

Honoring Joshua Freeman's Legacy...



We hope you have already saved the date for our *Silver Linings* 25th Anniversary Gala on October 18th at The Bolger Center in Potomac.

This year, we are honoring all the many dedicated trustees who have served Hospice Caring over the past 25 years and presenting a legacy award to Michelle Freeman, president of the Carl M. Freeman Foundation, in memory of her late husband, Joshua Freeman.

In 2005, the Carl M. Freeman Foundation granted its first ever \$100,000 Opportunity Grant to Hospice Caring, Inc. for the construction of a training wing onto the Cottage in Bohrer Park, Gaithersburg, where we are located. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for this addition took place just a few weeks after Joshua's tragic death in a helicopter accident in 2006.

"The irony of this all is not lost on me," noted Michelle, remembering that one of her husband's last projects was focused on helping others feel comfort at the end of their lives.

"The idea of providing dignity, love, and care at the end of a person's life is something both Josh and I felt very strongly about," she said, noting that these values were present in both Joshua's Jewish and her own Catholic upbringings.

Our now 400 plus volunteers at Hospice Caring continue to live out Joshua's legacy, providing compassionate companionship, respite care, and help with errands for any Montgomery County resident facing a life-threatening illness as well as grief support for people of all ages, including a weekend camp for children who have lost a loved one.

To purchase tickets for the gala, become a sponsor, or place an advertisement, please visit www.hospicecaring.org.

The Carl M. Freeman Foundation, established in 1960, has a long history of supporting nonprofit organizations - both large and small. The Foundation commits its time, talent and treasure to facilitate, support and promote innovative community-based leadership and giving. They seek to honor their founders' legacies and passions by endorsing excellence and leveraging resources.

Michelle Freeman continues to carry the Freeman family tradition of philanthropy. She is the President and Chairman of the Carl M. Freeman Foundation since 2007 and is also founding President and Chairman of the Joshua M. Freeman Foundation. In addition to leading the philanthropic vision of these two foundations, Michelle actively participates in her community. A founding member of Venture Philanthropy Partners, Michelle serves on the board of the Washington National Opera and the Landon School in Bethesda. Michelle has also chaired THEARC's Gala for the past several years and annually participates in Covenant's House Executive Sleep-Out.