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## **Non-Profits Honor Hospice Austin Supporters**

Hospice Austin is proud to announce that Hospice Austin Bereavement Coordinator Doran Levine will be honored on Oct. 22 at Helping Hand Home for Children's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Champions for Children Awards Luncheon for her work with children who have lost a loved one. Levine provides grief counseling to children as well as oversees Hospice Austin's Families in Grief program and Camp Brave Heart, a free, 3-day camp for children grieving the death of a loved one. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Champion for Children Awards Luncheon will be held at the Hilton Hotel from 12:00 – 1:30 pm. An expected 800 members of Austin's business and nonprofit community will come together to recognize the unsung heroes that are changing children's lives in the greater Austin community.

Hospice Austin is also delighted to announce that Hospice Austin founder and supporters Texas Oncology Physician John and Gene Anne Sandbach will be honored on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Austin Community Foundation's 2009 Celebration of Giving for their 30 years of work with Hospice Austin. The Austin Community Foundation is awarding them the 2009 Jordan Award for the legacy of care that Hospice Austin has created in Central Texas for the terminally ill. As an oncologist just starting his practice in Austin in the late 1970s, Dr. Sandbach recognized a pressing need for a more compassionate and holistic system for end-of-life care. After attending the first national hospice conference in Washington DC, he worked with community leaders to found Hospice Austin at Holy Cross Hospital in 1979 with support from the Junior League of Austin and other foundations. His vision was shared by his wife, Gene Anne, who organized a series of

fund-raisers to raise community awareness and funds. The Sandbachs have continued to be actively involved in Hospice Austin to this day.

The Austin Community Foundation's 2009 Celebration of Giving will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel at 6:30 pm on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Hospice Austin, the only not-for-profit hospice in Austin, provides compassionate medical, emotional and spiritual care for terminally ill people and their loved ones in Central Texas in their homes, nursing facilities, and at Hospice Austin's Christopher House.