Grayson Stumpf was joyful, humble, and giving. He loved all animals but especially dogs and seals. He loved to cook. He was the friend everyone wanted. And he was a strong athlete. “Grayson was so tiny, but he was larger than life,” said his mom, Summer. “He was small but mighty.”

He was a healthy young boy. Very active. He never had any issues.

But on June 13, 2020, he woke up feeling sick. And something was different about his eyes. The same thing happened the next day. So, Summer took him to the doctor. At the doctor’s office, Grayson couldn’t keep his balance. They told Summer to take her son to the hospital. That day, Grayson was diagnosed with a brain tumor (a diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, or DIPG). It was inoperable.

There was no cure.

Grayson was diagnosed with a brain tumor when he was just 11 years old. Because of you, his family was able to care for him at home at the end of his life. “This was a gift,” said his mom, Summer. Thank you!
Impact of your gifts

Thanks to you, 97-year-old “spitfire” was able to die peacefully at home

Inez Cardozo-Freeman lived a full life. She was a retired professor from Ohio State University. Before moving up to the Seattle area, she lived in California. There, she was named Woman of the Year in 2011. She continued to drive until she was 90 years old. And she didn’t use a walker or a cane until the last three months of her life.

“Inez was a tiny little spitfire,” said PatAnn, her close friend and caregiver. “And she had a great sense of humor.”

But over time, Inez’s health declined. She also developed dementia. When she was 97, she was hospitalized for a possible stroke. Even though her symptoms resolved, her doctor said she needed full-time care in order to return home. PatAnn agreed to move in and care for her.

“I was honored to care for Inez,” said PatAnn. “But I had never cared for someone who was at the end of their life. I didn’t know what to do.”

Providence Hospice of Seattle stepped in to help.

“Hospice was a huge blessing!” said PatAnn. “Everyone was patient, kind, and so supportive.”

“Hospice arranged to have a hospital bed delivered for Inez. They took care of any health issue that came up. And they were always there to answer my questions. I called Providence Hospice in the middle of the night, when Inez was close to dying. The nurse talked me through my fears and explained what to expect. I can’t fully express how helpful that was.”

Inez Cardozo-Freeman was 97 years old when she died. Thanks to you, she was able to remain in her home during her final weeks. She was comfortable and at peace. Thank you!

Inez was able to die at home. She was comfortable. She wasn’t in pain. She was at peace.

“Without Providence Hospice of Seattle, I don’t think I would have made it,” said PatAnn. “I would have cracked. I don’t know what I would have done without them. Thank you!”

Thank you for standing with Inez and other adults in our community at the end of their lives. Their final days are better because of you.

How will you be remembered?

Leaving a gift in your will to Providence Hospice of Seattle is a once-in-a-lifetime chance. A chance to ensure that people who are facing terminal illness and grief get the help and support they need. Even after you’re gone. And for your kindness, we’ll always remember you. For more information, call Gary Crum at 206-749-7801 or email him at gary.crum@providence.org.
Care that’s above and beyond

Insurance pays for ordinary hospice care, yes. But extraordinary hospice care - the kind you count on here at Providence Hospice of Seattle, the kind that will be here for you and for anyone in need - is only possible thanks to donors like you. At Hospice, we care for people - which means we end up doing a lot more than checking a patient’s vitals.

You see, we’re not here to help people die. We’re here to help people live. Facing death is hard. But it gets a little easier when we stand together.

THANK YOU!

2021 Financial Report: Programs Supported by Your Gifts

Providence Hospice of Seattle is able to provide extraordinary hospice care and grief support because of your generous donations.

- Patient Special Needs, $60,732
- Nurse Residency, $84,000
- Children’s grief support program, $269,840
- Adult bereavement, $127,200
- Transitions palliative care, $251,181
- Stepping Stones children’s hospice and palliative care, $356,271
- Other programs, $16,868

Grayson continued from front page

Even throughout his last year, Grayson was joyful and giving. He never asked “why me?”

For the next 9 months, Grayson went through radiation treatment and chemotherapy. He was in and out of the hospital. It was exhausting. But he persevered.

“Grayson battled cancer like he battled on the soccer field,” said Summer. “He was such a fighter. He never asked, ‘why me?’”

As time went on, though, Grayson started having a lot of anxiety about going to the hospital. “It would start the night before his appointment,” said Summer. “Getting into the car, driving to the hospital, dealing with all the people. It gave him so much anxiety.”

Fortunately, Providence Hospice of Seattle was there to help.

“It was such a relief for Grayson to be able to stay at home,” said Summer. “This was a gift. Hospice arranged to have a hospital bed delivered. They took care of all the medications. They were there whenever we needed help. His nurse and social worker were so warm and kind. They felt like family.”

The care and support that Grayson and his family received would not have been possible without you and your generous donations. Thank you for helping this family when they needed it most!

Grayson died on June 25, 2021. That morning, Summer called Hospice. “I asked her to dress Grayson, because I couldn’t do it,” said Summer. “She made sure he looked perfect. Providence Hospice gave me comfort and care during the hardest journey I’ll ever walk. Thank you.”

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You’re invited to change a child’s life!

Please join us for our 23rd Annual Pediatric Luncheon, raising money for our children’s hospice and grief support programs.

We’re hoping to hold this year’s event in-person, with a virtual component for those who aren’t able to attend. Stay tuned for more information!

When: Thursday, October 6, 2022
Where: Washington State Convention Center
Time: 11:30am registration opens
      12:00pm program begins

Your donation at the luncheon will help ensure that hospice and grief support are available to kids in our community, regardless of their financial circumstances. For more information, contact Jill Perry at 206-749-7956 or hospicefoundation@providence.org.

My Gift to Help People Struggling with Terminal Illness and Grief

Yes, I will make sure hospice care and grief support are there for adults and kids in our community.

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