

## **From Sequim Bay Yacht Club-Reach and Row for Hospice Committee**

I am writing to you as the Chairperson of the Sequim Bay Yacht Club (SBYC) Reach and Row for Hospice committee to ask you to join hands with us to support Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County (VHOCC). Since 1991 the SBYC has sponsored an annual boating event in September that raises funds for the respite care fund of Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County. VHOCC earmarked this special account to ensure that every family of a VHOCC patient can receive brief caregiver respite breaks. As of last year, the SBYC raised almost \$385,000 (\$21,000+ in 2019 alone!) and we were confident that 2020 events would easily bring our overall total to exceed \$400,000.

In response to the CoVid crisis, SBYC suspended all its in-person fundraising activities. This came at a time when VHOCC's own resources/financial needs became greater than ever. With this limitation in place, the committee is organizing a raffle of an exquisitely hand-crafted quilt hanging created by SBYC members. We ask for your help in supporting the sale of raffle tickets and encourage your friends and neighbors to also participate. Information on ticket prices, instructions on how to get your mail-order tickets and a photo of this wall hanging are with this message. Tickets can be purchased until December 7 and the drawing will be December 9, 2020.

If you are not interested in the quilted wall-hanging, there is a second option to support the VHOCC respite fund. Due to CoVid-19 and the federal CARES Act, each of us can deduct \$300 in charitable donations this year. This means that as an alternative to buying raffle tickets, we can write a check directly to VHOCC, and then document that donation when we file our taxes.

Whether it is a raffle ticket purchase or a cash donation of any size, your contribution goes directly to VHOCC. Raffle ticket purchases (check payable to VHOCC) should be sent to SBYC, PO Box 1261, Sequim WA 98382. If you choose not to participate in the raffle but want to donate directly to the respite fund, mail your check to VHOCC, 829 East 8th Street, Port Angeles WA 98362. Please make the check payable to VHOCC with 'Reach and Row for Hospice' on the memo line to direct your contribution to the respite fund account.

With my appreciation for your continued support of VHOCC.

Susan Sorensen