

# SACREDFLIGHT

## NEWSLETTER, FALL 2005



### Dear Friends!

What a rich and rewarding year this has been for SacredFlight! Thank you for your letters, words of encouragement, and faithful contributions. We are very grateful for your support.

### Highlights of the past year include:

- 300 music-thanatology harp vigils for 240 patients and their families
- 15 educational presentations within the community
- 2 statewide conference presentations
- National conference presentations in New York and Florida
- SacredFlight remembrance gathering
- Several remembrance/memorial services
- Bob Turner Memorial Charity Golf event
- Partnership with Oregon Cultural Trust
- Hopewell House Hospice Center adding SacredFlight to the services they provide

We are thankful to be working amidst a thriving music-thanatology community here in the Pacific Northwest. During the past year we have participated in several collaborative efforts, some led by SacredFlight, some led by our colleagues.

- OPB *Oregon Art Beat* segment on music-thanatology
- 2 *Winter Respite IV* concerts (December 2004)
- 2 *Winter Respite V* concerts (November 2005)
- Benefit concert for Strings of Compassion in Eugene, OR
- CD release *Loom of Love* (see details inside)
- Fourth annual Music-Thanatology Association International (MTAI) conference held in Portland, hosted by Portland Providence Medical Center. As the Association's vice-president, Sharilyn Cohn served as conference chair, and Barbara Cabot was elected treasurer. Music-thanatologists from as far away as the Netherlands, Israel, Japan, and Canada attended this year.

We feel most blessed for the many opportunities we have to be of service to the Portland community, and for the privilege of doing our work. Heartfelt thanks to all of you who have made donations of money and time to support our mission. And a huge thank you for the continued commitment from the institutions who provide SacredFlight vigils for their patients and their families. Indeed, it takes a village...

In peace,

SacredFlight



**“Your music helped me to open my heart again.”**

– daughter of Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center patient

SacredFlight is able to offer our music-thanatology services to the community thanks to generous donations from people like you, and through the visionary institutions who provide our services as a standard of care for their comfort care patients.

SacredFlight’s music-thanatologists work full-time to fulfill our mission – and we need your continued support so that we can be there when you need us.

Please make a generous donation to Sacred Flight today in the envelope provided (or online at our web site [www.sacredflight.org](http://www.sacredflight.org)). Your gift is tax-deductible, and you can earn a tax credit through Oregon Cultural Trust ([www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org)).

Institutions that provide SacredFlight music-thanatology vigils:

Hopewell House Hospice Center\*  
Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center\*\*  
Legacy Emanuel Hospital +  
Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital +  
Mary’s Woods at Marylhurst

\* Made possible through a generous gift from the Holzman Foundation, Inc.

\*\* Made possible through a generous gift from the Sunnyside Volunteer Auxiliary Board

+ Legacy Hospital vigils are made possible through generous gifts from their Foundations and Volunteer Auxiliary

## Our Mission

To lovingly serve the needs of people nearing the end of life with prescriptive music.

To expand cultural perceptions so that death and dying can be seen and experienced as a meaningful transition within the circle of life.

To offer an environment of beauty, peace, and reverence, which can support transformation through the reorganizing power of music.

## Our Executive Director

Sharilyn Cohn

## Our Board of Directors

Anna Fiasca, M-Th

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SacredFlight is grateful for the leadership and service provided by Sylvia McSkimming RN, PhD who is now retiring, and we welcome Kevin Reedy to our board!

## THANK YOU!

SacredFlight gratefully acknowledges your generous donations over the years to support our mission. Because of you, our work has touched thousands of lives. When reading your name, we hope you feel our thanks in your heart.

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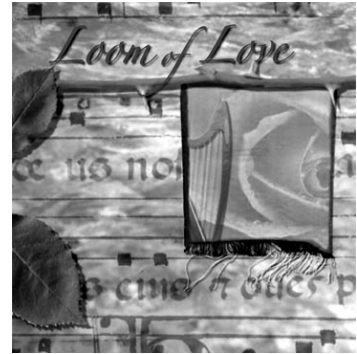
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**CD RELEASE *LOOM OF LOVE***

SacredFlight is proud to announce the release of *Loom of Love* – a musical tapestry woven with harps and voices to refresh the spirit.

The artists who created *Loom of Love* are trained music-thanatologists from SacredFlight and other hospitals, hospices, and practices throughout the Pacific Northwest. The recording was produced and underwritten by Strings of Compassion, the music-thanatology practice at Sacred Heart Medical Center and Hospice in Eugene, OR as a fundraising opportunity for all music-thanatologists.



Your purchase of this CD through SacredFlight directly supports our work serving the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people who are dying and their loved ones.

To purchase CDs online, or for information about SacredFlight and music-thanatology, please visit: [www.sacredflight.org](http://www.sacredflight.org)

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Many employers have matching gift programs and will match your personal donation to SacredFlight. Some employers will even double the gifts their employees give! If your company has a matching gift program, please mail their form along with your donation and we will process it. Please note that employer matching gifts may also be available to retired employees and to the spouse/widow/widower of employees. If you have any questions about making a matching donation, please contact your human resources department.

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER?**

SacredFlight would like build a core of volunteers to help us during the year with special events and mailings. Please call Jo Turner, our volunteer coordinator, at 503.257.4164 if you'd like to help.

#### **Letter to the Palliative Care Program at Good Samaritan Hospital**

##### **Dear Care Program and especially “the Harpist,”**

My friend passed away on Tuesday September 13 – I want you to know how very much her husband and family appreciated all that you did – you not only promoted a very peaceful “last hours” for her – you provided great peace and comfort to her family.

As a friend, one who has lost a husband, son, mother, father and sister – I wish to let you know what a beautiful, meaningful, dignified and comforting service you provided. How I wish you had been available for me and my family members. I'm so very grateful that you perform this service and are available for others – providing such comfort. Hopefully this small donation will help to perpetuate all the good that you do.

Sincerely,  
Jack and Frances Love

SacredFlight, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, provides musical palliative (comfort) care for individuals and families approaching the end of life transition or suffering an unexpected event. We welcome your interest and donations.

SacredFlight is deeply grateful to Hanlon Brown Design for donating their graphic design time and talents.