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Dear [First Name],

I am Kathi Lytle Bare. A friend once told me that everyone has a story, and I believe most of us have more than one.

My first experience with hospice came in 2019, as my dad's health declined. After working with other facilities, I contacted St. Peter's Health Hospice. The difference was remarkable. The care they provided in his final days was invaluable.



I reached out to St. Peter's Hospice when my mother's health began to decline, and they were once again a lifeline. The nurses became a welcome part of our weekly routine, and our social worker, helped me manage the emotional toll with her regular visits.

Thanks to the love and support of hospice, I was able to care for my mom at home until her passing. Hospice handled everything with compassion, allowing me to focus on saying goodbye.

I encourage you to consider donating to this amazing organization. Your contribution can make a meaningful difference and have a lasting impact.

As the holiday season draws near and we gather to celebrate with loved ones, let's take a moment to honor those who have passed and those spending their final days with courage and grace. At St. Peter's Health Hospice, we are committed to providing compassionate end-of-life care, ensuring that every individual experiences comfort, support and love on their journey.

Our annual *Light a Life* fundraiser embodies the spirit of compassion and community, with a mission to make hospice care accessible to all, regardless of financial circumstances. Your support plays a vital role in making this possible.

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A tax-deductible contribution of any size—large or small—directly impacts the lives of hospice patients and their families. Each dollar helps bring comfort, hope and peace during the most challenging moments.

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that Sister Elizabeth Ann Henry has passed away this year. Sister Elizabeth was a significant figure in our community, instrumental in bringing hospice care to better serve the needs of the dying and their families. Her work as a Home Health nurse and on the Surgical Floor until the age of 75 before she retired, and her role as the program developer for the No One Dies Alone (NODA) program at St. Peter's Health had a profound impact. She remained as the Vigil Coordinator until her recent illness and many of the NODA volunteers rallied to make sure she did not die alone. It was Sister Elizabeth's last wish for those to donate in memory of her to the Dianne Armstrong Endowed Scholarship for Future Nurses.

**JOIN US**  
**Light a Life Ceremony**  
December 12, 2024  
Doors open at 4 pm  
Program starts 5 pm  
Helena Civic Center  
340 Neil Ave.

This year we are offering you the opportunity to choose how you want to make an impact with your *Light A Life* donation in memory of your loved one(s). Our suggested options are the St. Peter's Health Hospice Fund, the Dianne Armstrong Endowed Scholarship for Future Nurses Fund, our Greatest Need Fund and the Patient Assistance Fund.

We invite you to join us for the *Light a Life* ceremony at the Helena Civic Center on the evening of December 12<sup>th</sup>, a touching event that celebrates life and supports hospice care in our community.

Your involvement can truly make a difference. To learn how you can participate, please visit our website at [sphealth.org/hospice](http://sphealth.org/hospice).

Thank you for considering our appeal and for your continued support in making hospice care available to all who need it.

Wishing you a holiday season filled with compassion, peace and joy.



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