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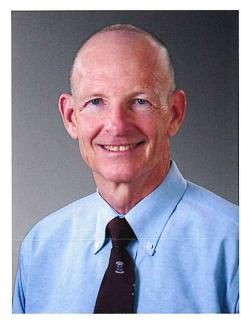
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Our Mission - Love. Comfort. Support. From Us to You.

Every day Hospice of South Texas delivers heartfelt care and comfort to those struggling with serious illness. We enable people to regain who they are beyond their illness by helping control symptoms, providing practical have grown up next door to those we care for and have become part of the fabric of our community

Physician, Mentor, Advocate and Friend



Dr. Henry Howard Whitehouse III

Dr. Henry Howard Whitehouse III, Terry to his friends and family, was passionate about what mattered most in his life; his family, medicine, education, ranching, roping, running, cycling, participating in 4-H and in spiritual study through Education for Ministry. His desire for knowledge and his drive to help others, to make a difference, helped shape his career path. In 1972 he received his biology degree from Brown University, graduated from medical school at UTMB in Galveston, TX in 1976 where he also completed an obstetrics and gynecology residency, followed by an appointment to the UTMB OB/GYN department faculty.

In 1980, he married his wife Susan, and two years later they moved to Victoria. He joined the Victoria Women's Clinic, where he practiced for 33 years. He left for one year to complete a fellowship in advanced gynecological surgery at Emory University in 1992. He served in various leadership positions in the Victoria medical community and represented the Victoria-Goliad-Jackson County Medical Society as a regional delegate to the Texas Medical Association for many years. While working as a physician, in his spare time, he managed to complete an accounting degree during night school at the University of Houston Victoria, allegedly for fun. Terry was an avid reader known for his dry wit and his thoughtful counsel and generosity to friends and

He loved moving through the outdoors and said he felt closest to God while on horseback, though in later life he was more likely to be spotted on a road bike riding around the county. In 2018, Terry achieved his long-time dream to cycle across the USA.

Perhaps his compassionate bedside manner came from his own experience with the diagnosis and successful treatment of an ocular melanoma. In 2005, Elena Watts, a Hospice of South Texas (HoST) member of the board, recruited Terry to be a volunteer board member. In 2007, he became president of the Hospice of South Texas Board of Directors and a volunteer medical director. During those years, the board began a palliative care program with the hospitals. In the fall of 2008, Terry launched his second career and became board certified as a Hospice and Palliative Care physician, passing the test the first time the test was ever offered. In 2010, Dr. Whitehouse retired from the board and became a Hospice of South Texas Medical Director and Palliative Care Physician. His expertise was invaluable.

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Terry and Susan



Terry with daughter and son



Terry, Susan, Jonathan and Katie in New York in 2015

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Terry after a bike ride



Terry during a bike ride

A decision by the HoST board to begin a capital campaign came in 2012. Dr. Whitehouse and Russell Marshall were asked to take on the huge task of co-chairing the capital campaign to build a state-of-the-art hospice inpatient center. This center would allow HoST to offer another specialized care to patients and help fulfill the mission of Hospice of South Texas – to ensure palliative and compassionate care to patients of all ages with life limiting illnesses, so as to enhance natural death with dignity. The capital campaign committee and co-chairs worked the next five years to make the Dornburg Center of Compassion a reality.

The HoST team worked with Dr. Whitehouse daily. Everyone appreciated how he had a way of saying what needed to be said. He spoke the truth, was direct and to the point. His integrity was unwavering. He was an educator, a mentor, and always had something to teach - everything that occurred became a teachable moment. Dr. Whitehouse let patients know how valued they were with his numerous visits and calls.

As a physician, he touched the lives of innumerable patients and their families and was celebrated for his kindness, patience, work ethic, knowledge, and surgical expertise. Dr. Whitehouse, through his gift of teaching and his dedication to professionalism, led by example to help shape Hospice of South Texas into an organization with people dedicated to helping others.

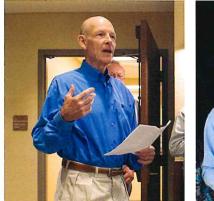
Dr. Whitehouse died in New York City on November 4th, 2023 from cardiac complications due to amyloidosis. We at Hospice of South Texas continue to mourn the loss of one of our greatest advocates and friend. His wife Susan penned in a note, "I hope everyone knows how much Terry cared for everyone and how dear Hospice of South Texas was to his heart and soul."



Terry & Susan attend the Great Gatsby fundraiser



Dr. Whitehouse appreciated as President of HoST Board of Directors



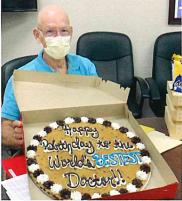
Dr. Whitehouse speaks to all attending the IPC Donor Recognition Event



Dr. Whitehouse & Dr. Meyer at the IPC Blessing



Terry



Dr. Whitehouse during season of COVID

Love, Comfort and Support for our Veterans

Hospice of South Texas' "We Honor Veterans" program is dedicated to providing resources, guidance and care to our veteran patients. We also provide veteran volunteers to our veteran patients so they can share experiences with one another. HoST provides a certificate evidencing their branch of service along with a red, white and blue, prayer shawl, handmade by our Prayer Shawl Crochet group. It is our pleasure to honor our Veterans and say thank you for the sacrifices they have made in serving us.



John Glaze received a We Honor Veterans Certificate for his service in the United States Navy. He shared many stories about his service to his country. It was a true honor to be of service to him.



David Smolik, HoST Volunteer and member of the Board of Directors receives a certificate for his service in the military at the 2024 We Honor Veterans Conference hosted by Texas-New Mexico Hospice & Palliative Care Organization. Mr. Smolik serves as the Chairman of the WHV for the Board.



Sharon "Wayne" Fuchs received a We Honor Veterans Certificate for his service in the United States Army. It is our honor to care for him as he cared for his country by serving in the military.

Hallettsville Office Has Moved

The Grand Opening of our new Hallettsville office was celebrated on April 25, 2024. Stop by **213 E. Second Street, Hallettsville, Texas 77964**, on the square, for a look! Phone numbers remain the same, 361-798-2077 or 361-572-4300.



Expansion On The Horizon

Consolidating our Victoria campuses has been a key component of Hospice of South Texas's long-range strategic plan since opening our Dornburg Center of Compassion Inpatient Center in 2017. In keeping with this vision, we have begun laying the ground work to make this happen on land we own adjacent to the inpatient center. So, should you see a For Sale sign at our home offices on Locust Avenue - phase one has begun. This expansion reflects our commitment to continuous improvement and our mission to meet the evolving needs of our community. Stay tuned...

Qualified Charitable Distributions Increase for Tax Year 2024

In 2024, individuals who are 70½ years old or older may use a QCD to donate up to \$105,000 to qualified charities directly from an IRA. This change from the initial \$100,000 IRA QCD limit set for tax year 2023 reflects Section 307, which indicated the limit will be annually indexed for inflation. QCDs must be made directly by the IRA plan administrator to Hospice of South Texas. Benefits to the donor include: reducing taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions; satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year; and helping further the work and mission of Hospice of South Texas. Consult with a financial advisor or attorney for more information, or contact the HoST Advancement Office at 361-572-4300.