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A Place For Remembering



Lou and John Furrer

Lou and John Furrer knew they wanted to leave a part of their legacy with the VNA Hospice House. Walking along the property's memorial brick pavers a few years back, John was struck with inspiration. Taking in the serene, tree-shaded area near the lake, John began to imagine a place for families and friends to have a moment of serenity in honoring their loved ones. This August, 'A Place For Remembering' tribute area was completed.

"We were some of the original donors to the Hospice House, helping to launch the project. Since that time, we have had many friends spend their last days there," John said. "We think it is a wonderful place to spend your last days, and we wanted to continue to support the house in any way we could."

The focal point of the tribute area is a calming fountain, uniquely constructed of historical parts used by sugar plantations during the 19th century. The bowl-like base of the fountain is a 100-gallon syrup kettle used to extract sugar cane. The upper disc of the fountain is a 900-pound runner millstone used to grind grain into flour. Creatively displayed, the eclectic water feature provides a

calming atmosphere among black, granite plaques displaying messages of commemoration for loved ones.

"It is a peaceful place for remembering," Lou, John's wife added, as John talked of the benches and seating areas incorporated into the structure for loved ones to take time to reflect.

In addition to the Furrers, several key community members brought the tribute area to fruition. Past VNA board member, Tony Donadio, owner of Donadio & Associates Architecture, worked with the Furrers to design the structure. Bill Bryant & Associates, Inc. constructed the area, and Mark Feldner Etchings is responsible for the sleek memorial plaques. The Civic Committee of the Garden Club of Indian River County worked with D.I.G.G. Gardens to provide the plantings surrounding the memorial area.



Newly constructed "A Place For Remembering" at VNA Hospice House

'A Place For Remembering' will officially be dedicated at VNA's Hospice House this October. If you are interested in purchasing a memorial plaque, please contact Michelle Deschane at VNA & Hospice Foundation office at 772.978.5568 for more information.

VNA's Golf-A-Thon exceeds fundraising goal

Twelve golf pros came together May 8th at Vero Beach Country Club to volunteer for the VNA & Hospice Foundation's 27th Annual Golf-A-Thon. Each golf pro, representing a local country club, committed to play approximately 135 holes throughout the day. Over 1400 club members and community advocates made donations in support of these pros, resulting in a record breaking amount of \$337,000 raised to benefit home health, hospice and community wellness services for local residents who are un- or under-insured and without the financial resources to care for themselves.

"It's a privilege to be included in Golf-A-Thon," responded Vero Beach Country Club Head Golf Pro, Randy Hedgecock, when asked why he feels it is important to take part in the event. "I have played in all of them except the first one, and you really gain insight into the cause you are supporting. Often I hear from members and people in the community who have used VNA services. They say the people at VNA are angels."

Local golf clubs represented were: Pointe West Country Club, Windsor Club, The Moorings Yacht & Country Club, Bent Pine Golf Club, John's Island Club, Indian River Club, Quail Valley Golf Club, Grand Harbor Club, Sandridge Golf Club, Riomar Country Club, Orchid Island Golf Club and event host, Vero Beach Country Club.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, committee members, golf pros and supporters for your incredible stewardship and commitment of ensuring all members of our community have access to quality wellness services!



Jennie Hadsell, Kerry Bartlett, Stephanie Walworth, Angie Booth



Golf-A-Thon Shootout



Sue Tompkins, Kathie Pierce, Ann Marie McCrystal, Kerry Bartlett, Colleen Bonner, Emily Sherwood, Sara Connors, Carole Finck



2017 Golf Pros

Uniting a community through spirit of giving

The act of giving brings a community together, and we are blessed to live in a town where the spirit of charity and philanthropy is vibrant among its residents, businesses and organizations.

When John's Island Real Estate Company purchased Indian River Community Foundation Giving Cards for every resident in their neighborhood, it exemplified this sentiment. The Indian River Community Foundation's Giving Cards act like retail gift cards; however, they can be redeemed to benefit any charity. This generosity empowered John's Island residents to make an impact on our local population. A portion of those residents chose the VNA as the recipient of the Giving Cards, some of whom were new donors to the VNA. The Foundation board of directors is grateful to them for entrusting the organization to fulfill their philanthropic goals.

Because of the collaboration between John's Island Real Estate and the Indian River Community Foundation, new partnerships have formed with the shared interest of creating a stronger community for all. Thank you for being engaged and for the incredible work you do to help others!

Donors provide critical medication for home health patient



Like many after a hospital stay, Stephen Pulchaski required a nurse to oversee his recuperation at home. However, Stephen does not have the resources to pay for home health services, and the care and medication he needs to get healthier can only be supplied through the support of donors. Suffering from liver damage, his health needs to be closely monitored to avoid unnecessary rehospitalization.

Stephen's nurse, Roy Kain, tracks his progress and reminds him to take his medication, which was purchased through the Patient Needs Fund. "I'm feeling stronger and doing better," Stephen reported. "Roy always asks, 'Are you taking your water pills?' Yes, I say, I take them every night."

Stephen reports his health and quality of life has taken a turn for the better due to the access of vital care and medication he now has. He recognizes this progress is possible because of our donors who understand that everyone in our community deserves good healthcare. "I appreciate your support in my time of need," Stephen expressed. "I appreciate it with my whole heart what you guys have done for me. I really do."

The Patient Special Needs Fund gives patients like Stephen an opportunity to receive the tools they need to get healthier. Gifts to this fund allows the VNA to carry out its tradition of never turning a patient away due to their ability to pay.

Wish List

The VNA & Hospice Foundation seeks contributions to support ongoing priorities:

Patient Special Needs Fund

Provides necessary resources such as medication and equipment for patients who cannot pay for these items. Without this assistance, these patients would not receive the tools they need to get healthier.

Lifeline Alert System: \$47 mo.

Lifeline is an alert system that can help you or a loved one remain independent and possibly avoid a retirement home by sending help fast in the event of a fall, fire, CO₂ gas poison or home invasion emergencies.

Party Pals Program: \$10 ea.

This volunteer-run program celebrates birthdays and anniversaries of hospice patients. The volunteers create handmade greeting cards and purchase party supplies such as balloons, special treats and decorations to truly make the festivities memorable for patients and their families.

To support any of these programs, please make your check payable to the VNA and Hospice Foundation and include a note as to the specific designation of your gift. We will use the gift as you intend. If you have questions, please call Michelle Deschane at 978.5568. Thank you!



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Board member profile



Karen Schivelbein

Karen's professional background includes business development, financial analysis, risk management and accounting. She has served as chief financial officer for Blue Cross of

California, Blue Shield of California and United Behavioral Health before becoming the chief operating officer of Spectera UnitedHealthcare Dental from which she retired in 2007.

Earning a Bachelor of Science degree in General Management and Accounting from Purdue, Karen went on to achieve a CPA Certification from the State of Illinois, an MBA in marketing and finance from Northwestern University. Locally, she is a member of Indian River Impact 100 and the Quail Valley Charity Cup Executive Committee.



Stacy Kenyon

Stacy is a senior trust officer and senior vice president for U.S. Trust. She is a member of the Indian River County Estate Planning Council, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section and the

Tax Section of the Florida Bar.

Stacy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Florida, a Juris Doctor degree from Stetson University College of Law and a Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Florida College of Law. She is a member of the VNA & Hospice Foundation Planned Giving Advisory Council, Junior League of Indian River and has previously served as a board member for the Indian River County Bar Association and Exchange Club of Vero Beach.

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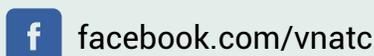


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