

## Walking Friends Memorial Fund 2019-20 Annual Report

Since our last annual meeting in the fall of 2018, we have made two memorial contributions in memory of close family members of our Walking Friends. Our recipient of choice is the Whatcom Hospice foundation which continues to offer compassionate care and dignity to their patients and their loved ones.

Today our Walking Friends group received a letter from Whatcom Hospice House thanking our group for our philanthropic support. Since they opened their doors in the fall of 2010, over 3600 patients and their families have been served at the Whatcom Hospice House!

Our current balance stands at \$178.00 which would fund three memorials of \$50.00 each with \$28.00 as a start towards a fourth memorial. It has been our policy to welcome donations from members at any time and in any amount. This is entirely voluntary, and we do not keep track of which members and what amounts have been donated by a particular member. Members have handed me money on a walk or hike or at the annual meetings.

The group will be advised when we need more funds. The group will also be advised of any donations we make to the Hospice Foundation.

Thank you for your kind support of this worthwhile program! I have found it to be very meaningful part of our group since I took over 12 years ago, in 2009. Please contact our new Memorial Fund Chairperson, Karen Copher, if you know of a Walking Friend who has lost a close family friend.

Refer to the category of "Membership" on our group's website for more information about the Memorial Fund.

Susan Dean  
"Retiring" Memorial Fund Chairman