

## **“On this Side of Goodbye” 2021 Entry Guidelines**

*How do you say goodbye...?* Experiencing the death of someone in our life is unique for every one of us. We may say goodbye with love, regret, forgiveness, anger, or even humor. We may find ourselves touched or challenged in unexpected ways. We may have time to prepare with the dying person – or no time at all. And for some of us, we may find that saying goodbye is not one moment, but a process that continues after someone has died.

Hospice SLO County is proud to host the 4th Annual “On this Side of Goodbye” in honor of National Healthcare Decisions Day (Friday, April 16). Your words, art and perspective will help spread awareness about the importance of advance care planning and some of the many ways of saying goodbye in times of dying.

For 40+ years, Hospice of San Luis Obispo County (Hospice SLO County) has provided *free* services to individuals coping with a life-limiting illness, end of life or grief. We recognize that the end of life deserves as much respect as the beginning. Our services are offered throughout San Luis Obispo County.

Take the time to create and remember. We welcome your story.

**WHO MAY PARTICIPATE** Any community member in San Luis Obispo County may submit an essay, poem or piece of artwork. Individuals under 18 years of age will need a parent or guardian’s signature. Limit one entry per person.

**FORMAT** Essays – Typed, 12 point font, no longer than 1,000 words. Poems – Typed, 12 point font, no longer than 3 pages. Artwork – No larger than 11” x 17” and entrants are asked include a brief artist’s statement about the piece (typed, 12 point font, no longer than 1 page).

**DEADLINE** All entries must be submitted and received by 4:30 pm PST on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at the Hospice SLO County office. All entries must be submitted with a completed Entry Registration & Consent Form. Entries received after this time/date will not be accepted.

Essays and poems should be emailed to [hospiceslo@hospiceslo.org](mailto:hospiceslo@hospiceslo.org); original artwork should be mailed to Hospice SLO County, 1304 Pacific Street, San Luis Obispo.



**HOW TO ENTER** Essays and poems should be submitted in Word format (soft copy) to [hospiceslo@hospiceslo.org](mailto:hospiceslo@hospiceslo.org). The title should be in the final essay or poem; however no identifying information of the entrant should be included on the essay or poem.

Original artwork should be mailed to **Hospice SLO County, 1304 Pacific Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**. Entrants should include a brief artist's statement with the artwork.

All entries must be submitted with a completed Entry Registration & Consent Form. If a participant neglects to include a completed Entry Registration & Consent Form, their entry will not be accepted.

**FINALISTS** Three entries will be chosen to be featured on the Hospice SLO County website. The three chosen entrants will be notified by phone or email, prior to featuring their entries online on Monday, May 10, 2021.

