

Headline: Clyde's Hope Awarded the AseraCare CSI Financial Assistance Grant

Summary: AseraCare Hospice selects local nonprofit hospice organization, Clyde's Hope, as the recipient of its quarterly financial assistance grant.

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(BRANDON, MS) June 10, 2008 – Local nonprofit organization, [Clyde's Hope](#), has been chosen by [AseraCare Hospice](#) as the recipient of its CSI financial assistance grant for this quarter. Golden Living/AseraCare Hospice awards these grants to worthy nonprofit organizations that provide services to the community at both the local and regional levels. The individual agencies or Golden LivingCenters are given the opportunity to suggest local agencies providing charitable services to the community that they feel are deserving of, and could greatly benefit from, the grant money. After an approval process has been completed, the grant is awarded to one eligible nonprofit organization each quarter. This grant has a *direct* impact on the local community by *indirectly* coming to the aid of hospice patients and their families.

The founder of Clyde's Hope, Susan Verucchi, will accept the award on June 20 in a ceremony at 2:00 p.m. at the AseraCare Hospice Jackson location. "As a nonprofit organization, we are completely dependent upon volunteers, donations and outside funding. This grant is a wonderful gift, and it will be put to use in one of the best ways I can think of: removing financial burden from hospice patients and their families," states Verucchi.

Clyde's Hope offers [monetary assistance to hospice patients](#) with legitimate needs. The organization arranges transportation for spouses to visit patients, and provides sitters for patients in order to relieve caregivers of time and monetary costs. Clothing, dehumidifiers and amplified phones, among other things, are also available. Verucchi says, "There is no cost to patients or families for assistance provided by Clyde's Hope. Our goal is to contribute to grief-stricken families in a positive way."

The CSI grant will make it easier for Clyde's Hope to provide assistance in the coming months. The organization does not limit the amount of support it can provide; limitations are due only to a lack of requests from hospice organizations. Part of the grant will be put toward periodic educational events sponsored by Clyde's Hope in order to keep loved ones informed about what to expect from patients in the final stages of their terminal illnesses. Educational luncheons are also offered to healthcare facilities to inform healthcare professionals of the appropriateness and awareness of patients. AseraCare Hospice is a strong supporter of community education and the efforts of Clyde's Hope.

For more information on Clyde's Hope or to learn how you can become a volunteer, donate funds or purchase a membership, visit the website at www.ClydesHope.org.

About Clyde's Hope

Clyde's Hope is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide education and assistance to hospice patients and their families. Standing behind the philosophy that hospice is not about death, Clyde's Hope is about helping patients make the most of the time they have left. The founder of Clyde's Hope, Susan Verucchi, is passionate about educating the public and other agencies about hospice. Her goal is to offer educational support to patients and families referred to hospice so they can make their own decisions regarding hospice services and benefits. The organization is named after Verucchi's father, Clyde, who was admitted to hospice in 2004.

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