Dear Friends,

With your support, we are able to advance the work of the Center for Ethics into new areas that meet patient needs for more humanized health care. The Center is nationally known for its work in improving care for those near the end of life and we are continuing to invest in leading new innovations in the POLST Program, as well as bringing back the Statewide Palliative Care Conference and continuing to partner in statewide outreach and collaboration.

The Center’s Steering Committee is moving forward on a major initiative to fund our ability to respond to the pressing ethics issues in clinical care across the life span and across all settings of care.

We need and welcome your support as we work together to advance compassion, integrity, and respect in health care.

Thank you!

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Launching the Program in Compassionate Communication
The enclosed article from the Portland Business Journal outlines the Center’s plans for a new and far reaching initiative to humanize health care. The 7-minute video illustrates our goals with three case stories: https://youtu.be/Um0vhph6iEg.

New POLST Video Corrects Misinformation
In partnership with nearly 40 local and national consultants, Susan Tolle wrote the script and directed the filming of a new video “POLST: Doing it Better,” which is now available on the Oregon POLST web site at https://youtu.be/zlqQgCBChn0. Rather than advocating for broader use of the POLST Program, this video corrects misinformation and offers a cautionary tone, promoting high quality and appropriate use of the POLST Paradigm, addressing such issues as offering POLST to healthy 65-year-olds who instead should be encouraged to complete an advance directive.

Living with Life-Threatening Illness
The Center’s course, “Living With Life-Threatening Illness,” continues to transform the experiences of first- and second year medical students. The School of Medicine demonstrated its strong commitment to the course this year by working with Course Director David Barnard to ensure that the course was available to students despite the tight schedules they have in the new undergraduate curriculum. Indeed, this year the class was actually oversubscribed and we had the difficult task of turning some interested students away.

Statewide Outreach and Collaboration
Thursday and Friday, April 14-15, 2016: 8 am – 5 pm
26th Annual Statewide Kinsman Bioethics Conference
Sharing the Stories of our Communities: A Conversation about Ethical Issues Across Rural and Urban Health
Hood River Inn, Hood River, OR; Registration required

Friday, June 17, 2016: 8 am – 5 pm
Statewide Palliative Care Conference
Palliative Care for All: Expanding Our Reach
Lane Community College, Center for Meeting & Learning Main Campus, Eugene, OR; Registration required