Dear Friends,

Recent publications confirm that we are transforming the culture of end-of-life care. While the Center’s faculty receive recognition in prestigious journals and national media, profound change of this magnitude can only occur through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers in every part of our state and in all settings of care.

Thousands of hours of volunteer time fuel every aspect of the Center’s major programs. Our talented volunteers have taught and designed new ethics curriculum, developed policies, made quilts, hosted events, and made videos to educate and empower patients.

Our national impact is made possible by the compassion, hard work, skill, and dedication of each of our volunteers.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with the Center, and those we serve.

In gratitude,

Susan W. Tolle, MD
Cornelia Hayes Stevens Chair Director, Center for Ethics in Health Care

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**Annual Kinsman Conference Convenes Ethics Leaders**

The Center for Ethics convenes leaders from across the state to tackle challenging ethical issues in healthcare. This year’s statewide Kinsman conference, *Emerging Issues in Bioethics and Government: Facing Ethical Challenges and Finding Solutions* was held in Salem. Thank you to the thirty-eight health care professionals from across Oregon who volunteered their time to serve as faculty. In keeping with our mission to serve the state, we continue to convene regional conferences. The fall series begins on August 4, 2017, partnering with PeaceHealth in Florence to present *Building Bridges to Compassionate Care for the Seriously Ill*.

**Oregon Continues to Lead POLST Innovation**

Oregon is leading the way in transforming health care, according to data published *New England Journal of Medicine*. In Oregon, people with serious illness or frailty are less likely to be hospitalized in intensive care in the last weeks of life, and are more likely to die at home compared to Washington state and the rest of the country. It takes all of us working together to make changes this far reaching. View the publication at [www.oregonpolst.org](http://www.oregonpolst.org).

**Remembering Madeline Brill Nelson**

Madeline Brill Nelson left a legacy that extends the Center’s work in Ethics Education beyond end-of-life care. Through her generosity, the Center for Ethics in Health Care sponsored Dr. Stephen Post’s presentation, “*Why Deeply Forgetful People Matter: Hope, Self-Identity and Health Care Ethics for Individuals with Dementia*.” Dr. Post spoke on how empathic care contributes to patient outcomes and professional well-being. View Dr. Post’s presentation at [www.ohsu.edu/ethics](http://www.ohsu.edu/ethics).

**Save the Date: Center for Ethics Annual Community Lunch**

The 2017 Center for Ethics Annual Community lunch will be held on September 18, 2017 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at the Multnomah Athletic Club. We hope you will save the date and join us as we share our vision, progress and a demonstration of the importance, need and impact of the Program in Compassionate Communication.