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**Wings of Hope Volunteers Honored at Annual Dinner**

At its annual dinner on Oct. 6, Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center recognized Karen Krause with the Larry Hill Memorial Award and Ann Jones with the Ken Petersen Vision Award.

The Larry Hill Memorial Award honors individuals or organizations who have generously shared their gifts and talents with Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center.

Karen has used her talents as a quilter to support Wings of Hope since she was diagnosed with cancer in 1990. Since that time, she has donated more than 20 quilts to raffle off during Wings of Hope fund-raisers. To date, the quilts have generated more than \$40,000 for Wings of Hope.

These funds allow Wings of Hope to provide one-on-one services to cancer patients and their families. In particular, Wings of Hope staff counsels with patients as they cope with the challenges of diagnosis and treatment. The funds also benefit the Hope Chest Renewal Room, where patients can select wigs, hats, blankets and cancer information.

The Ken Petersen Vision Award recognizes community groups, individuals and/or businesses who have significantly contributed to the vision and mission of Wings of Hope. Ken Petersen was associated with Wings of Hope since the late 1990s. He played an integral role in the early development of the organization and provided leadership throughout the years to encourage its ongoing growth and expansion.

Ann Jones received the Ken Petersen Vision Award for her role as a Wings of Hope Board member since 2006, and for serving as the organization's Vice President for the past 3 years. Her most notable contribution to the board has been her innate ability to help clarify the Wings of Hope mission, enabling the organization to further meet the needs of a wider group of people and ultimately become a more vibrant organization.

"Karen is such a special volunteer because she has benefitted from the services provided by Wings of Hope, and now she is sharing her talents to give back to others," Wings of Hope Board President Patti Higginbotham said.

"Likewise, Ann's dedication to the growth of our Wings of Hope board inspires all of our members and allows us to continue to provide high quality support programs to cancer patients and

their families in southwest Iowa. We are so fortunate to experience the benefits of their generosity each day.”

Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center was independently established as a non-profit organization in September 1994. The goal of the organization is to provide emotional support and guidance for patients, family members, and health professionals as they move forward in their cancer experience.

Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center offers support groups, private counseling, patient and family education, community resource referral, patient and family resource library, and community educational opportunities. **All of the services and programs provided by Wings of Hope are offered free of charge.** For more information about Wings of Hope and its programs, visit [www.wingsofhope.org](http://www.wingsofhope.org) or call (712) 325-8970.