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Welcome Home

What began as Tom and Beth Hoffmann’s dream 18 years ago has become a reality. Transforming what once was an onion field into a place of hope, help, and comfort for local families has been an incredible journey over the past 18 months. Throughout this journey, Hoffmann Hospice has been blessed by the continuous generosity of the local community. Because of this support, Hoffmann is able to open the doors to Kern County’s first and only free-standing in patient hospice home, thus expanding end of life care for up an additional 1,800 local families.

September was marked with several moments of joy as the doors to the Comforts of Home home opened and welcomed dignitaries, donors, volunteers, staff, community partners, advocates, and Kern County residents to celebrate the grand opening of the much-anticipated hospice home. Even Maggie was there to share in the celebration — as well as celebrate her own accomplishments. She has officially received her physical therapy certification and was recognized by the APTA as a Canine Good Citizen. Maggie now enjoys the comforts of her new home while resting on the plush carpet in the lobby, ready to greet visitors, and absolutely loves to wave and peak into patient suites for a visit.

Ongoing fundraising efforts and donations from community members are crucial in helping to advance Hoffmann’s mission as well as fund the remaining projects planned at the Comforts of Home hospice home. One of the outdoor beautification projects for which Hoffmann needs community support is adding a rain garden to our own front lawn. Donations can be made online at hoffmannhospice.org or by contacting the Hoffman Hospice Office.

Keep Calm, Sonic On

Comforts of Home, Kern County’s first and only hospice home.

This delicious concoction has become so popular, that the 12 Sonic locations compete against one another to sell the most Hoffman Heroes during the month. Their excitement and energy inspire their customers to taste the craze and give Sonic staff the opportunity to help raise awareness about the wonderful people behind Hoffmann Hospice and its services. Scott and Tani are both active community members, philanthropists, and generous supporters of Hoffmann Hospice and the Hospice Home project. The McMillans first got involved after Mark Cote, their former board member and Creative Director, and encouraged them to see how they could contribute.

In 2012, the McMillans made a personal financial commitment to support the early fundraising efforts for the Hoffmann Hospice Comforts of Home project. And, the Scott and Tani McMillan Garden Gazebo is just one of the exciting projects that their generous contribution helped to fund. Scott and Tani, along with their Sonic staff, believe that giving to the Hoffmann Hospice Home project is a natural extension of their commitment to giving back to the community, and theirmatchmaking Hoffmann Hero is an extension of their commitment to Hoffmann Hospice. When Scott was asked what he would tell someone who is thinking about donating to Hoffmann Hospice, he enthusiastically replied, “Do it. And do it now!”

Don’t wait. Jump in. This is an incredible organization. Get to know some of the Hoffmann people. They are young and healthy and provide a valuable asset to our beloved Bakersfield community. And, you don’t have to use hospice. Your support goes to a very worthwhile cause and it will mean a lot to people in our community. And, you will be blessed by doing so.”

Celebrating Life

Selena, otherwise known as Dr. Linderquist, enjoyed when Hoffman staff took her to her house for her father’s funeral. She was ecstatic when Hofmann staff came over the special gifts of her childhood days. Selena was the bedside nurse when Hoffman staff brought her mother back to the community. Scott and Tani joined the Hoffman Hospice family and started volunteering at the facility.

The McMillans cut the ribbon on Hoffman Hospice’s newest location.

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call to action

Residents of Kern County are invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Comforts of Home Hospice Home. The ceremony will take place on November 3rd at 10 a.m. at the Hoffmann Hospice Comforts of Home Hospice Home located at 3201 East Panama Lane, Bakersfield, CA. 

For more information, please call 661-847-HOME (4663) or hospicehome@hoffmannhospice.org.
command of the Broncos offense. Peyton Manning is positioned to fulfill his dream to be a classy person on the football field. But more importantly, who is Peyton Manning off the field? Aside from the fact that he shares a similar last name to former NFL quarterback and Ole Miss star and Archie Manning (yes, that’s Peyton’s dad), he is also older brother to New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning. What many people don’t know, though, is the story behind the oldest Manning brother, Cooper. That story is what defines Peyton Manning off the field.

As young boys, both Peyton and Cooper knew they wanted to play football like their dad. They recall childhood memories where Archie would video tape them in the backyard in their football uniforms and state their favorite team. Peyton was probably the more intense of the two and more serious about the game. Family friends recall how even at the young age of 3 Peyton would show “his drop back” and how quickly he could get into throwing position. Cooper, however, showed the more immediate talent and promising future in the family early on as a celebrated wide receiver in high school. Not surprisingly, soon after Peyton entered high school he quickly established himself in the team quarterback as a sophomore when Cooper was a senior. Some of the Manning’s most memorable football moments were that year when their two eldest sons shared time together playing for the same team on the same field. Cooper went on to be highly recruited by Ole Miss and was set to follow in his father’s footsteps as the next Manning generation to play football for the Rebels. In the middle of his freshman year all that came to a crashing halt. Cooper was diagnosed with congenital narrowing of the spinal cord, otherwise known as spinal stenosis. Peyton’s ended his football career. This was devastating news to the entire family, despite the grateful knowledge that Cooper had been dangerously close to being confined to a wheelchair.

Peyton, unable to process or really talk about Cooper’s circumstances, decided at that point in his young life that he would dedicate his playing career to his older brother. When Peyton reached college he discarded his #14 and claimed Cooper’s #8 as his for the rest of his football career. “I always remember that. That my brother is able to play through that.”

Archie Manning once said that the one thing he wanted to make certain he accomplished in his life was to raise good kids with a strong sense of family. Without a doubt, Archie Manning did just that. And with that, Peyton Manning can easily check the box that says he is a classy person both on and off the football field, just like his dad.

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