Memorial Garden**. A winding walkway flanked by cypress trees, hedges and seasonal flowers will be enjoyed for years to come by patients and their family members.

There are several ways to support Aurora House by honoring or remembering a loved one and to celebrate their life.

You may purchase commemorative pavers or garden features.

Engraved pavers 4"x8"-\$50; 8"x8"-\$100; 12" x 12"-\$150. Christ Bust \$500, Bronze Angel \$5,000.



***In Memory of
Horace "Hank" Edgley***
Jeannette Edgley

In Memory of Charlie Sutton
Larry & Patti Dittburner
Siesta Village, Inc.

In Memory of Hector Farias
Larry & Patti Dittburner
Siesta Village, Inc.

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Kally Vick Thompson***
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In Memory of Margery Payne
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In Memory of Ramona Reyes
Gloria Longoria

In Memory of Mark Schwarz
Robert & Margaret McAllen

Luncheon Celebrates A Royal Wedding

This year's annual Aurora House Luncheon honoring Administrative Assistants will be held Wednesday, April 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Knapp Conference Center in Weslaco.

The style show will feature a tribute to the upcoming *Royal Wedding* taking place later this month.

Attendees will also be treated to a seated luncheon, silent auction, and door prizes. All money raised will benefit patient care at the Aurora House.

Members of the public are also most welcome to attend.

This year's luncheon is the fourth

annual event for Weslaco's Aurora House, a non-profit, 501(c) 3 facility licensed to care for the terminally ill. Designed to provide compassionate, end-of-life care, Aurora House offers patient care in a home-like atmosphere through trained community volunteers and a staff of nursing assistants.

Event Chairs are: Rhonda Garza and Patti Dittburner.

Table sponsorships may be purchased:

Diamond Partner \$5,000 (two tables/16 guests);
Gold Partner \$1,000 (1 table/8 tickets);



Silver Partner \$500 (4 tickets);
Bronze Partner \$250 (2 tickets).

Individual tickets are available at \$50 per person.

Anyone interested should call the Aurora House at (956)973-9690

Memorials November 2010—February 2011

***In Memory of
Evelyn Louise Boultinghouse***
Anthony & Dotty Brunnemann
Carolyn Davis

In Memory of Vicente Alvarado
Sara L. Barnes
Margaret J. Praegitzer
Gerry & Josephine Richerson

***In Memory of
Charles Walther Brown***
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Nicolas Cadena***
Elena Cadena

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Maria B. Castillo***
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Gustavo Cavazos***
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Memorials and Honorariums (continued from page 3)

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November 2010 - February 2011

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 Thanks to Ryan Vaughan and Smokin' on the Rio for donating a truck load of leftover sodas and water. AH is grateful to be remembered!

Children's Christmas Party

The Caregiver's Children were treated to a Christmas party on December 16.

Rhonda Garza organized this fun event and was assisted by Norma Montalvo who furnished a festive cake.

Each child received a gift purchased from Gift Cards donated by TJ Max.

A delightful time was had by children and adults alike.



Smily and Sidney Salinas



Alberto Calderon Jr., Jodi Cruz and Angel Calderon

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Please! Call us with your email address
and we will email your newsletter — It will be in
color and will save Aurora House po\$tage!!!



*Special Care Facility for
End of Life Care*

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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donations via Pay Pal!
Call AH for details and
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(956)973-9690**

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