Dear Friends,

We dedicate this issue to expressing our gratitude to those who have so generously given of their time during the 2019-2020 academic year. During the pandemic, we have pulled together and learned to teach and serve in new ways. A special thanks goes to all those who responded nimbly and, on short notice, began teaching online; also, to our colleagues at the OHSU Foundation for their ingenuity in figuring out how to host our community luncheon as a virtual event.

The generous gift of time and expertise of our volunteers enhances the Center’s impact many-fold. Volunteers produce videos, serve on planning committees, draft policy, secure funding, give talks and help teach the next generation of health care professionals… and so much more.

We are deeply grateful to so many of you for sharing your time and your talents with the Center and those we serve.

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Responding to the New Ethical and Communication Needs of COVID-19

The Center for Ethics abruptly pivoted and moved all educational and conference activities online on March 17th. We began by creating a series of 14 educational videos which are posted on the Center for Ethics home page. Views, at 11,600 to date, have exceeded our fondest expectations. As our virtual skills continue to grow, we are moving to more interactive virtual presentations and will resume offering continuing education credits in the fall.

The Dr. Daniel Labby Seminar in Medical Ethics Tackles Ethical Issues of the Pandemic

The pandemic puts a spotlight on longstanding ethical issues of justice and equity and raises new thorny ethical issues related to privacy and liberty. While Oregon has not yet had the need to use Crisis Triage Protocols, it is wise to plan for the possibility of a time when the health care system is overwhelmed. In June, Drs. Clarke and Jansen moderated a lively discussion at the Daniel Labby Seminar about Who Gets What and Why: Allocating Scarce Resources During COVID-19. The October Seminar will examine Your Privacy or Your Life? Contact Tracing in the COVID Era. This virtual discussion will highlight the challenges of contact tracing in a country that deeply values individual liberty.

Assuring the POLST is Used Appropriately in Persons with Disabilities

The Founders of POLST remain deeply committed to assuring that POLST completion is always voluntary and that no one ever feels pressured to complete a POLST form. In partnership with colleagues at the Department of Human Services, the Oregon POLST Coalition created Guidelines on POLST Use for Persons with Significant Disabilities Who are Now Near the End of Life, in November of 2019 and revised this document in July. The Guidelines promote broader access to high-quality end-of-life care for persons with significant disabilities who are nearing the end of life, while raising awareness of the appropriate use of POLST. Specifically we advise against the use of POLST in those with stable disabilities who do not have a serious illness that is in an advanced stage.

The Center for Ethics Annual Community Luncheon—a Virtual Live Streamed Event

On July 15th, in partnership with the OHSU Foundation, the Center for Ethics co-hosted our annual Community luncheon. The event theme reflected a pressing need of the pandemic: Compassionate Communication During COVID-19: Meeting the Needs of a Changing Health Care Landscape. We very much missed seeing each other in person, but were excited to have this new way to reach out to a broader community. While it is not possible for us to know exactly how many people joined us because often more than one person was viewing from the same computer screen, our best estimate is that about 500 people viewed the live stream. For those who missed the event, a recording is available at the top of the Center for Ethics home page.
# 2019-2020 Center for Ethics Volunteer List

We gratefully acknowledge the numerous community and professional hours contributed to the Center for Ethics Programs

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(L to R) Barbara Glidewell, Mary Denise Smith, Maureen Ober, Melissa Monner and Berklee Robins share their ethics expertise and volunteer their time teaching the next generation of health care professionals.
Like so many of our volunteers, Phyllis Beemsterboer serves in more than one way. She chairs the Steering Committee and made this beautiful quilt displayed by Laura Foran for the Companion Quilt Program.

With a warm welcome from Lorell Durkee (L) and Vicki Faucher (R), Susan Tolle spoke to the Coos County hospice community.

Katie Stowers (second from right), the Ronald W. Naito Director in Serious Illness Education, mentors faculty so they can teach communication skills to others in their departments.