



Please read the following fax regarding the Ms.  
Senior Oklahoma Pageant

Dear Facilities;

As President of the Board of the Grace Hospice Foundation I am writing to let you know the Board's decision about the future of the Ms. Senior Oklahoma Pageant. Your participation over the years has made this event quite special for everyone involved and our decision difficult and challenging. However, we wanted you to know what we have decided as quickly as possible.

After ten years of magic and joy, we will be discontinuing this event as a project of the Foundation. As you know, the mission of the Foundation is twofold. We are charged with educating the community about hospice care and with raising funds to support local hospice organizations providing unfunded care to hospice patients between the ages of 18 and 64. Over the years we have worked many long hours to fit this wonderful event into this mission by cultivating possible sponsors to support the event and have it be financially beneficial to the mission. However, after ten years of frustration in that effort, the board has decided that we can no longer spend the human and financial resources of the Foundation on this event. The event, though emotionally fulfilling, is a drain on the Foundation's resources and provides no funds for the furtherance of our funding unfunded care for hospice patients.

The past ten years have been a remarkable experience and one that will be treasured by everyone involved for many years to come. To remind you of the history, we have included a copy of the presentation honoring the last ten years of the event that was presented at the 2016 Pageant. We have many wonderful stories of ladies who found themselves the spotlight for the first time in their long lives and the smiles and joy filled moments warm our hearts. We remember the lovely smiles, the provocative answers to questions that had us all gasp and laugh at the same time, the beautiful gowns, the singing and dancing, the decorated wheelchairs and walkers, the shared past lives and past, present, and future blessings.

We also treasure the many wonderful volunteers and activity directors that supported the event and worked with us to make these events special for all the ladies. We remember the vendors and sponsors that participated through the years and all those who continue to care deeply for the women we honored. These memories will continue to be available in photos on the foundation website as we phase out the event.

Rest assured that every member of the board voted with a heavy heart to discontinue the event as a Foundation project. We know the event is special. We just can't continue to fund and staff it in the future.

Our best to all of you who have been part of the rich history of this event. We love you all and appreciate your support and partnership in making these last ten years special for the ladies honored.

For the Foundation,

Sharon Doty  
Board President

