2017 “Share the Spirit” Education Retreat

Welcome Jan Turner & Willow Sweeney

We are excited to welcome Jan Turner and Willow Sweeney to the stage as our keynote speakers for “Share the Spirit 2017.” The fall educational retreat will take place on September 20 at the Assembly of God Church in Willmar.

Turner will kick start our morning session with “Finding Inspiration in the Trials.” Courage and determination are words that could accurately describe her even before she underwent quadruple amputation surgery in 1989. Turner holds a degree in Education and Speech Communication from the University of Minnesota and St. Cloud State University.

Sweeney will be taking the stage for our afternoon sessions entitled “Living Above the Line.” Sweeney is co-founder of Top 20 Training that provides training and empowers leaders, teachers, parents and students to develop their potential. She and her Top 20 team have trained over 600,000 leaders throughout the US, and their work with businesses and companies focuses on developing more effective workplace teams and cultures.

The doors will open for registration at 8am! (Sorry, no early birds!) For additional registration forms, visit the Rice Hospice website at www.ricehospice.com. Click under “News & Events” to download your brochure. To ensure your reservation, please return your registration form prior to September 15. A simple map to the Willmar Assembly of God Church is listed to the right—located south of Willmar by Hennen Furniture on Hwy 71. The address for the Willmar Assembly of God Church is 3821 Abbott Drive.
Happy 20th Anniversary

Camp GK Bear

WHAT IS CAMP GK BEAR?

Camp GK Bear is a one day camp for children, Grades K-6, who have experienced the death of a significant person in their life. The camp combines activities such as art and music with grief education and support.

Each child has the opportunity to remember their loved one, connect with other children who have experienced loss, and enjoy a positive and educational camp experience.

WHAT DO WE DO AT CAMP?

Campers learn positive ways to express their emotions through creative exercises and recreational activities which may include:
- Arts/crafts
- Books/videos
- Small group discussion
- Music

I WANT TO VOLUNTEER!

Contact Deb VanBuren at Rice Hospice, 320.231.4433, or email deb.vanburen@rice.willmar.mn.us.

CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to make the grief camp experience a positive one for the kids. It is our goal to match each child with a volunteer that will work with them one-on-one during the activities and small group discussions.

Volunteers will be asked to come an hour early for a brief overview of the day and simple last minute instructions.

One volunteer noted, “What a great day this has been! I think I received as much from the camp as my student did!” This can be a rewarding and fun experience.

We would like to invite volunteers who have helped with Camp GK Bear in the past 20 years to our celebration on October 7. The ceremony will take place in the Rice Memorial Hospital Memorial Garden at approximately 2:15pm. We would like to recognize you as we celebrate 20 years! Please call Cheri at 231-4450 to RSVP for this special event!
Pillow Cases for Veterans

A Day for Sewing: Friday, September 15

It may surprise you that 1,650 veterans die each day. At Rice Hospice it is our desire to provide care and support to our veteran patients and families that reflect the contributions they have made on our behalf.

Rice Hospice hosts ceremonies to recognize our Veteran patients to thank them for their military efforts. They receive an American flag pin, certificate of appreciation, and gifts to thank them for their service to our country including blankets & pillow cases.

Two of our Rice Hospice volunteers, Evy Hatjistilianos and Carol Benson, have been making these pillow cases for patients for the past few years. They are then presented as gifts to the veteran and their family on behalf of the volunteers. They could use some additional help as we are serving more and more Veteran patients. We are planning a “Sewing Day” on Friday, September 15th. You are welcome to come with an iron, sewing machine, scissors, pins and any other items that will help you make these cases of patriotic colors and fabrics. Evy and Carol will be on site to coordinate things beginning at 10am in the Rice Hospice break room.

We hope you are able to join in the fun as we coordinate a group effort to sew gifts of love and thanks for our Veteran patients. If you have any other questions call Evy at 320-894-9439—especially if you plan to bring a sewing machine as she’d like to talk to you about thread, etc.

We hope you are able to join in the fun! If you can sew, iron, cut fabric or just chat—you are invited to come join in the fun on Friday, September 15 beginning at 10am.

SOUPS ON!

BEST LUNCH IN TOWN – SEPTEMBER 29

Ortonville/Graceville will be hosting their annual Soup & Salad Luncheon for Rice Hospice on Friday, September 29. Turkey noodle soup, chili, breads and a variety of salads will be served from 11am to 1pm at the First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville. Please join the volunteers, staff, and community advisory board members for their 23rd Annual Benefit Luncheon! A freewill donation will be taken for the O-G satellite.

Hope to see you there—and come hungry!
**Fall Memorial Service**

A fall Memorial Service is being planned for Thursday, October 19. The Memorial Service is designed to recognize and remember the Rice Hospice patients who were served during the past six months ending September 30, 2017.

The services will begin at 4pm at the following locations:

**Willmar**—Bethel Lutheran Church (Team A patients)

**Ortonville**—First English Lutheran Church (Team B patients)

Volunteers, staff and families are encouraged to participate. You are welcome to invite loved ones you have worked with, if appropriate. It is a special way to honor the memory of our patients, and to bring you and the family members together again. We hope you will be able to come. If you are able to make bars, greet, serve or provide special music, please contact Rice Hospice.

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**HEALING HEARTS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

**Fall Sessions Beginning in September**

It can be difficult after you’ve lost a loved one or Hospice patient through death. Sharing your feelings and fears in a supportive environment can help you with the grieving process.

A series of six grief support group meetings are being organized in **Willmar** beginning September 11 in the Rice Hospice Conference Room. A second group will also be meeting in **Granite Falls** at the Granite Falls Manor beginning September 13.

If you know of a family who could benefit from this type of support, we ask that you would invite them to participate. Support groups are led by Rice Hospice staff and there is no charge to participate. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one through death. The groups will continue to meet weekly through mid-October from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. For more information or to participate, please call Judie Dunlop or Jo Boraas before Friday, September 1 (320.231.4450), or download a registration form at [www.ricehospice.com](http://www.ricehospice.com).

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**Bereavement “Chat”**

We have had a busy summer and it doesn’t look like it will be slowing down any time soon. In August we had bereavement training/education in Willmar, Ortonville and Granite Falls where we reviewed the bereavement program and the role of the volunteer. There is no set way to grieve and so none of our bereaved are exactly the same. It sounds like this can be a challenge, but also a great learning experience. Many of the bereavement volunteers say that they take away a lot of learning from each visit they make. We have a special bunch of bereavement volunteers and I am so grateful for them!

We also reviewed a few videos regarding grief, loss and listening, as well as TED talks. They are available online—just let Deb or me know if you are interested in any of these and we can forward the links to you.

Again, we are so thankful for our committed bereavement volunteers. We do have an immediate need for additional bereavement volunteers in the Granite Falls satellite—so if you are interested in learning more, just give Deb or myself a call.

**Until next time—Amanda Pauling, SW & Bereavement Coordinator**
**Rice Hospice Volunteer Training Coming Soon!**

YOU are our best advertising!

Did you know that 27 percent of those who attend volunteer training at Rice Hospice have been invited by a current volunteer? As current volunteers, you have the ability to share your experiences with the people within your circle of influence. More than likely they have a similar heart as you and would be excellent people to consider taking the Rice Hospice volunteer training this fall!

We will be hosting our fall volunteer training this fall on **Monday, October 2, and Wednesday, October 4.** The objectives of this two-day training session are to describe the hospice concept of care, introduce the role of the volunteer, and to explore the interdisciplinary team concept. We have a variety of speakers and the days go very quickly as we give an overview to the prospective volunteers of what it’s like to work with our patients at end of life.

A copy of the training agenda and registration information will be available at our website ([www.ricehospice.com](http://www.ricehospice.com)). We were blessed to add 8 new volunteers during our spring training and hope to double that this fall! **Photos of a few of them are included below.**

So help us promote this great learning opportunity as we continue to need volunteers in ALL of our Rice Hospice satellite locations!

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**SAVE THE DATES!**

**September 15 & 16**

- Canine Temperament Testing

**September 20**

- Share the Spirit Retreat
- Willmar Assembly of God

**September 29**

- Ortonville Soup & Salad Luncheon

**October 2 & 4**

- Rice Hospice Volunteer Training

**October 7**

- Camp GK Bear 20th Anniversary Celebration

**October 7 & 8**

- Level 2 Healing Touch
- With Dana Spates

**October 19**

- Fall Memorial Services
- Ortonville & Willmar

**October 20—22**

- Canine University

**November 3**

- Dawson Chili Luncheon

**November 16**

- November Education
- National Hospice Month
  - 3:00—Montevideo
  - 6:30—Willmar
Canine Care for the Journey
A PROGRAM FROM RICE HOSPICE

Fri Sept 15 & Sat Sept 16
Pet Temperament Evaluations -
40 minute appointments

Mon Oct 2 & Wed Oct 4
Hospice Volunteer Training

Fri Oct 20 - Sun Oct 22
Canine Training and AKC Certification

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Email: Deb.VanBuren@rice.willmar.mn.us

If you and your dog are looking for an opportunity to truly make a difference, consider becoming a trained pet therapy volunteer. Once trained, you and your registered therapy dog will visit patients to provide comfort and companionship. Please call to set up a 40 minute appointment for a temperament evaluation Sept 15th or 16th. Visit ricehospice.com to view first-hand what current Rice Hospice volunteers have to say about their experience.
Canine Education with Molly Johnson
Join Us On September 14

It’s literally and figuratively the dog days of summer at Rice Hospice as we promote our pet therapy program to handlers interested in getting their pet involved in this exciting complimentary therapy. But we would also like to include an educational opportunity to our current pet handlers while Molly is here with us in September!

On Thursday, September 14, Molly Johnson will be hosting an educational class from 6 to 7:30 pm. Molly has written new curriculum and has entitled the class “My Dog Loves Visiting . . . Or Does He” Ethical Considerations for Therapy Dog Work.”

The class is for the handlers only and will be held in the Board Room at Rice Memorial Hospital—located just off the elevators on the lower level of the hospital.

Call 231-4450 to RSVP if you are able to attend. We’d hate to miss a chance to learn from the best—Ms. Molly Johnson!

BIKING & GOLFING RAISE FUNDS & AWARENESS FOR RICE HOSPICE

Two summer past-times, cycling and golfing, were able to raise funds and awareness for the Rice Hospice program this summer, through the efforts of the 23rd Annual Heinie & Dan Ridler Golf Tournament (Willmar satellite), and “Ride for Rice Hospice” (Benson satellite).

Together, these two successful events raised more than $12,000 for Rice Hospice! We are humbled and appreciative for those who are willing to coordinate and participate in these awesome fundraising activities! It is because of the generous hearts and giving of so many of you that we are able to provide the care our patients and families deserve during their end-of-life journey!
**Rice Hospice**

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Rice Hospice: “Care for the Journey”