Dear Friends,

From my earliest days my mother taught me the importance of gratitude. She could not possibly have imagined how many opportunities I would have in my role as Center director to feel and express gratitude for the extraordinary generosity of our many supporters. It gives me immense joy to reflect on how grateful we are—for the abundance of financial support so many have given over the years, and for all those who share in our vision by volunteering their time and talent to infuse and inspire our work every day.

None of the progress we report here would be possible without the dedication of the many volunteers who give freely of their time to further the Center’s mission. 44 volunteers either presented at or planned the highly successful Kinsman Conference, and 68 contributed to the Oregon POLST program this year. Behind every successful program there is usually a small army of volunteers.

As we reflect on the growth of the Center’s work and the ambitious vision we hold for the future, we want each and every volunteer to know how much their contribution is valued and deeply appreciated.

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**Serious Illness Teaching Rapidly Expanding**

Thanks to the generosity of the Storms Family Foundation, we have added two talented coaches to expand the Center’s capacity to teach serious illness communication. Brianna Ketterer, MD, MS, is a palliative care physician in the division of Hematology and Medical Oncology, and Jared Chiarchiaro, MD, MS, serves as Clinical Chief for Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. These communication leaders have joined Katie Stowers, MD, Ronald W. Naito Director in Serious Illness Education to meet the enormous demand of training health care professionals in these vital skills, while also mentoring future communication trainers. Recently, coaches held trainings for a new residency program at Hillsboro Medical Center and have six other departments incorporating these trainings into their residency curriculum over the next few months and throughout the upcoming academic year.

**Kinsman Statewide Bioethics Conference**

More than 300 people from around the state registered for this year’s Kinsman conference entitled Ethical Struggles during the Pandemic: Reflections and the Path Forward. A wide array of speakers focused on current trends in clinical bioethics, innovative ways to support health care professionals in healing from pandemic stress, and next steps to promote health equity. Feedback from attendees was extremely positive with many commenting on how much healing, hope, and support they drew from this shared experience, and how empowered they felt to face the future in new ways. Links to two thoughtful and inspiring keynote presentations are available at https://www.ohsu.edu/center-for-ethics/kinsman-bioethics-conference.

**Oregon POLST Continues to Lead**

Oregon continues to be a national leader in POLST, introducing many innovations that will improve quality of care for patients. There will be a new POLST form in 2023 that includes additional checks and balances to protect vulnerable populations. The POLST form is now available in 13 different languages and we are in the process of developing culturally sensitive and clear language educational materials with guidance from community health workers. We are also excited to announce the appointment of Oregon POLST co-chair, Christine Mullowney, MD, who will be partnering with Dr. Susan Tolle to maintain the high quality of the POLST program, thanks to the generous support of the Bill and Helen Jo Whitsell Endowment for Ethics.

**New Endowment to Educate Future Ethics Leaders**

A new endowment, the Educate Future Health Care Ethics Leaders Endowment Fund, has been initiated in the hope that others will also be inspired to contribute. Intended to prepare future ethics leaders to effectively identify and manage the health care ethics issues of the 21st century, this fund will ensure that the Center’s core values of equity, justice, moral courage, compassion, and the management of conflicts of interest remain at the forefront of patient care and the institutions that support them.

For help in making a gift to the Center for Ethics, please contact Liz Arrington at arringtl@ohsu.edu or 503-552-0716.
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| Companion Quilt Program |
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| Daniel Labby Seminar in Medical Ethics |
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| Madeline Brill Nelson Speaker Series in Ethics Education |
| Medical Student Intersessions |
| Oregon Bioethics and Humanities Colloquium |
| Oregon POLST Coalition |
| Oregon Statewide Lecture Series |
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Remembering long-time volunteer Carolyn McMurchie who, as part of the original Marquam Hill Society, hosted events for the Center beginning in 1989.
Dr. Stephen Post, of Stony Brook University School of Medicine, donated his time to learn deeply about our Center and close our 2022 Kinsman Bioethics Conference with his reflections on Oregon’s uniqueness.