

# Creative Arts Contest



NHPCO is proud to showcase the winning photography and social media video entries from the 2012 Creative Arts Contest.... A true testament to the talent and creativity of NHPCO members all across the country.

National Hospice and Palliative Care  
Organization





**First Place:**

*Smitty*

**Mary Landberg,**

Asante Hospice at Rogue Valley Medical Center, Medford, OR

“Those who crossed Smitty’s path fell in love with him. He was genuinely happy and had a presence about him that was rare for someone with advanced dementia. On the day this photo was taken, he was feeling anxious, probably because he couldn’t wheel himself around the facility anymore. His family then arrived, surrounded him and laid their comforting hands over him. This spontaneous photograph captures what happens with simple, loving touch.” [More of Mary’s photos can be seen on [her website.](#)]

—Mary Landberg



**Second Place:**

*Sweet Kimberly and Caring Nurse Angela*

Oscar Pedraza, Nathan Adelson Hospice, Las Vegas, NV



**Honorable Mention:**

*Hopeful Hands*

Thom Sivo,

Hospice of the Western Reserve, Cleveland, OH



**Honorable Mention:**

*Jane with  
Great-Grandfather's Flag*

Kenny King,

Columbus Hospice of Alabama, Columbus, GA



**First Place:**

*“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

**Les Wilkes,**

Hospice Savannah, Inc., Savannah, GA

“Hospice Savannah offers a Family Photography program for patients who don’t have good quality family photographs (a surprising number do not). As volunteer photographers, we often spend time with the families in order to capture meaningful portraits. This family became very close to our music therapist, and requested that she join them for this photograph. They love to sing hymns, and here they were singing that great hymn by Elisha Hoffman.”

— Les Wilkes



**Second Place:**

*Hospice Volunteers Come in All Shapes and Sizes*

**Cathy Coates,**

Florida Hospital HospiceCare, Ormond Beach, FL



**Honorable Mention:**

*Minnie Cruz*

**Craig Heartly,**

Solari Hospice Care, Scottsdale, AZ



**Honorable Mention:**

*Our Volunteers Make  
Our Patients Happy... Even the  
Ones With Wet Noses*

**Ebony Faber,**

Suncoast Hospice, Clearwater, FL



**First Place:**

## *Partners*

**Laura Segelhorst,**  
Passages Hospice, Lisle, IL

“This photo was taken on the beach in Mexico. One of the handprints is mine, a hospice nurse who has touched many patients’ lives. The other handprint is my husband’s, who has worked hard to provide for our family, allowing me to dedicate my time to hospice. To me, this photograph represents two examples of diversity—in being American hands on Mexican soil and in the hand prints themselves.... Diversity is only valuable if we overcome it and work together....”

— Laura Segelhorst



**Second Place:**

*Reflections Garden*

**Wanda Chiles,**

Hospice of the Bluegrass, Cynthiana, KY



**Honorable Mention:**

*Celebration of Life,  
Live Butterfly Release*

**Oscar Pedraza,**

Nathan Adelson Hospice, Las Vegas, NV



**Honorable Mention:**

*Variety*

**Joelle Beebe,**

Woodland Hospice Morey Bereavement Center,  
Mt. Pleasant, MI



**First Place:**

*Diversity of  
Heart of  
Hospice*



Heart of Hospice, Lafayette, LA

“We’re from Louisiana...diversity is ingrained in us. We are descendants of people who fled here as a means of creating a new place where people of different backgrounds could exist together, peacefully. If you look around, this is still in practice today.... This is how the Heart of Hospice volunteer program is built: different people of different backgrounds, ethnicities, races, genders, political views...and different views of the world...but one very big important thing in common: volunteering for hospice...”

—Heart of Hospice



**Second Place:**

*Homecoming*

Hospice Hawaii, Honolulu, HI



**Honorable Mention:**

*Circles of Care Volunteer  
Program*

The Denver Hospice, Denver, CO