

Valor Hospice News



Valor Releases Touching Lives Magazine

Valor HospiceCare & PalliativeCare has released the publication of our inaugural magazine, *Touching Lives*.

"This is the first publication of its kind for our communities," said Joan Weaver, Executive Director & Administrator. "We wanted to provide information and stories that help to explain the wonderful benefits that hospice offers."

Features of the magazine include articles by local and national leaders in various hospice and palliative care fields. Topics include facts, figures and articles such as *What People Really Want*, *If You Are Thinking About Hospice*, *Why We Need to Care*, *Is Illness a Spiritual Journey?*, *Why Caregivers Become Volunteers*, *What is PalliativeCare?*, *Frequently Asked Questions* and *Bereavement and Memorial Services*.

Valor Community Liaisons will be distributing magazines to area health care professionals. To order a copy, please contact us at (877) 615-3996.



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Staff Highlights

Joan Weaver, RN, BSN, Executive Director was recently appointed Administrator of our Southern Arizona operations. Joan is also member of our Governing Body Boards for our Tucson, Green Valley and Sierra Vista licenses.

Lois Carder, RN, has joined our Tucson office as PatientCare Coordinator, West Team. With our rapid growth, Lois' years of hospice leadership will further support the development and growth of our nursing, certified nurse assistant, social services and therapies programs, and other interdisciplinary team members.

Vicki Duarte, RN, joins Valor as our PatientCare Services Director of the Green Valley office. Vicki brings substantial hospice and palliative care leadership experience to our Green Valley and Nogales team. Vicki oversees all plans for our clinical and operation's staff. Valor 's Green Valley office currently covers most of Southern Pima County and Santa Cruz County.

Jolleen Gray, RN, has joined Valor as our Program Director of our Sierra Vista office. Jolleen's experience in skilled nursing management and palliative care, supports her oversight of all aspects of market development, clinical compliance and operations support. Our Sierra Office team also serves much of Cochise County and the communities of Benson, Tombstone and Bisbee.

Bereavement and Memorial Services

Valor offers grief education and bereavement services to our families and the community. A comprehensive 13-month bereavement program is offered to our families and loved ones whom we have served. Support groups in various formats are offered to share your feelings and stories, including *Walking Through Jello*, a 5-week class held in various communities. Additional services offered are *Getting Ready to Go*, an anticipatory grief program, monthly grief support groups at our offices and memorial services held in our communities.

Physician Appointments

Dr. Peter Brown and **Dr. Ubair Ahmed** have joined our Physicians team as Associate Medical Directors. We will highlight our physicians in an upcoming *Valor Hospice News*. Please visit our website for our physicians biographies.

About Us

Valor HospiceCare & PalliativeCare provides compassionate, holistic care for patients with advanced chronic and terminal illness and support for their families and loved ones. With a focus on exemplary service and a dedication to making the most of every day, join us as we commit to improving end-of-life care and expanding access to hospice and palliative care in the markets we serve. Valor is State Licensed, Medicare, TRICARE, AHCCCS Certified and affiliates with most commercial insurance plans. The teams currently serve Pima, Southern Pinal, Santa Cruz and Cochise Counties, with offices in Tucson, Green Valley and Sierra Vista, Arizona. For further information, please contact us in Tucson at 520.615.3996, in Green Valley at 520.399.0200, in Sierra Vista at 520.458.9450 or toll-free at 877.615.3996. Web: www.valorhospicecare.com

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