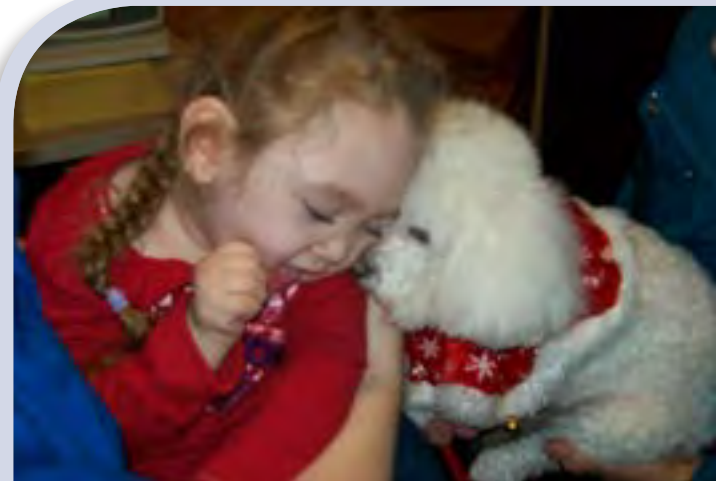


# 2014 creative arts contest



NHPCO is proud to showcase the winning photographs and social media videos from the **2014 Creative Arts Contest**. Each entry is a true testament to the talent and creativity of our many members across the country.



National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization



## Photography – Adult Category



FIRST PLACE:

### *Bringing Families Closer Together*

Mary Landberg – Asante Hospice, Medford, Oregon

“The question “When is my mother going to die?” is asked regularly. The answer can trigger a phone tree that immediately puts people on airplanes. This answer initiates a huge shift in priorities. Loved ones drop everything and come to say goodbye. Hospice is able to help families put away all that is not true and to love. Hospice has a way of bringing families closer together.”



SECOND PLACE:

### *Inge Laughs* (pronounced Een-gah)

Bob Blanchard –  
Hopewest, Grand Junction, Colorado

“Inge laughs as she sits in her room at the Hopewest Hospice Care Center and tells the staff stories of her grandsons pretending to be monkeys.”

## Photography – Young People Category

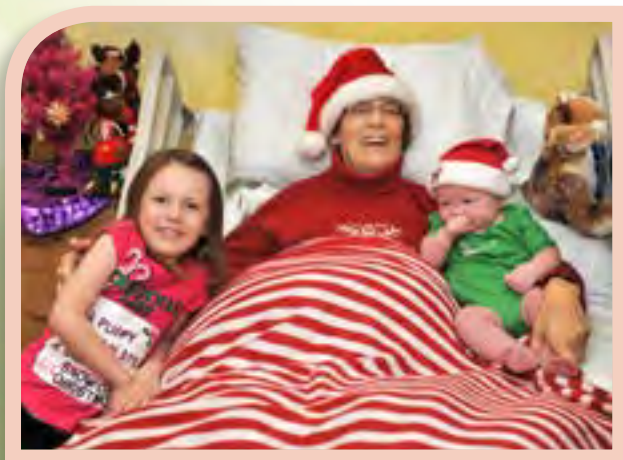


**FIRST PLACE:**

### *Sweet Snuggles*

**Ashley Pirtle – Hospice of Hope, Maysville, Kentucky**

"Ariana arrived at Care Center five days before Christmas. The nurses took turns rocking her at the front desk in hopes of putting her to sleep. She would fight their efforts and stay awake for hours. However, this all changed the day she met Cupcake, one of our pet therapy dogs. It was love at first snuggle. We had never seen her react to something as strongly as she did to snuggling with Cupcake. Cupcake would give her "puppy kisses" and she would laugh and laugh. Their visit lasted for over an hour before Ariana started showing signs of being tired. The nurses took her back to her room and Cupcake curled up in the bed with her until she finally fell asleep. It was a precious moment demonstrating the power of the human-animal bond."



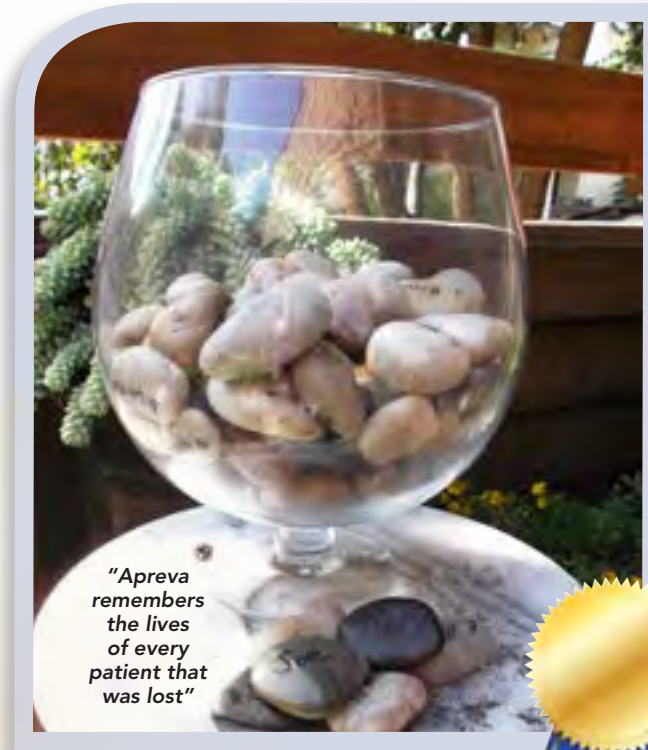
**SECOND PLACE:**

### *Christmas in July*

**Les Wilkes –  
Hospice Savannah, Savannah, Georgia**

"Mrs. N knew she would not live to enjoy her favorites holidays, so her team and family brought them to her early."

## Photography – Nature/Abstract Category



**FIRST PLACE:**

### *Apreva Bereavement Ceremony*

**Sharon Ahlberg – Apreva Hospice, San Diego, California**

“At the close of every week IDG meeting Apreva does what we call “A Bereavement Ceremony. The name of any patient that has passed is written on a polished stone and that stone is then passed around the room. As it passes, every person is given the chance to share their thoughts. The stones are collected and placed in one of our glass memorial bowls. This bowl is present at every week’s bereavement ceremony alongside a lit candle. Once a bowl is full, it is placed on a shelf located in a central place for remembrance. During our semiannual memorial service, all bowls are brought out and placed in a position of honor for families to see. This picture shows one of these bowls holding the stones, and the memories, of our passed patients.”



**SECOND PLACE:**

### *The Gift of Music*

**Lee Ann Leung –  
VITAS Hospice Care, Irvine, California**

“Music can help beautifully transition a patient during their finest hour. A flicker of light, a sound of sweetness indulge the soul. Music reaches a deep part of the human spirit. I am glad music is being integrated more in hospice and palliative care programs.”

## Social Media videos



FIRST PLACE:

*Louise Rossetti: A Life Well Run*

Life Choice Hospice – North Andover, Massachusetts



SECOND PLACE:

*The Sea Star Program's  
Camp Good Grief*

TrustBridge, Inc. (Hospice of Palm  
Beach County & Broward County,  
Hospice by the Sea), West Palm  
Beach, Florida