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We hope you enjoy this month’s HAPpenings at HAP.

**Notable Leader in Healthcare Award Winner**

We proudly announce that Maureen Burns was recognized as a Notable Leader in Healthcare by Crain’s Chicago Business earlier this month. As an impactful public health educator, who is Deaf and uses a Cochlear Implant, she was nominated by Disability Lead, a network of Members and Fellows who lead with their disability identity to create better, equitable, and more inclusive communities. Maureen acts as a bridge between her community in West Ridge and providers of end-of-life care. She offers free community-based education on end-of-life topics including, hospice and palliative care, advanced directives, grief support, and cultural considerations. Join us in congratulating Maureen!

**Thank you Kim Duchossois!**

We are grateful for the donation of $500,000 from Kimberly Duchossois to expand adult palliative care programing for clinical education training. Ms. Duchossois, a Board of Truss member since 2016, has been an advocate and trailblazer for over 30 years in support of hospice and palliative care.

**Join us for a Game of Golf: Proven IT Golf Outing benefiting The HAP Foundation**

Come and enjoy a game of golf on Monday, June 26 at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club. Hosted by Tory Cosich, Managing Partner at Proven IT, we are bringing the community together for some friendly competition and to learn about The HAP Foundation. Register on our [website](#).
“Advocacy in Action!” presentation

Kristin James, Peds Executive Director, and Sara Dado, Adult Palliative Care, Executive Director, were invited to lead an educational session at Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network (SWHPN) Annual Conference in Denver and at Case Management Society of America (CMSA) Conference in Las Vegas to share their expertise and experience in advocacy, legislation, and stakeholder engagement to change policy and improve care for families coping with serious illness.
Stronger Together: Spring Appeal

At The HAP Foundation, we are committed to effecting change by ensuring that everyone has access to the care they need. There is still so much work to be done, which is why we are asking for financial assistance through a spring appeal. Penned by Lynda Bollman, Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Kimberly Duchossois, Board of Trustee Member, a request was made asking for support of The HAP Foundation. Your gift will make an impact so we can continue making a difference through key initiatives such as training physicians and health care providers on palliative and hospice care, expanding the workforce with community health workers trained in serious illness, and providing grief outreach to families following the sudden, traumatic loss of a child when bereavement support is difficult to find.

Every donation brings us one step closer to achieving our goal. By joining us, you are helping ensure that access to quality hospice and palliative care is available to all who need it. Together, we are stronger, and all our communities benefit from the important work that we do. Please consider donating today.

Questions to Consider When Selecting a Hospice Provider

If you or someone you care about needs the support of hospice, it is important to find a provider that is a good fit for you and your family. There may be several organizations that provide care in your area but understanding how organizations may differ can be helpful. To support you in this process, the HAP Foundation has created a list of questions to help. To access the list of questions (which can be easily printed) or access other resources, please click here.

Summer Camps for Grieving Children & Families

The following camps are available this summer for children, teens and families who are living with complex medical issues or are grieving the death of a loved one. If you are interested, please contact the camp for more information.

· Cole’s Camp Grief to Grace Retreat: June 4 in Plano, IL
· Camp Kesem:
Camp session: Northwestern University Session 1: June 13-17
- Camp session: DePaul University: July 2-7
- Camp session: University of Chicago: July 2-7
- Camp session: University of Illinois: July 9-14
- Camp session: Northern Illinois University: July 16-21
- Camp session: Northwestern University Session 2: August 1-5

- Camp Kangaroo: June 23-25 in River Forest, IL
- Camp Erin: July 7-9 in Chicago, IL
- Hearts to Art Summer Camp: July 10-21 & July 24 - August 4 in Chicago, IL
- Willow House’s Remembrance Retreat: July 15 in Riverwoods, IL
- Fox Valley Hands of Hope’s Family Forest Day: July 22 in Gilberts, IL
- Camp Quality Illinois: July 30 – August 5 in Ingleside, IL
- Lightways’ Peace of Heart Grief Camp: August 7-10 in Joliet, IL
- Camp Kids are Kids Chicago: August 7-12 in Chicago, IL
- BJC Hospice’s Stepping Stones Camp for Children: August 11-13 in Eureka, MO
- Experience Camp: August 22-27 in Decatur, MI
- Camp Sheilah: September 8-10 in Frankfurt, IL
- Good Grief Family Camp: September 10 in Manteno, IL
- Advocate Health Care’s Camp Bear Hug: TBD
- Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care’s Good Mourning Family Camp: TBD
- Gilda’s Club Chicago Summer Camp: TBD
- Conley Outreach Community Services’ Good Grief Day Camp: TBD in Elburn, IL

New HAP Team Members

This month, we warmly welcomed two new team members to The HAP Foundation: Cindy Tyler as Director of Grants and Amy McNicholas as the Program Director of Missing Pieces. We are excited to have their support and expertise.

Cindy brings her talents and experiences in generating revenue and increasing financial and in-kind support for multiple, successful, local, national, and statewide nonprofit organizations. As Director of Grants, she is mission-focused with a goal of strengthening revenue streams for programs and operations. Cindy’s desire is to support the growth of The HAP Foundation and provide healing to children, individuals, and families through her grant writing.

Amy is a licensed clinical professional counselor who, for the past nine years, has specialized in working with children, adults, and families coping with trauma, loss, and bereavement. She has provided clinical consultation, training, advocacy and education to medical teams, faith communities, schools, and community agencies throughout the Chicagoland area. As
Program Director of Missing Pieces, Amy will be leading our work with families and communities impacted by the death of a child. Additionally, Amy founded a nonprofit foundation in memory of her 15-year-old son, John, who died of brain cancer in 2011.

**Donor-Advised Funds**

At The HAP Foundation, we follow trends in many areas including serious illness, hospice care, grief support as well as charitable giving. In recent months, increasingly more donors are making their charitable gifts using a donor-advised fund (DAF). This trend is mirroring national philanthropic strategies with the establishment of over 1.2 million DAFs.

A DAF is similar to a charitable investment or savings account. When contributing cash, securities, or other assets to a donor-advised fund, you are usually eligible to take an immediate tax deduction. Then, the account can be used to grant or gift money to your favorite charitable causes at your convenience. Donors may initially choose DAFs for their flexibility and ease of use—and they continue using DAFs because they can both plan for and respond quickly to causes that are important to them. DAF’s can also be a good option for managing the charitable aspects of a large financial or life event.

When making gifts from a donor-advised fund to The HAP Foundation, you may need the following information:

![The HAP Foundation Information](image)

If you would like to learn more about making a gift through a donor-advised fund, please contact Christine Post-Duncan at cpost-duncan@thehapfoundation.org or 312-741-1280.

**Join the Conversation**

**The HAP Foundation’s Community Health Learning Collective (CHLC)**

The CHLC is a monthly convening of CHWs, Promotores de Salud, CHRs, CHW Ally’s, community members and clinicians. It is an opportunity to discuss emerging issues in the field, share organizational announcements and experience fellowship with like-minded individuals! Each CHLC contains education programming to encourage us, inform our work and open dialogue about critical issues that impact our organizations. Not able to attend? Check our community education page for recordings of previous sessions.

To register for the CHLC, please contact Maureen Burns, Senior Community Education Associate and Research Liaison, at mburns@thehapfoundation.org.

- In May, please join us for a short film screening and discussion on how racism and trauma impact Black Maternal Health Outcomes. We are thrilled to present a virtual screening of the short film “Toxic: A Black Woman’s Story.” Racism. Toxic stress. Birth outcomes. How are these things intertwined? The short film, "Toxic: A Black Woman's
Story,” seeks to explore that question. Peer into the world of Nina, an elite lawyer, loyal wife, and loving mother of a teen boy. Nina is navigating life and pregnancy to the best of her ability. But sometimes the forces on a woman - especially a black woman - can be too much to bear. Watch this film and join the discussion about how the stress of navigating an unjust world takes a toll on black women’s bodies and how loving and restorative ways of living together can help. We are also pleased to welcome Rev. Jocelyn Jones from Courage to Love In Action as our speaker and discussion facilitator. This session will not be recorded. This presentation will be on May 23, 2023, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. CST virtually via Zoom.

- In June, please join us for a sneak peek of "Wine, Women, & Dementia," a dementia family caregiver documentary, followed by a discussion with the director, Kitty Norton, and cast member, Grace Douglass. This session will not be recorded. Registration is required. This presentation will be on June 14, 2023, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CST virtually via Zoom.

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**Upcoming Community Presentations**

- **May 19:** Caregivers: Stressors, Support, Self-Care presentation at Oro Latino’s Open Forum Breakfast.
- **May 20:** 12th Annual Henrietta Lacks Health and Wellness Careers Networking Social
- **May 23:** May Session of HAP’s Community Health Learning Collective: Toxic: A Black Woman’s Story.
- **May 24:** Part one: Coping with Grief and Loss at The Village Chicago
- **June 8:** Part two: Coping with Grief and Loss, A Chance to Share at The Village Chicago
- **June 14:** June Session of HAP’s Community Health Learning Collective: Wine, Women, and Dementia film screening.
- **June 21:** Support when Living with a Serious Illness presentation at Elderwerks Center (in person)