Dear Friends of the Center for Ethics in Health Care:

The generous gift of time of both lay and professional volunteers not only sustained our programs but helped us grow during lean economic times. Volunteers come from myriad professional and community experiences. Time and expertise has been donated by lawyers teaching Professionalism, Law & Ethics in the 4th year medical student course Transition to Residency; health care professionals sharing knowledge about the POLST Program and Registry with colleagues from every Oregon hospital, health system, hospice program and long term care facility; Center faculty leading ethics fellowship sessions; and community volunteers making quilts, hosting events, serving on the Advisory Council or leading death notification role-plays with new interns. We deeply thank each volunteer.

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20 Years of Annual Statewide Kinsman Conferences
This year’s Kinsman Conference convened Oregon’s ethics leaders at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend for 2 days of intense focus on 4 themes: disaster preparedness, public health, decision-making capacity and reproductive health. Described as an “embarrassment of riches,” the over 100 ethics leaders were challenged to choose among outstanding workshop sessions. The gathering met John Kinsman’s original mission of the 1989 endowment; create innovative practical solutions to vexing health care issues harming Oregonians. The POLST Program is a key example. Conferences rotate between Bend, Eugene, Medford, Portland, and Salem; this being our 4th collaboration with St. Charles colleagues. John Holmes PhD, PeaceHealth Oregon Region Director of Ethics will chair the 21st Annual Kinsman Ethics Conference scheduled for April 14th – 15th, 2011 in Eugene, Oregon.

Over 15,000 POLST Forms Now in Oregon POLST Registry
In February, the Oregon Senate Health Care Committee invited testimony from the Center regarding the Oregon POLST Registry. They were pleased with the effective and rapid implementation. The Registry is receiving POLST forms from every county totaling 1,000 forms/week. Calls to OHSU’s Emergency Communication Center occur daily as emergency personnel and hospitals request vital medical orders to guide care in a time of crisis.

Seven Ethics Fellows Complete Training this June
Barbara Glidewell (Administrative Director) and Dr. Robert Potter (Curriculum Director) have created the Center’s 2-year Ethics Fellowship. Volunteer faculty, critical to the program’s success, have donated countless hours training the next generation of ethics leaders. Graduates with their new or continuing role(s) include: Amanda Baines Ashley, (Community Member Ethics Consult Service/Palliative Care Team); Roxanne Jones, MSW (Ethics Consult Service); Daniel Kennedy, PharmD (School of Pharmacy leader); Katie MacRae, RN, CNS (Nurse Manager); Melissa Monner, MS (School of Dentistry leader); Cody Schuman, MDiv (Ethics Consult Service); and Elizabeth Steiner, MD (IRB Co-Chair). Advisory Council Member, Barbara Sloop, will host a reception at her residence for the graduating fellows in honor of their academic accomplishments.

Upcoming Events

May 20, 2010
Madeline Brill Nelson Speaker Series
Ethical Implications of Genetic Testing
Marcia Van Riper, RN, PhD
Associate Professor, Chair of Family Health Division, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

June 3, 2010
Madeline Brill Nelson Speaker Series
Unrealistic Optimism in Clinical Research
Lynn A. Jansen, RN, PhD
Associate Research Professor of Medicine, Acting Director, Bioethics Institute
New York Medical College

June 11, 2010
Annual Statewide Palliative Care Conference
Hope and Acceptance: The Human Struggle
2010 Statewide Palliative Care Conference
Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR

June 11, 2010
The Kinsman Foundation Grant
Building Palliative Care in Small and Rural Hospitals
April 9, 2010 – Eugene
August 6, 2010 – Lincoln City
October 8, 2010 – Redmond
October 22, 2010 – Medford
November 5, 2010 – Seaside

April 2010
We gratefully acknowledge the numerous community and professional hours contributed to the Ethics Center's Programs:

Annual Kinsman Conference
Bioethics Study Group
Companion Quilt Program
Center for Ethics Advisory Council
Center for Ethics Special Events
Daniel Labby Sr. Clinician's Seminar
Death Notification Role Play
Dental Ethics Course

Teaching Interprofessional Ethics Leadership Team
Living with Life Threatening Illness Elective
National POLST Task Force
Oregon POLST Task Force
Palliative Care Conferences
POLST Registry
Principles of Clinical Medicine Curriculum
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Susan Tolle welcomes new Founders
Bill and Helen Jo Whitsell
Each handmade quilt is unique with the goal of bringing comfort to a dying patient and their family.