

*Gifted Wishes*

## Dr. Eric Walsh to receive The Edward E. Rosenbaum Hospice Life Award

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**Portland, Ore.** — Jean Rosenbaum, executive director of Gifted Wishes, formerly the Pacific NW Hospice Foundation, announced that Dr. Eric Walsh, Housecall Providers hospice medical director has been selected to receive The Edward E. Rosenbaum Hospice Life Award at their annual Honor the Journey Gala on May 4, 2019 at the Oregon Golf Club.

“Every year Gifted Wishes presents the Edward E. Rosenbaum Hospice Life Award to someone whose passionate work and patient advocacy in hospice has set them apart from their peers, and this year that person is Dr. Eric Walsh,” says Rosenbaum. “Dr. Walsh is an outstanding physician who has devoted his life to supporting and improving the lives of all his patients.”

For nearly 35 years, Dr. Walsh has been involved in hospice care. He assumed the role of medical director of the Bronx Hospice Visiting Nurse Service of New York in 1984, only the second year of the Hospice Medicare benefit, and at the time when the AIDS epidemic was in the acceleration phase. Walsh has been the hospice medical director for five hospices throughout his career, joining Housecall Providers in May of 2018.

“When I first became involved in hospice, I was less than half as old as I am now. I had to suppress the urge to ask Jean if it could be a 50% Lifetime Achievement Award,” quipped Dr. Walsh. “I am extremely honored and humbled to be this year’s recipient.”

Gifted Wishes created the Edward E. Rosenbaum Memorial Fund in memory of Rosenbaum’s physician uncle who spent the last 25 years of his life teaching and supporting patient advocacy.

“His philosophy of care embodied treating all patients with dignity and respect to the end,” says Rosembaum.

Since 2009, Housecall Providers Hospice has been delivering end-of-life care as part of the nonprofit’s continuum of services that includes primary and palliative care. Each year, the hospice serves hundreds of patients and family members, many coming from their primary care program.

“Hospice work occurs on holy ground,” says Dr. Walsh. “I was lucky to recognize that fact early

on, and to participate in that work for more than half of my life. To receive this overwhelming acknowledgement of the value of that work and that path means a great deal to me,” says Walsh.

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### **About Housecall Providers**

As a national leader and one of the largest providers of home-based medicine on the West Coast, Housecall Providers offers in-home primary care, palliative care, and hospice services to nearly 2,300 homebound and chronically ill patients each year. In May 2017, Housecall Providers became a part of the CareOregon family. The partnership is designed to increase access to and enhance in-home medical care in the Portland metro area. Housecall Providers is led by Chief Executive Officer Rebecca Ramsay, MPH, BSN.