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Annual Grants

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we enter 2023, we are honored to take on new leadership roles as President and CEO of Empath Health and Affiliate Programs and Interim President of Tidewell Foundation. We do so with a renewed commitment to our mission and in humble service to our community.

Last year your kindness enabled Tidewell Hospice to serve 11,000 patients with a wide variety of programs and services.

We wanted to share some of the gracious comments of family members who had loved ones in our care:

- **“My nurse was helpful, friendly, emotionally supportive and unfailingly professional—She was my rock.”**
- **“She came and played guitar and sang two songs. It was so beautiful for my loved one to hear and enjoy. The little things mean so much.”**
- **“Keep up your excellent work. You are very special people.”**

Our care teams are certainly very special people, but their work would not be possible without our compassionate donors.

We know that together with you in the coming year, Tidewell Hospice and Empath Health will continue to be that rock, that bright light and the comfort people will need. Together we will help lift the spirits of people in our community and we will be there when people need us most.

Yours in the mission,

Jonathan D. Fleece, Esq.
President & CEO, Empath Health
and Affiliate Programs



Delesa Morris, MS, CFRE
Interim President
Tidewell Foundation



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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Tidewell Treasures Raises Funds And Friends

Tidewell Treasures is both a significant source of funding to Tidewell Foundation as well as an outreach program to inform people about the Foundation and its support of Tidewell Hospice.

With locations in Sarasota and Venice, the resale stores reach thousands of donors and patrons each year.

The stores welcome donations of gently used furniture, clothing and household items, which are then placed for sale in the store.

The stores are “resale” stores because of their focus on high quality items. Not all donations are accepted. The objective is to obtain the highest possible price in support of making grants back to Tidewell Hospice.

Volunteers accept, sort, price, display and sell the donated items.

“Staff and volunteers take a great deal of pride in our stores,” said Deborah Kenny, who manages the Venice Treasures, a Venice-fixture for more than 10 years.

“Because we know the more successful we are, the more we can help support hospice patients and families.”



Treasures Sarasota

5441 Palmer Crossings Cir.
Sarasota, FL 34238
(941) 552-7555

Treasures Venice

523 US Hwy 41, Bypass N
Venice, FL 34285
(941) 882-4467

Hours

Mon.-Fri.
10 a.m.
to 6 p.m.

Saturday
10 a.m.
to 5 p.m.

Visit [TidewellTreasures.org](https://www.TidewellTreasures.org) to
download a monthly sales calendar.

How You Can Help

DONATE: Clothing and household items can be brought to the stores. They offer FREE PICK-UP for furniture donations.

VOLUNTEER: Treasures volunteers are vital to the stores' success. Contact Sue Forbes at SForbes@Tidewell.org or (941) 441-2061 to volunteer.



Tidewell Foundation To Tidewell Hospice,

Tidewell Foundation is pleased to announce \$4.5 million in grants to support the programs and services of Tidewell Hospice and Empath Health. Programs funded by these grants provide compassionate care across Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties.

“Thanks to the generosity of donors, Tidewell Foundation can ensure that people living in our region have access to free hospice care and grief services,” said Delesa Morris, Interim President.

“In addition, by supporting workforce programs, we are developing a talented, dedicated team of caregivers to serve the community now and into the future.”

Many Tidewell programs, including free grief care and complementary services, are made possible only because of donor support.

Donations also allow Tidewell to expand and enhance programs as needed.

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Awards \$4.5 Million in Grants Empath Health

The following programs were funded by grants made by the Tidewell Foundation in Fiscal Year 2022:

Pediatric Care Services

\$60,795

Tidewell Hospice provides free care to children with advanced illness, including support to help their families navigate the most difficult days of their lives.

Tidewell Honors Veterans Program

\$53,749

This comprehensive program focuses on respectfully celebrating veterans and providing care that recognizes the unique challenges that may exist in military families.

Blue Butterfly Program

\$621,824

Tidewell's Blue Butterfly is an evidence-based community outreach program for children aged 5-18 and their caregivers who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives.

Community Grief Center

\$602,492

The Tidewell Family Grief Center in Ellenton is a first-of-its-kind facility in the region that provides holistic grief support for individuals, families, and the community.

Grief Education and Support Services

\$676,351

Tidewell Hospice is the most significant provider of free grief counseling programs in its four-county service area.

Cardiac Care Program

\$146,135

The Advanced Cardiac Care Program caters to patients with end-stage heart failure and helps them manage symptoms and concerns from the comfort of their homes.

Nurse Residency Program

\$511,530

This unique training course, launched in 2018, provides recent Registered Nurse graduates with a year-long, in-depth training program in hospice nursing.

Home Health Aide Training Program

\$38,240

This program trains home health aides in the hospice specialty, helping to fill a community need amid nationwide worker shortages.

Complementary Services

\$415,957

Tidewell Complementary Services offers a full array of special programs that bring quality of life to those with advanced illness through stress reduction, pain relief and distraction, opportunities for joy, and healing of psycho-social issues for patients and their families.

Humanitarian & Wishes Fund

\$90,000

The Humanitarian Fund grants emergency, non-medical financial relief, alleviating that burden on a patient or caregiver and allowing them to focus on their medical care. The Tidewell Foundations' Wishes Fund fulfills a last wish for Tidewell Hospice patients and their families.

Free Care

\$950,000

At the heart of Tidewell's mission is the belief that everyone deserves access to world-class hospice care, regardless of their ability to pay. Tidewell has a special fund to ensure that compassion, comfort and care are available to all who need it.

EVENT ROUNDUP

Thanksgiving Meal Drive

510 meals delivered to patients/families

Thanks to hundreds of donors, volunteers and the great teams at Morton's Gourmet Market and GROVE, 510 meals were delivered to patients and families in the care of Tidewell Hospice and Empath Home Health in time for Thanksgiving dinner.

Each year these meals go to families who might not otherwise be able to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with their loved ones.

Tidewell Foundation thanks all who donated, helped pack and deliver meals, and, of course, our catering partners who make this special time possible.



Foundation Interim President, Delesa Morris, poses with Empath Health President and CEO, Jonathan Fleece, as he picks up his batch of meals for delivery.



Blue Butterfly Gift Drive

Holidays made brighter by donors

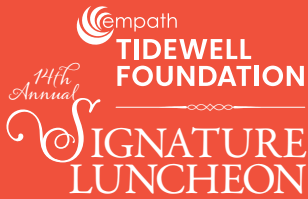
Thank you to all who helped spread the joy of the holiday season for a family enrolled in Tidewell's Blue Butterfly grief program.

Each year participants in the program ask for a special and specific gift. Thanks to generous donors, those gifts are purchased and later wrapped by volunteers to be presented to the families and individuals.

On December 17, 2022, Blue Butterfly families gathered for a tropical-themed holiday party, where they also received their gifts.

For these families, the party and gifts are uplifting at an otherwise difficult time. For many families, the gifts are the only holiday gifts they will receive this year.

Blue Butterfly is an evidence-based, free grief recovery program for children aged 5-18 and their caregivers who have experienced the death of a loved one. Blue Butterfly helps children and families navigate their grief in healthy ways.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Signature Luncheon Honors Veterans

The Tidewell Foundation Signature Luncheon returns for its 14th year with a salute to our **U.S. Veterans**, featuring nationally recognized speaker, retired Army Major and Bronze Star recipient, **Dr. Sudip Bose**.

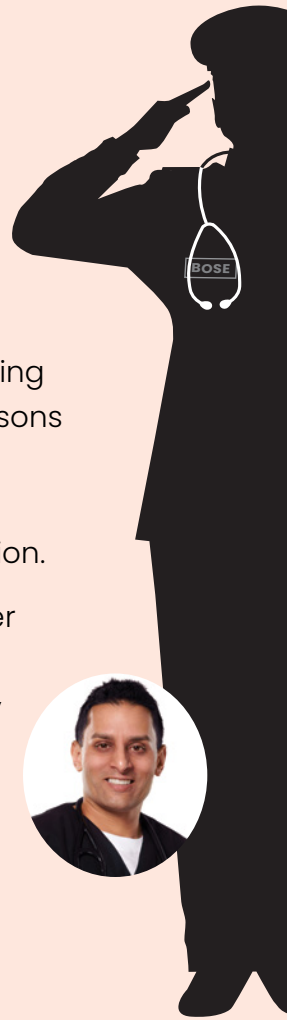
As an Army battalion surgeon in the Iraq War, Dr. Bose was selected to treat Saddam Hussein after his capture and was awarded a Bronze Star for completing one of the longest combat tours by any physician since World War II. He's been recognized as a "CNN Hero" and was named one of the "Leading Physicians of the World" by the International Association of Healthcare Professionals.

From the front lines of emergency rooms in the pandemic and combat zones in Iraq,

Dr. Bose has an inspiring and motivational message. "His personal story of bravery, overcoming challenges and applying those lessons to help countless people will keep people riveted," said Delesa Morris, Interim President, Tidewell Foundation.

Signature Luncheon brings together more than 800 people in the community and benefits the many services of Tidewell Hospice and other Empath Health not-for-profit entities.

For information and tickets, go to **TidewellFoundation.org** or call (941) 552-7569.



Linens and Love

Our third annual **Linens and Love** linens drive will be held in March, in partnership with Dignity Memorial. The drive collects sheets, towels and other linens for Tidewell Hospice and Empath Home Health patients in need.

In 2022, more than 2,000 pounds of linens were collected and another \$3,600 was donated for linen purchases.

Linens are often needed by patients who receive a hospital bed in their homes and need

XL twin sheets. In other cases, families with limited resources need help providing their loved ones with clean, quality linens.

By donating to Linens and Love, you help Tidewell Foundation in our mission to lift spirits and provide comfort to patients and families.

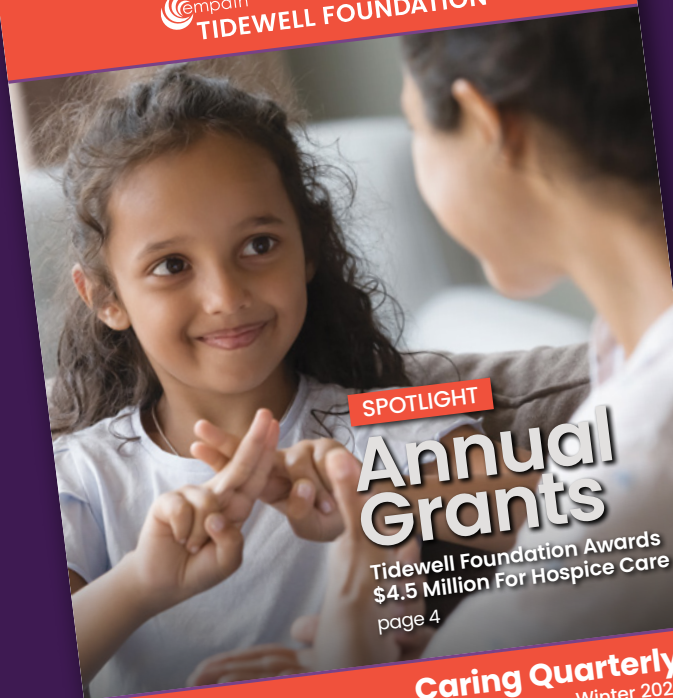
We will have a number of ways to donate. Watch for details at **TidewellFoundation.org** or go to the website to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter.



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