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## Our Mission

Tamarisk's mission is to create a caring presence and a safe haven for the thoughts, feelings and concerns of persons, and their families, faced with the end stages of terminal illness. At no cost to them, we tend to our companion's non-medical needs, while simultaneously providing much needed respite to caregivers.

## Tamarisk Board Members

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REACH OUT • SERVE • EMPOWER

TPC ROSE is a group of highly motivated, caring women members of the Tournament Players Club (TPC), a private golf club in Blaine, who share a commitment to make a difference in our community. They organize and host public fundraisers to benefit local charities. They also serve as volunteers for other charitable events hosted by TPC Twin Cities.

They've raised over \$422,000 for area causes since their founding in April 2008.

With a growing membership of nearly fifty energetic women, TPC ROSE reaches out into our community to increase awareness and support of local charities serving the northern portions of Minnesota's Twin Cities metro area. Each year TPC ROSE selects a

non-profit organization to benefit from annual fundraising activities. In addition to financial proceeds donated through ROSE Giving, Inc., TPC ROSE members personally volunteer time to further the programs of our selected charities.

TPC ROSE, has selected Tamarisk as their 2015 beneficiary. They are hosting two events at the TPC Golf Club to fundraise for Tamarisk:

- 1) Women's Charity Golf Scramble August 25th
- 2) Moonlight Gala on November 21st

**Many donations for golf event prizes, silent and live auction, mystery boxes and party lines are needed!** Multiple levels of sponsorships are also available. And participants in both events are welcome! Please go to

[www.tpcrose.com](http://www.tpcrose.com) for more information or you can also reach out to Stacy Webb, Donations Chair, at 763.443.3569 or [stacyleighwebb@gmail.com](mailto:stacyleighwebb@gmail.com) or Sonja Kloiber, President and Sponsorship Chair, at 612.845.6052 or [skloiber@comcast.net](mailto:skloiber@comcast.net). We thank you in advance for your support!

## Seasons of Healing Under the Tamarisk Tree



### Bereavement Program

A goal that Tamarisk has had for a number of years is to be able to expand the quality of care to our families by providing bereavement support. We are excited about the opportunity we have, given the commitment of TPC Rose to bolster our financial support which will enable us to provide grief resources to our families, and also excited to have Janell Tibodeau offer her experience and heart as a volunteer to coordinate this program. Janell will be working with

our programming committee to put the pieces into place over this coming year.

*I am honored to serve as Tamarisk's Bereavement Coordinator. My passion and drive for helping individuals through difficult transitions in life stemmed from my own mother's death when I was 11. Walking my own grief journey has made me more aware and in tune with the world around me and how death can have a profound impact on one's life.*

*Janell*



# Volunteer Highlights

## Welcome New Volunteers!



Feb. 2015 New Volunteers



June 2015 New Volunteers

## Annual Workshop

Due to popular demand we brought back our Annual workshop! Companion volunteers and board members gathered on Saturday, April 25th to learn and to connect:

- ⇒ Founder Gretchen Hanson shared about the history of Tamarisk and the significance of our name
- ⇒ We reviewed some critical updates to our Policies & Procedures, helping our volunteers understand the nature of their role as “companion” volunteers
- ⇒ Christa Heffernan RN from Pinnacle Home care gave us an overview of common medical conditions faced by families we support, helping our volunteers understand them and some tips on how to offer excellent care to these patients.



Founder  
Gretchen Hanson



April Workshop

## Special Gifts

Special THANKS goes out to the MOPS group from Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Ham Lake! In May, they provided us with a lovely selection of flowers and potted plants, some with special notes of encouragement or pictures drawn by the children, for our volunteers to bring to

the patients and families they support. A perfect spring day-brightener!



## A Note from Grace, March 12, 2015...

A little over a year ago I was admitted to the Hospital and diagnosed with CHF. I was referred to Tamarisk, the result of that brought Jeanne to my home, with the most lovely [volunteer]. In response I wept for joy. Marni & I have been together a little more than a year. It was the best thing that ever happened to me. I felt I found a diamond in a coal mine.



# Volunteer Opportunities

## Volunteer Caregivers

## Board Members

## Golf Event Planning Team



Tamarisk volunteers serve families in the Anoka County area facing the end stages of life threatening illness, providing regularly-scheduled respite for caregivers and companionship for the patient. For approximately 2-4 hours a week Tamarisk volunteers assure the safety and well-being of the patient while the family caregiver is occupied or away.

Tamarisk is looking for passionate leaders with a wide variety of skills and experience to serve a 3-year term on our board of directors:

- ◆ Non-profit / business leadership
- ◆ Fund Development
- ◆ Hospice / end-of life medical or pastoral care
- ◆ Community Relations
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Strategic Planning and Organizational Development



Team members plan and implement the event to be held in Spring 2016. A great SHORT TERM volunteer role as you work with a team over a few months.

Help with:

- ◆ Hole Sponsorships
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Securing prize donations
- ◆ Event decorations / planning



# 2015 Fundraising & Events

BINGO				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27	32	49	63
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

## Tamarisk Bingo

Tamarisk hosted BINGO again during Fridley's 49r Days community celebration June 26th-27th, 2015 as a fundraiser and opportunity to get the word out about Tamarisk! Picture perfect weather contributed to a great time by all who came out to play bingo and to help out at the event. Thanks to donors who provided 58 prizes that were given to winners.

We raised nearly \$2500

**THANK YOU 2015 sponsors!**



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## Mother's Day Brunch

A special thank you to Cork Restaurant in Anoka and owner Bob Martin for creating a special day, warm atmosphere, and great food! Tamarisk raised approximately \$1000 on May 9th.



## Celebration of Remembrance

In an effort to offer consistent care and support for the families Tamarisk serves, for nearly all of its history Tamarisk has offered a time for the families we have served to gather in honor and celebration of the lives of loved ones who have passed away. *The event is open to the public and takes place during the holiday season, this year on Sunday, November 15th.*



Save the Date!

Saturday, November 21

TPC Rose will hold its annual *Moonlight Gala*, their second fundraising event to benefit Tamarisk in 2015. Watch for more details at [tamarisk.org/events](http://tamarisk.org/events)

*Sponsorship & Auction opportunities available*

## Donation Form

This gift is from: (please print)

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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To donate by credit card please visit Tamarisk's website at [www.tamarisk.org](http://www.tamarisk.org)

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## Coming Soon...

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Charity Golf Tournament

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

7:00am Registration  
8:00am Shotgun Start  
1:00pm Awards Luncheon

The four-person scramble format of this  
event welcomes players of all abilities!

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Proceeds will support the  
TPC ROSE 2015 Beneficiary,  
Tamarisk, Inc.



Enjoy a fun-filled day at TPC Twin Cities,  
Minnesota's only PGA TOUR facility, as you join  
other community-minded women for a round of  
scramble play, on-course contests, an awards  
luncheon and prize drawings.

**Individual Golf Registration**

**\$145/person**

**Luncheon-Only Registration**

**\$35/person**

**Men are welcome to attend the luncheon!**

Visit [TPCrose.com](http://TPCrose.com) for complete Event Details  
**REGISTER** for Golf &/or Awards Luncheon

**Golf or Don't Golf?**

Either way, you can support this fundraiser by  
becoming an event sponsor or supporter and/or  
making a donation of merchandise, services or  
money.

*See page 1 for more information about -  
Golf Event Sponsor & Supporter Opportunities  
Golf Event Merchandise & Service Donation Ideas*