

A couple is seen from behind, sitting on beach chairs on a sandy beach. They are looking out at the ocean as the sun sets, creating a warm, golden glow. The man is on the left, wearing a dark cap and a dark shirt. The woman is on the right, wearing a dark top. The chairs are colorful, with orange and red patterns. The background shows the ocean waves and a clear sky with some clouds.

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SUMMER 2026

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Bereavement
Camp**

A Message from

Linda L. Ward



Hello, and thank you for your continued generosity and support of Gulfside Hospice! It's a pleasure to check in and provide some updates on our organization.

Gulfside Hospice continues to set a standard of excellence in patient-centered care by delivering comprehensive services designed to meet individuals wherever they are in their healthcare journey. As a nonprofit organization serving multiple counties, Gulfside has built a strong reputation for integrating hospice and palliative care into a seamless model focused on quality, compassion, and community impact. Every aspect of Gulfside's services reflects a core philosophy centered on dignity, respect, and individualized care. From advanced symptom management to emotional and bereavement support, Gulfside's interdisciplinary teams address the full spectrum of patient needs.

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As we approach the close of our fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, Gulfside Healthcare Services is positioned for continued growth and impact in our communities. We reflect on this period of meaningful growth, expanded access to patient care, and strengthened community partnerships — all while preparing for an ambitious new fiscal year ahead.

Gulfside's Care Centers continue to play a vital role in serving patients with the most complex medical needs. Both existing centers are thriving, consistently delivering high-quality, high-acuity care in a supportive and specialized environment.

The new Dr. Jay Weil Center for Hospice Care has already reached capacity quickly, underscoring the significant demand for this level of care within the communities Gulfside serves. This rapid growth reinforces the importance of continued investment in inpatient hospice and advanced care resources.

In Pasco County, Gulfside remains the provider of choice, serving more than 65% of the hospice market among multiple providers. This leadership position reflects decades of trust built with patients, families, and referral partners, as well as Gulfside's continued commitment to excellence and patient-centered care.

As we prepare for the new fiscal year beginning July 1st, new initiatives are being developed to further expand services, strengthen operations, and enhance patient care across all programs. With a strong foundation, growing service lines, and a clear strategic vision, Gulfside Healthcare Services is well-positioned to continue advancing its mission — delivering compassionate, high-quality care to those who need it most.

And we couldn't do any of this without YOU! Thank you for your friendship, support and generosity as we continue serving people in need.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Ward

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President and Chief Executive Officer.





A Winning Night for Gulfside Hospice

Highlights from Annual Charity Casino Night

More than 150 community members gathered for Gulfside Hospice's annual Charity Casino Night, an evening filled with laughter, connection, and compassionate support for local hospice patients and families. Guests were welcomed by glamorous showgirls and a lively red carpet atmosphere, while many new supporters experienced Gulfside's mission for the very first time.

The evening raised more than \$49,000 to help ensure patients continue receiving compassionate care regardless of their ability to pay. Guests enjoyed classic casino games, exciting prizes, and meaningful moments shared among friends, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners.

One of the evening's highlights was the first-ever live auction, which raised an additional \$1,600 for patient care. Guests also participated in Gulfside's largest wine pull to date, featuring 50 bottles generously donated by the ladies of the PowerGals Networking Group and OneHope Wine. Together, the wine pull raised more than \$1,000 during the event.



Master of Ceremonies Scott Tavlin kept the crowd energized throughout the evening, helping create an atmosphere filled with excitement and community spirit.

"Each year, Charity Casino Night continues to grow and seeing both new and familiar faces come together in support of Gulfside Hospice is incredibly special," said Marissa Hartley, Donor Alliance Advising Manager. "The generosity and energy in the room remind us how deeply this community believes in compassionate care."

Charity Casino Night would not have been possible without the generosity of Gulfside's sponsors, including Brewer & Sons Funeral Home, Integra Healthcare Equipment, Meadowlawn Funeral Home and Memorial Garden, and RITE Technology. Special recognition also goes to Event Committee Chair Judith Koutsos of Spartan Manor, along with committee members Cheryl Ohls and Donna Harwood, whose dedication helped make the evening such a success.

As Charity Casino Night continues to grow each year, so does the incredible community standing behind Gulfside Hospice. Every guest, sponsor, volunteer, and donor helped provide comfort, dignity, and compassionate care to patients and families when it matters most.

For more information, please visit www.CharityCasinoNight.org.





Giving to help others feels great.

It's a smart way to avoid taxes, too.

You are probably familiar with donating from your checking or savings account, but did you know there are other smart, flexible ways to donate that can help you avoid taxes too?

Here are two tax-smart ways to give to your favorite charities, like Gulfside.

Donor-Advised Funds

Today, Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) are the fastest growing charitable giving vehicle in the U.S. and recommended by 90% of financial advisors for their clients. A Donor-Advised Fund (DAF), which is like a charitable savings account, offers a tax-efficient, flexible way to manage charitable giving to the causes you care about most.

By using a DAF, donors can receive an immediate tax deduction even as they distribute grants to charities, like Gulfside, over time. Plus, DAFs offer a convenient way to donate appreciated assets, like stocks or real estate, that can help you avoid capital gains taxes and potentially increase your donation impact. Anyone can open a DAF too – there is generally no minimum contribution required.

According to investment professionals, both DAFs and QCDs are powerful philanthropic tools that can work to a donor's advantage depending on the scenario.

Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) is a tax-smart, direct transfer of funds from an IRA (individual retirement account) to a qualified charity, available to individuals aged 70½ or older. Generally, you can make a QCD from any tax-deferred IRA account, such as a traditional IRA, inherited IRA, SIMPLE IRA, or SEP IRA.

Here's why QCDs are tax-smart: because the funds go directly from the IRA to a charity, the amount is excluded from your taxable income. This helps you



avoid higher tax brackets, reduced deductions, or increased Medicare premiums. Often, making a QCD is more beneficial than taking a taxable distribution and taking a charitable deduction, especially for those who do not itemize deductions.

For retirees who've accumulated significant savings in their IRAs, the onset of Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) at age 73 or 75 — depending on your birth year — can have serious tax consequences and potentially your tax bracket too. This is where QCDs can offer an elegant solution by helping satisfy your RMD to optimize the tax benefits of giving.

When charitable giving is part of your financial plan, using a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) or making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) not only create a greater impact for your favorite charities — they can also help you avoid taxes as you further your philanthropic goals. Of course, be sure to consult your financial or tax advisor for the best guidance regarding your specific financial situation.

TWO TAX-SMART WAYS TO GIVE

Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)

A Donor-Advised Fund is a charitable account that allows you to support nonprofits like Gulfside in a simple, flexible way. With a DAF, you may:

- Contribute to your fund and receive an immediate tax deduction.
- Recommend gifts to Gulfside at any time.

DAFs are one of the fastest-growing ways people give, distributing billions to charities every year.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCDs)

If you are aged 70 1/2 or older, you can give directly from your IRA as a qualified charitable distribution. This may help you:

- Reduce your taxable income
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) if you are 73 or older.

Making a QCD is a simple way to donate using funds you've already set aside.



Interested in learning more?

Contact our Philanthropy Team at giving@gulfside.org, call 727-845-5707, or scan to donate.

In Loving Memory

Recognizing gifts received between March 26 and May 29, 2026

Walls of Caring

Grace E. Andrews
Steven Andrews
Earle R. Andrews

Butterfly Memorial Garden

Teena Burwell
Cynthia Card
Roger Corsaro
Theresa B. Gonyaw
Shirley Johnson
Marlies Brown Karpowicz
Margaret Spolarich
Charles Young

Memorial Donations

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Andrew E. Barnes
Edwin H. Beck
Tobie Ann Boddiford
Rosemarie Boyle
Elizabeth A. Boyt
Marie Bruno
Antoinette Buscemi
George E. Carver
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Audrey Wolszon
Linda J. Wood
Pauline Wyskiel
Valerie Youmans

The Power of Showing Up Every Month

Think about the small things that show up in your life every month.

Your morning coffee. A streaming service you enjoy. A gym membership that helps you stay healthy.

Most of them cost around ten dollars.

They may seem small, but over time those little things become part of your routine, part of what supports your daily life.

The same idea can help support families in our community. Every day across Pasco, Hillsborough, and Pinellas counties, Gulfside Hospice teams walk into homes where families are facing some of life's most difficult moments.

A nurse helping manage pain so someone can rest comfortably. A social worker guiding families through emotional decisions. A chaplain offering quiet support during a difficult time.

These moments of care happen every single day.

Today, Gulfside cares for more than 775 hospice patients daily, while also providing hundreds of palliative care visits each month as services expand across our growing Tampa Bay community.

While Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance cover most hospice services, they don't cover everything. Community support helps ensure that

GEM – Giving Every Month



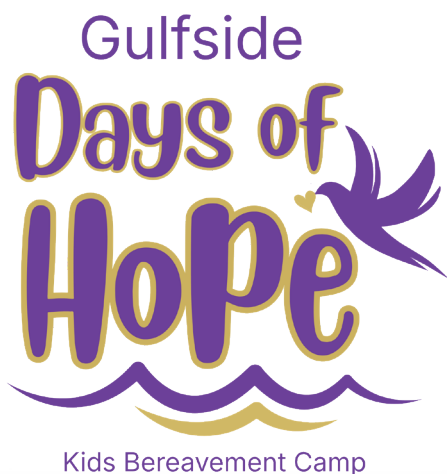
no patient is turned away from the hospice care they need because of an inability to pay.

That's where something simple can make a powerful difference. **Through Gulfside's Giving Every Month (GEM) program, donors provide steady support that helps ensure compassionate care is always there when families need it most.**

Sometimes, helping someone in your community begins with something as simple as \$10 a month.

Small monthly gifts add up to something extraordinary, helping ensure patients and families receive comfort, dignity, and support when they need it most.

Because when care is needed daily, giving has the power to make a difference every single day.



Gulfside Days of Hope Kids Bereavement Camp

Saturday, July 25th, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Northdale Park & Recreation Center
15510 Hooting Owls Place, Tampa

A FREE camp for children aged kindergarten to 5th grade who have experienced the death of a loved one. Camp will include structured grief activities led by Gulfside's experienced counselors, plus lunch, a splash pad, and much more. Space is limited; register by July 1st.

Learn more at www.gulfside.org/bereavement-camp or call 727-845-5707.

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