

A FINAL SUNSET TOGETHER



In the final days of Bonnie's life, Pathways staff orchestrated a poignant farewell, honoring her love for sunsets with a deeply moving gesture. As Bonnie's health declined, and with her fondness for watching the sun set from their favorite bluff in Loveland in mind, the staff wheeled her bed outside to witness one last sunset together. This heartfelt act provided Bonnie and Steven with a serene, memorable moment that perfectly captured their shared love for the beauty of the setting sun.

Bonnie, known for her vibrant spirit and zest for life, had made an indelible impression during her time at Pathways. From the moment she arrived, her energy was unmistakable. She could often be seen racing her daughter around the courtyard in a wheelchair, reflecting her love for speed and adventure. Her whimsical drawings, which still line the walls of the staff break room, served as a testament to her creativity and joy.

Bonnie and Steven's love story began in a hardware store in Grand Junction, where Bonnie managed the

store. After a year of courtship, they married and built a life together, working side-by-side in Steven's HVAC business. Although Bonnie had sold her drag racing car before meeting Steven, their shared passion for racing was a cornerstone of their bond. They delighted in camping trips and created many cherished memories, often driving to their special bluff to watch the sunset. Steven proposed to Bonnie at the end of a racetrack, with a sunset as their backdrop, declaring, "We were made for each other."

Throughout Bonnie's time at Pathways, Steven stayed by her side, deeply appreciative of the compassionate care provided by the staff.

Although he had not yet used Pathways' grief support services, he valued the support of his family and looked forward to participating in the Butterfly Release Memorial next year, a tribute to Bonnie's love for butterflies.

The shared sunset was a powerful symbol of their enduring love, and Steven, with tears in his eyes, reflected on the profound connection they had with Pathways and the beautiful memories they had created together.



Message from the President:

PATHWAYS HAS MUCH TO CELEBRATE AND BE THANKFUL FOR



Pathways is thankful for the ongoing support of our community. We receive this support in many ways. From the thousands of hours of assistance from our volunteers to the financial donations we receive from hundreds of donors each year. Pathways is grateful for the generous support of our community members.

In September, Pathways hosts one of the most visible ways we are supported, with the annual A Vintage Affair event on September 22nd.

A Vintage Affair is celebrating its twenty-second year in 2024. It was started by Wilbur's Total Beverage as the presenting sponsor and came from an idea of Dennis and Mat Dinsmore. Through the ongoing support of this family and the Team at Wilbur's Total Beverage, the event became a reality and has continued for more than two decades. Please look for additional information about A Vintage Affair in this newsletter and we hope to see you there.

I am so grateful for the support of the sponsors of A Vintage Affair. Their support allows us to cover the costs of the event so that nearly 100% of the proceeds go towards this year's designated program – the Pathways for Grief and Loss program and services.

Donations and proceeds from A Vintage Affair, allows us to offer grief and bereavement counselling to anyone in our community regardless of their financial or insurance status. Thank you to all of our sponsors for making this possible.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our professional team members, I want to thank you for your continued support of the mission of Pathways. We could not fulfill this mission without you.

With Appreciation,

Evan Hyatt
President

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Did you know that monthly gifts create a steady source of funding for our vital programs and services? You can turn your one-time gift into an ongoing source of support for our grief and support groups, patient assistance, and children's services.

Signing up is simple, and you can change or stop your monthly contributions at any time. **By donating monthly**, you will join a special group of donors who are committed to ensuring that hospice, palliative care and grief and loss services are available for people in Larimer and Weld counties.

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Celebrating Community Spirit at A Vintage Affair

On September 22nd, Front Range Community College will be the place for the 22nd annual A Vintage Affair, a standout event that embodies community spirit and generosity. Presented by Wilbur's Total Beverage, this beloved fundraiser supports Pathways Hospice and their vital Grief and Loss program.

A Vintage Affair is more than just an evening of fine wine, craft beer, and gourmet appetizers—it's a celebration of life and a testament to the power of community. Attendees will enjoy over 200 varieties of beverages from around the world while bidding on an array of exciting items in the silent auction. The event also features live music by Clark Street Station, adding a lively soundtrack to the evening.

Pathways Hospice has long been a cornerstone of support for individuals and families facing end-of-life challenges. This year, the funds raised will directly benefit the Grief and Loss program, providing essential counseling and creative therapies to those in need.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors whose generous contributions ensure that every dollar raised at A Vintage Affair goes directly to our Grief and Loss program. Please help us thank our sponsors by supporting their businesses and acknowledging their commitment to our cause.

Join us for this memorable evening and be part of a cause that truly makes a difference in our community. Together, we can honor and support those who need it most.

Trunk or Treat

October 29, 2024

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Pathways campus

305 Carpenter Road,
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Celebrate Halloween with us at Pathways' Trunk or Treat!

Our event at Pathways features creatively decorated cars loaded with candy for trick-or-treaters. If the weather turns gloomy, we've got an indoor backup plan ready. Join us for a spooktacular afternoon of fun and surprises!

If you would like to decorate your trunk, share information about your services, and join us in spreading Halloween joy, we'd be thrilled to have you. For more information or to RSVP contact Jacque Taylor at Jacque.taylor@pathways-care.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration required for all events
www.pathwayscare.org/grief-support-events/

MINDFUL MOMENTS

Tuesday, October 15, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a compassionate and transformative group event where we explore the profound connection between mindfulness and the journey through grief. This event is designed to create a supportive space for individuals who are navigating the complex emotions of loss and seeking solace through mindfulness practices. Whether you're navigating fresh grief or seeking ongoing support, please RSVP to secure your spot and join us in this collective journey toward mindfulness, healing, and hope.

Cost: \$25 per person

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ART THERAPY WORKSHOP

Friday, November 1, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Information on the history and traditions of Dia de los Muertos will be offered.

Pathways is offering an art-based workshop for individuals and families of all ages to experience this tradition. This workshop will include opportunities to create a variety of memoiral items and decorative ofrendas (offerings), just in time for the holiday!

Attendees are encouraged to bring a photograph.

Cost: \$15 per person \$45 per family (3 or more)

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAY

Wednesday, November 20, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

We will share ideas to navigate the holidays and explore ways to cope through this sometimes difficult time of year.

Caregiver Appreciation



**October 15
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**LINC
Library Innovation Center
501 8th St.
Greeley, CO 80631**

**RSVP by Oct. 10
970-350-9440**

Free to attend & free parking

Pathways is proud to sponsor a day of relaxation and support for caregivers. Enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch from Corleone's, and a presentation by Kathleen Miller-Mirack. Engage with guest caregiver panelists, unwind with massages, and explore resource booths at your leisure. Join us for this special event to connect, learn, and pamper yourself—you deserve it!

Please note: a caregiver is defined as a family member or an unpaid helper who regularly looks after an elderly (50 and older), or disabled person. There will be no respite care provided at this event.

OUR MISSION

Honoring every moment of life with compassion, dignity and expertise.

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