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Seven years ago, Lillian welcomed Daphne the cat into her home. Lillian had never owned pets before, but when her daughter brought Daphne home from college, she instantly fell in love. Lillian described Daphne as a loveable and comforting companion; a sweet soul to comfort Lillian when times were hard. Lillian is the caregiver for her husband in the late stages of Alzheimer’s. He has been a hospice patient for several months and has reached the point where he requires round the clock assistance from Lillian. Prior to COVID-19, Lillian had some times of respite when her husband would go to an adult care center during the day, but now the responsibility lies entirely on her shoulders.

Gulfside’s Pet Peace of Mind® program helps take some of the weight off Lillian’s shoulders...

Lillian has a bad back, so taking care of her husband is an extremely challenging feat in itself. With so much to do, Daphne’s care can get daunting at times. Gulfside’s Pet Peace of Mind® program helps take some of the weight off Lillian’s shoulders by delivering free cat food and litter straight to her doorstep when she needs it.

**Now, Daphne the cat can be the companion Lillian needs to comfort her through the caregiving journey.**

What may seem like a small gesture to some, means so much to Lillian. Lillian says the program is a true relief since she has so many obligations, while also dealing with her own health issues. The Pet Peace of Mind® program also relieves Lillian financially, as things are tight for her in this stage of life. Lillian shared that she appreciates the extra level of care, which goes above and beyond the hospice care her husband is already receiving. Now, Daphne the cat can be the companion Lillian needs to comfort her through the caregiving journey.

Gulfside Hospice is not just here for the patient; our team understands the needs of the caregiver as well. Gulfside Hospice is the only hospice in the Tampa Bay area offering the Pet Peace of Mind® program. Thanks to donor support, Gulfside is able to offer this at no cost to community members like Lillian.

Pets are family too and we appreciate donors who help to keep families together at home. Because of you, patients can complete their end-of-life journey with the comfort and companionship of their pet.

**For more information about supporting the Pet Peace of Mind® program, call 727-845-5707 or visit Gulfside.org.**
It is completely gratifying to be able to support Gulfside Hospice. I have personally experienced the loving care, concern and support their employees deliver to their patients and their families. By being a WFG member I am able to be an ambassador for Gulfside, by helping to increase awareness of all the different services they can provide as well as helping them with their fundraising efforts.

Gulfside Hospice took care of my husband, and I am very grateful for the care he received. I attended their bereavement group for a year, which helped me so much. I wanted to do something to give back to Gulfside and joining Women for Gulfside was the first step I took. I became a volunteer and helped with the Gulfside fundraising events. During the pandemic, it has not been possible for me to volunteer in person, which makes my participation and support of Women for Gulfside even more important to me. I look forward to the day when we can come together again in person, and I can continue my volunteer work.

My service as a volunteer for the last 30 years was/is only possible because I had/have the opportunity to work with the most caring, generous, talented, devoted CEOs, employees, volunteers and Board of Directors. WFG has given me another opportunity to share and interact with the other members who give selflessly of their time and expertise. What a privilege to be part of Gulfside’s mission to give quality care and comfort to our patients and their families.

My husband was placed at the Rucki Center when he was sick. The entire team made those last few days so much better for both him and I. I started to think “maybe a lot of people can’t afford to do this and I’d like to make this possible for others to get the same type of care.” I like doing hands-on things so I got involved in the kitchen with Chef Ruth. When I joined Women for Gulfside as a charter member, I realized that there were a whole bunch of us who wanted to help hospice. I’ve got a lot out of being a part of this group.

I got involved with Women for Gulfside through my fellow Rotarian, Carla. She told me about hospice and the volunteer opportunities in the fundraising department. My first volunteer event was awesome and I’ve been hooked ever since. I support Gulfside Hospice because I truly believe in the mission to provide care and make sure no one is turned away because of an inability to pay.

Want to learn more about being a Women for Gulfside member? You can visit www.gulfside.org or call 727-845-5707 and learn how you can connect with other women in your community and help make a difference for our hospice patients and families.
During this past year, Gulfside’s fundraising events have gone through many changes especially with concerns for the health of others. There have been new dates, new venues and even new concepts.

The community has been so understanding and supportive of all the decisions that had to be made in order keep everyone safe. Even as the fundraising events may have been postponed and rearranged, the plans never stopped to ensure they would be a huge success.

These events are so important for Gulfside Hospice to provide patient care and bereavement services for more than 650 patients and their families every day, regardless of their ability to pay.

Here is an update on the signature events for Gulfside Hospice:

The 9th annual Hittin’ the Road for Hospice motorcycle poker run was held on Saturday, Feb. 20. With more than 150 riders, the event raised just over $18,000.

The bikers started their scenic route through Pasco County at Harley-Davidson New Port Richey and ended at the Elks Lodge #2731 in Zephyrhills with a celebration featuring The Wings & Wheels Award, cash prizes and more.

Thank you to all the participants, stops, volunteers and staff for making it a successful event. A special thank you to our sponsors, O2 Solutions, Michels & Lundquist Funeral Home, The Fran Haasch Law Group, Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club, Bouchard Insurance and Christian Brothers Automotive of Land O’ Lakes.

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Paulie Palooza music festival and we are going to celebrate not once, but twice. In effort to protect the health of those involved, this year’s fundraiser will be split into two parts:

Virtual Opening Act  
Saturday, March 13  
Facebook Live

Live Headliner Event  
Saturday, October 16  
Main Street Zephyrhills

The Virtual Opening Act will feature music and entertainment streaming on Gulfside’s Facebook page, plus an online auction. The Live Headliner Event will play all day on Main Street Zephyrhills with live music, vendors, food trucks and more.

This music festival was created by Paul Correia to honor the memory of his father, who passed away while on Gulfside Hospice’s services. The Paulie Palooza music festival has raised more than $61,000 for Gulfside Hospice.

For more information, visit PauliePalooza.org
Help Make a Difference

FUNdraising at Gulfside

Introducing Charity Festival of Arts, Gulfside’s new fundraising event to be held on Sat., April 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Land O’ Lakes Heritage Park.

This fun, family-friendly event will feature a showcase of local talent, art competition, vendors and exhibits. Contact Leesa Fryer at leesa.fryer@gulfside.org for more information about the art competition and talent showcase.

Tickets are $5 per person. To purchase tickets, visit CharityFestivalOfArts.org

The new date for The Candace Glewen Charity Fashion show is Tues., May 4 at Spartan Manor in New Port Richey.

This favorite annual fashion show will bring people together in honor of Candace Glewen, a long-time board member of Gulfside Hospice until her passing last year, and to support the patients and families served by Gulfside Hospice.

This year’s event will now feature the latest 2021 spring and summer fashions provided by Dillard’s at The Shops at Wiregrass with ABC Action News anchor, Deiah Riley, as guest emcee.

To register, visit GulfsieFashionShow.org

You’re Invited

The Candace Glewen Charity Fashion Show

May 4

Spartan Manor in New Port Richey

It’s a ‘Red Carpet Affair’ for the 3rd annual Charity Casino Night that is scheduled for Friday, May 21 at Spartan Manor in New Port Richey from 6 - 10 p.m.

Tickets are $45 per person and include three hours of gaming with play money, prizes, silent auction, hors d’oeuvres, desserts and photo booth. Gaming includes Black Jack, Craps, Roulette, Poker and Texas Hold’em.

During the event, there will be a Black Jack and poker tournament. Guests can pre-register online.

The event is for guests ages 21 and up, and cocktail or themed attire is suggested.

To purchase tickets, visit CharityCasinoNight.org
Did you know that certain charitable tax incentives of the CARES Act were extended when the stimulus package was signed into law in December 2020? These provisions provide opportunities to support your favorite nonprofit charities, like Gulfside, throughout 2021.

1. For cash contributions made in 2021, you can elect to deduct up to 100 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI) if you itemize your deductions. (This was 60% prior to the CARES Act.)

2. If you don’t itemize your deductions, you can still take an additional “above-the-line” deduction for cash contributions up to $300 for single/separate filers or up to $600 for joint filers.

3. Qualified charitable distributions: For those with retirement accounts and aged 72+, the required minimum distribution (RMD) is back for 2021. Transferring your RMD directly to a nonprofit is an easy way to make an annual donation that may also return tax benefits to you. Charitable donations may also be made from your IRA beginning at age 70 1/2.

As always, remember to consult your attorney, financial, and/or tax advisor for advice concerning your particular circumstances.

To learn more about how your donation helps Gulfside patients and families, please contact Carla Armstrong, director of philanthropy, at 727-845-5707 or carla.armstrong@gulfside.org.

Looking for a way to remember your loved one and pay it forward?

For many families that experience hospice care, there is a desire to say “thank you” and also honor the person’s memory that meant so much to them. Gulfside has two ways to leave a lasting legacy for your loved one.

**Wall of Caring Tribute Plaques**

Wall of Caring celebrates the life of your loved one for all to remember. A dedicated plaque with your chosen inscription commemorates their journey and shows the legacy they left behind.

**Butterfly Garden Brick Pavers**

The Butterfly Garden features a beautifully designed path of engraved bricks, donated by friends and family members and filled with inspirational messages.

To make a Wall of Caring or Butterfly Garden tribute gift, visit www.gulfside.org or contact Elicia Hinson at eliciahinson@gulfside.org or 727-845-5707. Every tribute gift makes hospice care possible for a hospice patient in need.
Gulfside offers a variety of ways to remember loved ones on our Walls of Caring, in our Butterfly Gardens and with memorial gifts.

From October 2020 through January 2021, generous donations were given to Gulfside Hospice from families and friends in honor or memory of the following loved ones, who will remain in their hearts forever:

Walls of Caring:
Mary J. Conzel
Neil E. Rucks
Ann M. Vallencourt
Fuzzy ‘Squeak’ McAndrew
Patricia Albrecht-Purdy
Raymond R. Bohannon
Butterfly Garden
Richard D. Davis
Keith L. Lewis
Fuzzy ‘Squeak’ McAndrew
Lettie Strait
Kenneth H. Strait
Memorial & Honor
Gifts:
Betty Adamson
Patricia Albrecht-Purdy
Harold W. Alexander
Peter J. Alexander
Gregory Allen
Ann Y. Andie
Roy J. Anttila
John W. Ashmore
Kay Aylward
Sharon G. Backus
Amanda L. Baker
Anne Balina
Leonarda Barbara
Janice Barnes
Jean A. Barron
Jeffrey S. Bartel
Kenneth Bean
Herbert J. Bell
Lawrence M. Bettag
Janice Biancardi
Joseph Bia
Helen Bires
James C. Boatman
Gerald Bobala
Raymond R. Bohannon
Mary Bonnatto
Tommy Bond
Austin P. Bondi
Gloria E. Boothby
Gloria B. Bostaph
Duncan S. Bradshaw
Edwin Burk
Ralph W. Burk
James E. Burnsed
Rita Burnstein
Peggy J. Cain
Jose Calabria
Paul Caldwell
Douglas R. Cameron
Alfred Capodiferro
Lawrence G. Carpenter
JoAnn Carroll
Gail A. Castle
Virginia L. Cecil
Eileen M. Chagnon
Rosalee M. Chianelli
Annmarie Condon
Leo W. Conley
Giovanni Crocco
Mary Crosson
June Cummings
Diane Damian
Deborah H. Dant
Joseph A. Danza
Joan A. Darling
Richard D. Davis
Eugene Day
Helen F. Day
Byron Day
Irene De Pompa
George L. Dedominicis
Denise Drown
Kenneth Dufour
Delores Eberts
Winton F. Ellis
Phyllis D. Ensel
Billy F. Enzar
Frank W. Eschenauer
Agnes Familo
Richard E. Fenton
Nicholas Ferrara
Margaret Flach
Nancy J. Flood
Florence Fogarty
John J. Fogarty
Judith A. Fox
Walter Frantz
Galen M. France
John J. Fryza
Alexander Fucito
Eva Fufudo
Carol Gagner
Lois Gainer
Ganleaho Family
Elizabeth J. Gallant
Susan A. Gambol
Norma M. Gerard
Richard G. Garces
Doris A. Garrison
Patricia B. Geoffron
Martin Germontno
James Gibbs
Robert H. Gilberte
Candace B. Glewen
Jack C. Grantham
James F. Gray
Joshua D. Griffin
Lynne Grignol
Jean M. Gullen
Stanley J. Hanecki
Ruth Hartnett
Walter Hartsomne
Dolores Haught
James Hembree
David G. Heppard
Karen L. Hile
Claude J. Hill
Mary Horgan
Raymond Hubert
Jack Hubley
Richard L. Hunter
Ann Iadarola
Grazzella M. Ierardo
Joanna Gallo Importuna
Lawrence Jeffers
Michael L. Jones
Patricia Kafka
Sylvia Kaligren
Juanita T. Kellas
Anne Kelly
Debbie Kimball
Bradley Kizer
Hazel M. Klm
William S. Klinger
Michael Koleber
Ann T. Kolebar
Jo C. Kovac
Margaret Kubis
Catherine Kyler
Warren E. Kyler
Carol C. LaFon
Nola J. Lago
Ballard Lambert
Frank Law
Sandra Lebarron
Angela Lennon
Judith A. Lehrig
Anita Lesinski
Claire M. Leuschner
Loretta J. Levinus
Marjorie S. Lewis
Grady Lewis
Gunther Lichens
Edith Litto
Jeffrey Lipkes
Warren F. Littlefield
Thomas F. Llewellyn
Joseph LoCasco
George Lohn
Maureen Lopes
Wallace L. Lukow
Barry Lynch
Helen E. Lynoh
Eunice Maceyoy
Wendy Maderas
Mary Mahon
Thomas Maier
James L. Mallison
Linda F. McCann
John McCoy
Douglas McLean
Vernon D. McTeer
Delton W. Miller
Margaret M. Moore
Charles Morett
Ace C. Moseley
Grace Muelnickel
Jeanne C. Murphy
Francis E. Murray
Virginia Musser
Marianne H. Myatt
James Naso
Michael Neiwender
Edmund Nickel
George Onuska
Peggy C. Oplinger
Margaret Osburn
Gerard O'Shea
Geralyn J. Page
Madeline Panzarella
Helen Pete
Santo M. Pate
Hemlataben M. Patel
Susan Patterson
Isabella Payntar
Beverly Peake
Marjorie M. Pearson
Joseph Pelletier
Fred W. Penton
Judith L. Petryna
Cheryl A. Phillips
Robert E. Pinnick
William R. Polk
Warren F. Pomeroy
Jack R. Popi
Rita Soruis
Betty Purdy
Gerald K. Radick
Chester Rakovski
Ruth Raven
Robert R. Ribe
Leo H. Riding
Mary Lou Rhiner
Beatirz Riveros
Sylvia A. Robinson
Addle F. Roloson
Clark J. Roman
John Rose
Neil E. Rucks
Lydia Rutkaukasa
Joseph A. Saleni
Estel M. Sams
Elizabeth Savage
Michael V. Scherzi
Lavina M. Schlotey
John B. Schluntz
Paul Schnitzer
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Karen Smith
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Hazel E. Spero
Velda R. Stanley
Charles Stevens
Carmen Tharp
Rita D. Thomas
Stephanie M. Thoretz
George F. Thornton
Nola M. Thome
Francis F. Tolson
John E. Tomlin
Anthony Tortora
Rita Troia
Margaret Turnbull
Benjamin M. Turnbull
Marie Turro
Henry Van de Water
Rachel C. Van Sickler
Arlene J. Ventura
Martha Wagner
James P. Walker
Marvin A. Weathers
Robert A. West
Claris White
William V. Wilcox
Robert K. Wilcox
Carol B. Wildt
Gary Wildt
Michael J. Williams
Wayne Wingertar
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Dorothy M. Young
Barbara W. Zacavish
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Lysia Zurbrugg
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