

# CENTER *for* ETHICS *in* HEALTH CARE

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Dear Friends of the Center for Ethics in Health Care:

The primary intent of this newsletter is to acknowledge and thank each of the special people who have donated their time to the Center for Ethics in Health Care during the past year. Through the generous gifts of time by health care professionals and community volunteers, the Center is able to do so much more than we might otherwise.

Volunteers are involved in every aspect of the Center's work. For example, Maribeth Collins Compassionate Volunteers work behind the scenes making quilts or sitting with those who are dying and might otherwise be alone. Others provide support to members of the Ethics Center volunteer team in their time of need.

Center faculty and community volunteers partner in our teaching programs to model compassionate communication skills. Some help teach young residents how to compassionately notify family members of a patient's death through the Death Notification Role-Plays program. Others star in POLST educational videos. Professionals from all health care disciplines donate time to teach on the OHSU campus as well as at the Kinsman and palliative care conferences throughout the state.

On behalf of the thousands of patients who have and will be cared for more compassionately, thank you so much!

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## **Dr. Robert Hugo Richardson Builds Miles J. Edwards Legacy**

Following an OHSU memorial service on April 9<sup>th</sup>, momentum for endowing the Miles J. Edwards Chair in Professionalism and Comfort Care continues to grow – over 150 people have already contributed to this effort. To date, we have raised \$1.42 million of the \$2.5 million ultimately needed to expand this program for teaching professionalism and compassion at the bedside.

Miles was keenly interested in living to see the first phases of his legacy implemented. A good friend and former colleague, Dr. Robert Hugo Richardson, responded to Miles's plea to begin program implementation right away, joining the Center in January. His special focus is communicating with patients, their families and health care teams to clarify goals of treatment in the intensive care units. We are glad that Miles lived long enough to see the first phase of his legacy implementation, and are deeply grateful that Hugo has chosen to generously donate his time to teach compassionate communication skills to the next generation of health professionals. The first VA palliative medicine fellow will rotate at OHSU this month.

## **Conference Faculty Volunteer Time and Wisdom**

In order to assure that health care professionals throughout Oregon can afford to attend our ethics conferences, it is vital that we maintain low conference registration fees. One way we are able to keep registration fees low is through the generosity of our conference faculty who volunteer their time and expertise. Most recently, at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Kinsman Conference, held April 20-21 at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, 18 faculty gave plenary presentations and led workshops without honoraria. Likewise, 35 faculty have volunteered to lead sessions and host posters at the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Statewide Palliative Care Conference. On behalf of more than 4000 conference attendees over the past decade, thank you to our conference faculty for the generous gift of your time and wisdom.

## **Lisa Andrus-Rivera Generously Donates Time**

After retiring from a 22-year career as professor of art history at Portland State University, Lisa Andrus-Rivera now donates her time building a stable financial base for the Ethics Center's new programs. She works as many hours now as when she was teaching full time – and always with a smile. Lisa does many things, from chairing the Ethics Center's Development Council to coordinating teams of volunteers. When a member of the Center's volunteer team has a special need – be it a driver to an event or a casserole in times of family crisis – Lisa quietly assures the need is met. With regard to development matters, Cornie Stevens continues to serve as an advisor and Lisa has a new right-hand colleague, Barbie Rice, a long time volunteer of the Center. Furthermore, we warmly welcome Miles's daughter, Teresa Edwards Allen, as the newest member of the Development Council, and thank each member for the quiet yet deeply generous gift of their time.

## **Center Website Updated!**

We are pleased to announce that after extensive redevelopment, the Center's new website is live on the web at: [www.ohsu.edu/ethics](http://www.ohsu.edu/ethics). We encourage you to take a look and discover more about the Center's programs and opportunities to become involved.