

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO HEART OF THE MOUNTAINS HOSPICE BOARD MEMBERS**

As we begin a new year we want to say a special thank you to the people who volunteer their time as Board Members for the Heart of the Mountains Hospice. Heart of the Mountains Hospice has taken care of over 200 people since its inception in 2001. The Board members meet on a monthly basis and serve as the administrative center, overseeing the management and fiscal affairs of Hospice. They assist with fundraising and we are especially grateful these community members are willing to volunteer their time to ensure Hospice services are available in Grand County.

**Deborah Knutson:** Deb Knutson is currently the President of the Hospice Board. She is the longest tenured Board member and was a founding member of Hospice in 2001. You may also recognize her from her full time job as an employee of the Fraser Fire Department.



**Father Spencer:** Father Spencer is the Secretary for the Hospice Board. He is the spiritual leader at St. John's Episcopal Church in Granby and we are very pleased to have a spiritual volunteer on our Board. Father Spencer's Labrador dog, Jake, often attends Hospice Board meetings and sits under the table helping to keep everything warm.



**Gary McGraw:** Gary McGraw said "yes" when we approached him to be on the Hospice Board and currently he is the Treasurer. Gary brings great experience to us as a past COO of the Winter Park Ski area, a volunteer with the Rocky Mountain National Park, and an involved fund raiser for such important causes as the Trail Alliance.



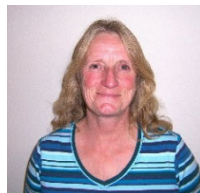
**Lynda Parker:** Lynda Parker and her husband are high energy volunteers in our community and can often be found working in non-profit community venues in Grand County. In addition to serving on the Hospice Board, Lynda is a ski instructor at Winter Park and coordinated past golf tournaments for Hospice.



**Jennifer Neumann:** Jennifer Neumann is our newest Hospice Board member and brings a clinical perspective to our Board with her Nursing background. Jennifer is a long time resident of Grand County and currently works as a healthcare expert and researcher for legal professionals.



**Joan Gaskins:** Joan Gaskins is the Executive Director of Heart of the Mountains Hospice and although she is not a Board member, she attends all Board meetings. Joan is instrumental in securing grants for Hospice and managing all the billing and complex communications with governments and insurance companies. She maintains a sense of humor bringing laughter to many business aspects of Heart of the Mountains Hospice.



**We are very fortunate as a Hospice Organization to have the multiple skills and energies of our Board members and Executive Director on our Hospice Team!**