Steve West retires... Sandra Lobert steps in

Steve West will retire this month as CEO/President of Hospice of Cincinnati. Steve became involved with Fernside after his first wife Donna died in 1990 when he and his children participated in our program. He’s been a champion of Fernside ever since and was instrumental in our affiliation with Hospice of Cincinnati in 2001. Steve has truly been a hands-on CEO as witnessed in the photo of Steve at camp.

Sandra Lobert has been named the CEO successor for Steve. She brings to Hospice of Cincinnati outstanding professional and community leadership credentials. Sandra’s background includes her position as Corporate Senior Vice President at 5/3rd Bank and receiving the YWCA Career Woman of Achievement Award is among her many professional and community accomplishments. Sandra also served on the HOC Board of Trustees as Board Chair for two years. She knows HOC well and brings with her a great passion for the work at Hospice of Cincinnati and Fernside.

As we say goodbye to Steve, we will be honoring him this year at our annual fundraiser, the Hospice of Cincinnati Summertime Classic. We are excited to recognize Steve for his extraordinary contributions to Fernside since our early years and hope that you will join us in celebrating Steve by supporting this event.

Summertime Classic Sponsorship Opportunities

The Memorial Hole Sponsorship level introduced last year provided the opportunity for donors to remember someone special. Twenty-six Memorial Hole signs marked the green and each one celebrated the life of someone special. The Steve West Hole In One Sponsorship level is being offered this year to encourage donors to celebrate Steve’s accomplishments and all that he’s done for grieving families in our community.

Hyde Park Golf & Country Club is once again hosting our annual golf outing on Monday, June 8th. Memorial Hole and Steve West Hole In One signs will be placed throughout the golf course with your name(s) and that of the person you’re acknowledging. The cost for each of these sponsorship levels is $250.00. Both sponsorship opportunities allow donors to acknowledge family and friends while supporting the important services we provide in the community.

Please consider becoming a Memorial Hole Sponsor or a Steve West Hole In One Sponsor for the Golf Outing at the 2009 Hospice of Cincinnati Summertime Classic.
wish list

- Gift Cards to Michael's, Hobby Lobby, Joseph Beth, Office Depot
- Crayola Model Magic – assorted colors
- Digital camera
- Markers
- Paper Mache boxes – assorted shapes
- Photo Printer Paper

Call with any questions or to arrange a pick-up time:
(513) 745-0111. Ask for Christi! Thanks!

Fernside Crisis Support

Everyone experiences a significant death at some point or place in their lives. People certainly feel the loss as individuals but they also experience it as a member of a larger group – church, school, work or other organization. When a death impacts a large group of people within a church, school or workplace, Fernside can provide crisis support. Phone consultations, literature, on-site educational classes and short-term grief support groups make up the crisis support program at Fernside.

The following organizations have benefited from Fernside’s Crisis Support Program this year. All services were offered free of charge.

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Support Groups Available

Blue Ash:
2nd and 4th Monday Parent/ Significant Adult Loss Groups
2nd and 4th Tuesday Parent/ Significant Adult Loss Groups
1st and 3rd Tuesday Sibling/ Cousin/Friend Loss Groups

Liberty Township:
1st and 3rd Tuesday Parent/ Significant Adult Loss Groups

Bridgetown:
2nd and 4th Wednesday Parent/ Significant Adult Loss Groups

Anderson Township:
2nd and 4th Tuesday Parent/ Significant Adult Loss Groups

Families interested in joining our support groups must attend an orientation, held in Blue Ash on the 3rd Monday of every month. Please call the office for registration information.
Volunteer News

Fernside Teen Facilitator Recognized

This year, one of our young volunteers, Meg Vogel, was recognized in The Catholic Telegraph for her generous service work in our community. Meg is a seventeen-year-old senior at Mother of Mercy High School and along with her mom, Mary, has volunteered at Fernside for the past three years. She became involved following the death of her grandparents and her cousin. Meg and her mom started as Greeters, picking up and serving pizza to families before their support group meetings. Meg has since been trained to facilitate in our evening support groups and in our Camp Erin-Cincinnati program.

“Service for me is that opening to making a difference in the world. The lessons I have learned from people I have encountered through volunteering have taught me so much. I wouldn’t trade them in for anything.”
– Meg Vogel, quoted in The Catholic Telegraph, 1/23/09

National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 19th-25th

The theme for this year’s National Volunteer Week is Celebrating People in Action. We would like to recognize all of our volunteers for dedicating their talents and time to Fernside. We celebrate and acknowledge them for the wonderful work they contribute to our programs and their commitment to our families. Volunteers, thank you for giving of yourselves for others.

Welcome to our new volunteers, Class of 2008-2009!

Kelley Brinkman
Pamela Brown
Bryan Devine
Mary Kate Fogarty
Ethan Fuqua
Rhonna McConnell
Stephanie McCowan
Natalie Metz
Sierra Nelson
Matt Oberly
Teresa O’Quinn
Crystal Paul
Larry Renner
Alicia Roberson
Jessica Roth
Betsy Sundermann
Lindsay Turpin
Autumn Wood
Brian Zeschke

For information about volunteering at Fernside or participating in our support groups, call the office at 513-745-0111.
**Upcoming Fernside Events**

**Team Fernside, 2009 Flying Pig Marathon**

There's still time to become part of Team Fernside for this year’s Flying Pig Marathon! Whether you’re walking or running, go to www.flyingpigmarathon.com to register for the events scheduled on May 2nd & 3rd. Participants will receive a goodie bag and Fernside race t-shirt. Pledges collected on behalf of Fernside benefit all of our programs that we offer to the community at no cost.

**Summer Camp, 2009 Camp Erin-Cincinnati**

**Life As a Roller Coaster: The Ups and Downs of Grief**

Fernside's annual, four-day summer camp offers opportunities for physical and emotional grief work through small and large, interactive group experiences. This year's camp will be held July 30th – August 2nd at YMCA Camp Kern located in Oregonia, Ohio, which is located about 10 minutes north of Kings Island. Campers will enjoy expressive art activities, campfires and exciting camp activities such as swimming and hiking. Summer camp, sponsored in part by the Moyer Foundation, is offered free of charge. Call the office for additional information.