Hoffmann Hospice invites you and your family to join us in celebrating the memory of loved ones by placing a symbolic light on our tree. Guests are asked to make a $10 donation for each individual recognized with a light. Donate $100 or more and receive a commemorative ornament.

**BAKERSFIELD**
Tuesday • December 2, 2014 • 6:30 p.m.
The Marketplace (Near the fountain)
9000 Ming Avenue
(661) 410-1010

**ANTELOPE VALLEY**
Thursday • December 4, 2014 • 6:00 p.m.
Lancaster Blvd. and Ehrlich Ave.
Lancaster
(661) 272-2355

Connecting Veterans

After learning that two of our hospice patients, Raymond Zuniga and Richard Hoegh, were not only WWII veterans but fought during the same time in the same area of Europe, Hoffmann team members offered to bring the two together for a luncheon so they could meet and share their stories. The two were thrilled to say the least.

During the luncheon Raymond Zuniga said, “It is wonderful to finally be able to speak with someone who understands and believes what I went through. They expressed their deepest gratitude to Hoffmann Hospice for arranging the luncheon and for honoring them with a certificate for their service and a formal “We Honor Veterans” pin provided by Hoffmann Spiritual Counselor Mason Wren.

The experience was even more impactful for the Hoffmann Team. They shared that it was amazing to see two people who have never met have such an immediate connection and camaraderie. Mason said, "It's hard to find words to describe the meeting of these two veterans...the intensity of their stories, the openness of their hearts, the connection they shared...it was one of those special experiences in life when time seems to slow and even the silence between words speaks of the beauty in each moment. To listen to two men who went through such darkness and yet with humility hold on to what is still beautiful in life and push on towards the good is unforgettable." Raymond Zuniga passed away on September 15, 2014.

Hoffmann Hospice salutes our veterans. Celebrating National Hospice Month and Veterans Day November 11, 2014.
It’s hard to believe just months ago this site was an onion field. Now this field holds the foundation of Kern County’s first and only hospice home. Just like the farmers that tended the onion field a group of construction workers now tend the land that will become a home-like setting.

Many of you may recall last November when 12 local Sonic Drive-In restaurants helped Hoffmann Hospice kick off their fundraising campaign for Kern County’s first and only hospice home. But the story actually starts much earlier.

In 2012 Sonic franchise owners Scott and Tani McMillan made a personal financial commitment to support Hoffmann’s early fundraising efforts and wanted to do something additional that was a natural extension of that commitment. In November of last year they launched the inaugural (and now annual!) “Hoffmann Hero” month at 12 local Sonic Drive-In restaurants, including locations in Shafter, Delano and Tehachapi.

When asked how they came to be involved with Hoffmann Hospice even though neither had ever had family members utilize Hoffmann services, the McMillan’s said the suggestion had come from Milt Cole, their former Senior Pastor at Riverlakes Community Church. It was Milt, who also served as a member of the Board of Directors, who encouraged the McMillans to consider Hoffmann Hospice when “giving back” to the community.

As a relatively new business owner, Scott McMillan wasn’t sure how to proceed. “Up to this point I hadn’t ever really contemplated giving back to the community; I had neither heard of Hoffmann Hospice nor had a clue what hospice was! It took me a couple of years to get my head around ‘giving back,’ but once I fully understood it was one of my responsibilities as a business owner, we jumped in with both feet. After doing more research on Hoffmann Hospice we knew it was one of the organizations we wanted to partner with and help support.”

Based on the success of last year’s promotion, it appears both the general public and the Sonic staff are equally excited the event is back. The “Hoffmann Hero” is a one-of-a-kind drink specially formulated by Sonic’s creative management team. It is the signature menu item to order throughout the month of November. 50% of all Hoffmann Hero sales will go to Hoffmann Hospice.

Last year the drink became so popular that Hoffmann Hospice, who encouraged the McMillans to consider Hoffmann Hospice when “giving back” to the community.

shortage of community resources. When the hospice home opens its doors in summer 2015 an estimated 1,800 additional families will have the opportunity to receive compassionate hospice care in a home-like setting.

Hoffmann Hospice is proud that this project to expand end-of-life care for Kern County residents is backed by donations from community members, on-going fundraising efforts and the financing support of Valley Republic Bank.

Take a virtual tour of the Comforts of Home by visiting our Hospice Home Project page at www.hoffmannhospice.org or call (661) 410-1010 for more information and to set up a tour of the project.

(Inside secret…the Hoffmann Hero is also available in Slush form and rumor is it’s even better than the drink!)
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As Kern County's only locally founded non-profit hospice provider, Hoffmann Hospice cares for all who need our services, regardless of their ability to pay. We are able to fulfill our mission based on the availability of funds donated by generous individuals, businesses and foundations in our community. Hoffmann Hospice wishes to thank the following donors who gave from July through September of 2014.

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BAKERSFIELD
Thursday Dec. 18th
5 – 7 PM
PALMDALE
Monday Dec. 8th
5:30 – 6:30 PM

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Open to the public

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BAKERSFIELD: Tuesdays: 6-7 pm Thursdays: 10-11 am
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