

# The Hospice of East Texas Foundation



Fundraising for The Hospice of East Texas, including receipt of bequests, is done through The Hospice of East Texas Foundation. The Hospice of East Texas Foundation is a nonprofit entity whose mission is to serve as the fundraising arm and to manage the endowment assets of The Hospice of East Texas.

Inquiries regarding bequests should be directed to Nancy Lamar, Vice President of Community Relations, The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas, 75701, 903-266-3400. We are happy to work with you and your advisor to tailor the language of your bequest to meet your specific interests and accomplish your personal objectives.

## The New Year... A Season to Plan

This new year may be an ideal time to revisit your plans and consider the future in ways that will benefit you, your loved ones and the causes you care about. Your attorney and other advisors can assist you in assuring that your plans fully meet your objectives. As always, we will be pleased to assist you in any way.



# Seasons

*a time  
to plan...*



## Ways to give.

Once your loved ones have been provided for, there are a number of ways to include The Hospice of East Texas in your estate plans:



- Naming The Hospice of East Texas Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- Naming The Hospice of East Texas Foundation as a beneficiary of an IRA or other retirement plan
- Naming The Hospice of East Texas Foundation as a beneficiary of a bank account, savings or investment account
- Giving stocks / securities
- Giving real assets such as real estate

*Every gift is important to The Hospice of East Texas. Donations, memorial gifts, bequests, and gifts of all kinds insure that the unique care Hospice offers is available to every patient and family, regardless of their financial circumstances.*

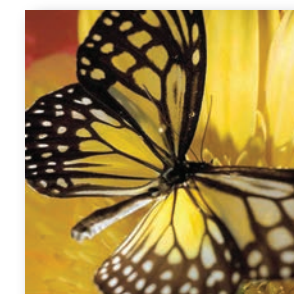


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*Extraordinary care, compassion and commitment.*

## Planning makes a difference.



*You spend each day touching the lives of those closest to you. You share laughter, smiles, tears and trials, but together you work through life building lasting relationships and honoring your commitments. With thoughtful planning, you can impact the lives of many who come after you as well. By creating a will and estate plan, you can provide for the ones you care most about, and also leave a legacy of giving for causes that you believe in.*



Only 30 to 40 percent of Americans have a will or estate plan. Do you? If not, perhaps you think you don't need one because your estate is too small or because you're only going to leave your bequests to family members. You need to know that the state and its statutes will govern what happens to your estate if you do not leave specific instructions. A will is essential to customizing your bequests to family members and following your wishes to meet their needs.

If you are considering giving any of your estate to a charity, a will also makes that possible. Beneficiaries outside of your family cannot receive gifts from your estate unless you specify them in your estate plans. Take a moment to consider what you have to give... it might surprise you! Remember that every dollar matters to valuable work like that of The Hospice of East Texas, so your gift does not have to be "large" to make a difference.

# The Evelyn Lake Society

*The Evelyn Lake Society was created to pay tribute to those who have a vision for the future.*



In 1981, Mrs. Evelyn Lake visited a friend in Arizona and saw first-hand what hospice care could mean to patients and families at a difficult time in their lives. Determined that her own community should have the same services, Mrs. Lake became the catalyst for the creation of The Hospice of East Texas when she shared her vision with community leaders and enlisted the support of The Junior League of Tyler.

The Evelyn Lake Society was created to pay tribute to those who have a vision for the future, as Mrs. Lake did. Its members are generous friends who have made a commitment to The Hospice of East Texas through their estate plans. By naming The Hospice of East Texas as the beneficiary of a gift through bequests, trust agreements, life insurance, retirement accounts or other planned gifts, members of The Evelyn Lake Society insure that we will be able to provide our caring services to all who need them for years to come.

Making a gift through your estate to The Hospice of East Texas enables you to create a legacy of care for all East Texans. There are no membership fees or minimum gift amounts to join the society. The size of your gift is entirely your choice and is kept strictly confidential.

If you have included The Hospice of East Texas in a bequest or other planned gift, we hope you will let us know. Your willingness to be listed as a member of The Evelyn Lake Society encourages others to follow your example. If you prefer to remain anonymous, be assured we will honor your wishes.

# Estha Fitch Nowlin

was a dynamic woman with a servant's heart.



*A volunteer's heart, and a lifetime of ministry, lives on even today...*

After a successful career as one of the first women managers at the Houston offices of Allstate Insurance, Estha devoted herself and her considerable energies to full-time volunteer work. First in Houston, and then in Tulsa, OK, where her husband, Ed, had been transferred, Estha volunteered with the Juvenile Detention Center, the American Red Cross, and the American Heart Association. For twenty years, she devoted herself to the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., working with women's ministries to encourage women to be better leaders in their lives, in the church, in business and in their families. Estha had a special place in her heart for Native American women and found diversity, in all its forms, to be a cause for great celebration.

When her beloved Ed was cared for by a hospice in Tulsa, Estha volunteered there as well, in gratitude for the excellent care they received during Ed's illness. After Ed's death, Estha moved to Tyler to be closer to family and became acquainted with The Hospice of East Texas. What a privilege it was for The Hospice of East Texas to care for Estha in the last months of her life, sharing in her joy as the women she had mentored and encouraged in their lives, their spiritual journeys and their careers came to Tyler from all over the country to say good-bye.

Estha Nowlin's estate plan reflected the causes she held dear, with bequests going to many of the organizations she had supported during her lifetime, including The Hospice of East Texas. In recognition of her gift to the The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, Estha is listed as a member of the Evelyn Lake Society, in gratitude for her generosity and her servant's heart.

# Love Note

from Joyce Webb

*A special note from a dear Hospice family.*



*To all the Sweetest, Greatest People on Earth who helped me with the deepest devotion and going above and beyond to take care of my precious husband, R.W. Webb:*

*We started with you guys when R.W. had a major heart attack in June of 2011 on top of the COPD. He came home from Louis and Peaches Owen Hospital at Mother Frances with Alice Gracey, RN – and what a team and what a blessing. He was able to get off service, and we made one more trip in the big bus only because of the excellent care Hospice provided.*

*We had to come back to you guys in August because R.W. had failed so. We got all our old team back except, of course, we got a new nurse, Mary Wright, and what an angel she was to us.*

*I love all of our team; Alice, Mary, Liz, and Vic and our oxygen delivery guys just like family.*

*Thanks so much,  
Joyce Webb*