



The HAP Foundation is thrilled to honor Bill Kesler with the Ada F. Addington Lifetime Trustee Award, the Robert H. & Terri L. Cohn Family Foundation with the Diane and Mike Beemer Philanthropic Award, and Dr. Martha Twaddle with the Dr. Bruce Carlson Clinical Impact Award at this year's HAP Heritage Event. Join us for a lunch reception on Thursday, May 14 at The Glen Club, 2901 W. Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60026, as we celebrate today and honor the past at the 2026 HAP Heritage Event. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Honoring HAP Lifetime Trustee: Jackie Holland

Honoring a
LIFETIME TRUSTEE
of The HAP Foundation



Jackie Holland

Each month, The HAP Foundation recognizes a Lifetime Trustee for their extraordinary contribution to end-of-life care. This month, we are proud to recognize Jackie Holland.

As a nurse, Jackie's compassionate care for others helped her recognize the need for greater support at the end of life. Therefore, she led a volunteer hospice effort that ensured patients in the northern suburbs were cared for at their end of life. She was one of the founders of Hospice of the North Shore, which became Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care. We commend her commitment to increasing awareness and access to hospice and palliative care. In 2023, Jackie was recognized as a HAP Lifetime Trustee.

For the past 7 years, Jackie and Jim, her husband, have lived at a retirement community in Evanston. She continues to do what she loves – sharing information about hospice care with her neighbors by giving presentations, writing articles in the community's monthly

newsletter, and staying current on hospice activities. Jackie continues to be a trusted resource on hospice for her friends and neighbors.

The HAP Foundation is deeply grateful for Jackie's contributions to hospice care in Illinois.

HAP Golf Tournament: Monday, June 22, 2026



The HAP Foundation is hosting our annual Golf Outing on Monday, June 23 at Riverside Golf Club with Board of Trustee member Maggie Lapcewich. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about HAP's work while enjoying a day on the course. Purchase your foursome today. Not a golfer? Consider sponsoring the outing or joining us for dinner after the round. [Register now](#) and secure your spot today!

CLHPN Symposium: Call for Proposals

2026
CHILD LIFE HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE NETWORK
VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

Call for Proposals

Title: Where Play Meets Practice: Advancing Care for
Children Facing Grief and Serious Illness

Symposium Date: October 22, 2026

Location: Zoom

Submissions Close: 12 Midnight May 22, 2026

Learn more at TheHAPFoundation.org/clhpn



The HAP Foundation is accepting proposals for the 2026 Child Life Hospice & Palliative Network (CLHPN) Virtual Symposium on October 22, 2026. This year's theme, *Where Play Meets Practice: Advancing Care for Children Facing Grief and Serious Illness*, will bring together interdisciplinary professionals to share innovative strategies, research, and real-world approaches to supporting children and families. The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, May 22, 2026. Submission requirements can be found [here](#).

Illinois Pediatric Learning Collaborative: April Session



Tomorrow, Thursday, April 16, 2026, the Illinois Pediatric Learning Collaborative is hosting a case conceptualization presented by a Chicagoland agency and a Central Illinois agency. These cases will explore how to navigate advanced directives and diagnosis conversations. Register [here](#). These free sessions are open to any professional working in or interested in working in pediatric hospice and palliative care. HAP's Lynda P. Bollman Pediatric Program and Southern Illinois University Medicine designed this learning series to fill the gap in pediatric hospice and palliative care education for clinicians who regularly provide palliative care to adults or to general practice pediatricians. Check out past webinars [here](#).

April is National Financial Literacy Month: Give Yourself a Financial Checkup

National Financial Literacy Month



April is National Financial Literacy Month, which is a dedicated time to focus on building stronger personal finance skills, including budgeting, saving, and investing. At its core, Financial Literacy Month aims to empower people to make informed financial decisions and expand access to financial education.

One of the simplest and most impactful steps you can take is to assess where you currently stand. As part of your checkup, it is also wise to review your will and beneficiary designations to ensure they are current and still reflect your wishes. Please consider charitable gifts to The HAP Foundation when assessing your financial wellbeing. Even a small contribution can have a great impact.

[Join the Conversation!](#)

The Community Health Learning Collaborative (CHLC) is a monthly convening of Community Health Workers (CHWs), Promotores de Salud, Community Health Representatives, CHW Allies, community members, and clinicians that provides opportunities to discuss emerging issues in community health, share organizational announcements, and experience fellowship with like-minded individuals. Each CHLC convening includes education programs to encourage us, inform our work, and open dialogue about critical issues that impact our organizations. Not able to attend? Check HAP's [community education page](#) for recordings of previous sessions. To learn more, contact Maureen Burns at mburns@thehapfoundation.org.

Please join the CHLC for a virtual session on Monday, April 27, 2026, from noon to 1:00 p.m. CT. "Understanding Worker's Rights – A Basic Guide" will provide a foundational overview of worker rights to help CHWs better understand the protections available to them and their clients in the workplace. The session will also cover rights regardless of immigration status, how to document workplace issues, and where to seek support or file complaints. Designed to be accessible and practical, this guide empowers workers with the knowledge and tools they need to advocate for themselves and build collective power in their workplaces and communities. Please email mburns@thehapfoundation.org to receive an invitation and link for the virtual meeting.

Please join the CHLC for a virtual session on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from noon to 1:00 p.m. CT entitled "Courageous Conversations: Preventing Sleep-Related Infant Death." Sleep-related infant death, often known as "SIDS," remains the leading cause of death for infants once home from the hospital after birth. This session will cover how and why these deaths occur, who they affect most, and what can be done to prevent them. Stories, data, and resources will be shared from speakers from the Cook County Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Case Registry and Community Partnership Approaches to Safe Sleep (CPASS)-Chicago to learn how to hold courageous conversations with families. Please email mburns@thehapfoundation.org to receive an invitation and

link for the virtual meeting.

Upcoming Community Support Groups

Dementia Caregiver Support Groups

Join us for The HAP Foundation's Dementia Caregiver Support Group, offered virtually. Monthly sessions provide family caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia with education, guidance, and a supportive community led by trained Community Health Workers.

- Join us virtually on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. CT via Zoom. [Click here to register.](#)
- Join us virtually on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. CT via Zoom. [Click here to register.](#)

Grief Circles

Are you grieving someone's death? Are you looking for support and community with others who are grieving? This group, facilitated by HAP Community Health Workers, uses peer support to build community among participants while honoring and processing grief. It is open to any adult who is grieving the death of any person.

- Spanish group: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. CT. [Register here.](#)
- English group: Tuesday, April 21, 2026, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. CT. [Register here.](#)
- English group: Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. CT. [Register here.](#)
- Spanish group: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. CT. [Register here.](#)



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