Heights of Compassion, Bridges to Choice

conference in Chicago June 28-30, 2012, is your opportunity to join the journey to liberty. Celebrate our mission, connect with like-minded people from across the country, and learn how you can lend your energy, your advocacy and your personal story to the next victory.

Inspirational keynote speakers Dear Abby and our president, Barbara Coombs Lee, highlight the conference. Experts in medicine, advocacy, organizing and communications will offer the tools you need to become a local leader advocating for better options and freedom to choose at life’s end. Select from sessions focused on individuals and families, community advocates, and healthcare providers. An application is pending for continuing education units (CEUs) for social workers.

Together we will build a bridge to liberty and choice for every American.
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Dear Members, Supporters & Friends,

Liberty progresses in the small, meaningful steps of individuals and in the coordinated actions of thousands of people. This is how we move states and nations. Local activists bring their accomplishments and the wisdom of experience to Compassion & Choices, carrying us to new heights in choice and responsibility. A review of the past year shows the vantage we have gained and the promise that awaits us if we seize the momentum of change.

A single personal story went national and amplified the availability of peace at life’s end in every state (page 8). It arose from the long-standing advocacy and professionalism of our End-of-Life Consultation program. Wide media exposure this year (page 10) shows Compassion & Choices stands tall as the recognized consumer authority on end-of-life care and options.

Further assurance of our national standing came from an unlikely source, with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ public attack on aid in dying (page 14). Their official statement singled out Compassion & Choices by name. From now on our media outreach will frame the discussion on end-of-life options as one where Compassion & Choices and the bishops stand as equal adversaries.

This year we established an office in the nation’s capital with a newly hired director of government affairs and chief program officer (page 16). They will guide our legislative and executive efforts, develop our partnerships with other national organizations, and provide cohesive leadership.

For 14 years we have integrated aid in dying into medical practice in Oregon, then Washington and Montana. As advocates we have defended the law. As stewards we have helped patients, families and medical professionals. Our subsequent aid-in-dying efforts reflect the wisdom gained from practice.

Less than two years after the Baxter v. Montana decision (page 12) growing numbers of patients, doctors and pharmacists are participating in aid in dying. In October of this year, local advocates built a campaign around our careful review of Hawaii law indicating that physicians there may already provide aid in dying without fear of criminal sanction (page 18). The people of Montana and Hawaii asserted their rights through coordinated activism and organized their communities to protect those rights.

In 2012 we need greater activism from advocates in every city and town in the nation. Our 2012 Conference, Heights of Compassion, Bridges to Choice, will provide the plans and tools for supporters of end-of-life choice to march on to liberty.

Barbara Coombs Lee, Debbi Gibbs, President, Chair
Our Mission

With offices in Oregon, Colorado and Washington, D.C., and local chapters everywhere between, Compassion & Choices is the nation’s oldest and largest nonprofit organization working to improve care and expand choice at the end of life. Leading the end-of-life choice movement for more than thirty years, we support, educate and advocate.

**Support:** Compassion & Choices’ Consultation program uses the power of choice and comfort to restore hope to individuals and their loved ones at the end of life. Our professional staff and trained volunteers help thousands of clients each year by listening without judgment to their fears and guiding their search for a peaceful, humane death. We help clients with advance directives, local service referrals, and pain and symptom management. We offer information on self-determined dying when appropriate and provide emotional support through a difficult time.

**Educate:** Compassion & Choices promotes informed end-of-life decision making by educating the public and advising healthcare professionals. Too many healthcare professionals turn away from their dying patients. Too many Americans are unprepared to navigate the complex options and restrictions surrounding the end of life. We employ educational training programs, media outreach, and online and print publications to change healthcare practice, inform policy-makers, influence public opinion and empower individuals.

**Advocate:** Compassion & Choices devotes itself to creative legal and legislative initiatives to secure comprehensive and compassionate options at the end of life. We set national standards for end-of-life care and assert constitutional protection for aid in dying. Our team of litigators and legislative experts fights bills that would force patients to endure futile, invasive treatment; sets enforceability standards for advance directives; mandates pain and palliative-care training for physicians; monitors legislative and policy initiatives; and ultimately shapes best-practice standards for end-of-life care.
Liberty advances through the actions of a multitude of supporters, but a single individual often takes the first step. Following are six stories of liberty on the march.
No one should suffer when legal alternatives exist. We each must share the word that options for peaceful dying are available in every state.

-Robert Brody, M.D., Board Member
Liberty in Every Home

Dorothy and Armond Rudolph’s act of exercising their legal choice appallingly provoked eviction from their home. After obtaining information from Compassion & Choices’ End-of-Life Consultation Program and with the support of their family, the Rudolphs chose to voluntarily stop eating and drinking (medically known as VSED). They had no reason to think the assisted-living facility they made their home would respond to their thoughtfully planned—and lawful—choice by demanding they leave.

Immediately, Dorothy and Armond’s family helped them move to a new home where they continued their fast and achieved the peaceful death they wanted. But the Rudolphs’ son, Neil, and daughter, Elaine, were outraged by the injustice of their parents’ ordeal. They asked Compassion & Choices how they could help ensure no one else would ever experience this type of treatment.

The result, “Peace at Life’s End—Anywhere,” coupled Neil’s personal crusade anchored in Armond and Dorothy’s powerful story with a Compassion & Choices press and public education campaign. Already reaching over 50 million people, Neil’s appearances and storytelling have elicited local and national media coverage by The New York Times, ABC News, International Business Times, Albuquerque Journal, National Public Radio and many local outlets. Compassion & Choices also engaged associations of assisted-living facilities with the hope we can work together to remove the barriers to liberty at the end of life.

Compassion & Choices’ most powerful advocates are people like the Rudolph family who make thoughtful, intentional choices at life’s end, who share their personal stories of peaceful death, and who stand up when rights are denied.
“Recognized as the pre-eminent national consumer authority, Compassion & Choices supports us all on the ground to spread our message and mission, inform professionals, and give patients the power to take control of their final days.”

-Irene Wurtzel, Board Member
Liberty’s Voices Leading the March

Compassion & Choices’ dedication to liberty has amplified the voices of everyday advocates and experts in end-of-life care for the past three decades. This year, these voices resounded in public discourse with greater authority and media diversity than ever. Hundreds of supporters’ letters to the editor and our growing professional relationships with media outlets yielded prominent stories reaching millions of Americans. Some of the voices heralded by Compassion & Choices this year include:

- Neil Rudolph shared his parents’ story with The New York Times’ “New Old Age” columnist Paula Span and helped inform the world of our campaign “Peace at Life’s End—Anywhere.”
- HBO aired the award-winning independent documentary “How to Die in Oregon.” The film highlights the vital role Compassion & Choices’ End-of-Life Consultation volunteers play in helping individuals and families navigate their options and choices at the end of life. It’s about Oregon; but the same advocacy, including information and support for aid in dying, reaches every state.
- Younger audiences heard of our work and learned about the issue of end-of-life choice from an episode of a Showtime series (with an unprintable title) hosted by comedians Penn and Teller.
- Personal Health columnist Jane Brody recommended Compassion & Choices as a resource, and thousands contacted our offices for information about advance directives.
- Our blogs reached people across the nation on Huffington Post, Firedoglake and Moms Rising. Thousands of Twitter followers connect us to the medical, legal and political communities. Relationships with independent local blogs help spread our message and make an impact: Bloggers rallied over 18,000 people to an online poll in support of access to aid in dying in Montana.

Compassion & Choices’ authority on end-of-life care presses on as we continue to represent your voice in our joint pursuit of liberty.
Each of us has a responsibility to promote advance-planning conversations. We must create the expectation that every treatment decision is informed by knowledge and comparison of all possible options. When patients demand best practices, medicine will respond.

-Karen Pye, M.P.H., Board Member
The Vast Range of Liberty

Less than two years ago, the Montana Supreme Court ruled that mentally competent, terminally ill Montanans can choose aid in dying. This year, Compassion & Choices nurtured and protected Montanans’ access to their new freedom through statewide organizing. Growing ranks of patients are talking to their doctors, more and more doctors are willing to engage, and pharmacists are working to secure access to the necessary medication. Family members, clergy, medical professionals and legislators bravely stood up to defend the court’s decision against attack. Opponents introduced two Senate bills in February threatening to outlaw aid in dying, and both were soundly rejected.

Our work in Montana opens less-bureaucratic paths to liberty. The Montana court did not impose additional government regulations or reporting on the practice of aid in dying, as do the Death with Dignity Acts of Oregon and Washington. Montana’s Supreme Court determined that aid in dying is a valid medical treatment, a matter of personal choice and privacy between doctor and patient.

Oregon and Washington, with their landmark legislation, served as effective laboratories to study end-of-life choice and its impact on medical practice and society. Fourteen years of data and experience demonstrate the safety of the practice and dispel dire predictions of critics. It has been proven that end-of-life care improves when patients have choices. The Montana model moves out of the “laboratory” and into regular medical practice. Without government bureaucracy we strike a new path to permit a safe and peaceful medical option, regulated by the standards of best practice.
Freedom of religion means that no single religious institution speaks for all of us. To stop any group from monopolizing the conversation, people of all faiths who support aid in dying must lift up their voices.

-Matthew Nelson, M.Div., Board Vice Chair
Liberty Stands Strong

Government has no place dictating religious doctrine, just as religious leaders have no place dictating the decisions of dying Americans. Long the most persistent critics of end-of-life choice, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops had never adopted an official policy until this past year. The bishops singled out Compassion & Choices by name in statements leading up to their Spring General Assembly where they issued the conference’s first official statement condemning aid in dying. The bishops devoted half of the meeting agenda to the attack and chose to meet in Washington, the second state to pass—a huge margin—a Death with Dignity law.

Compassion & Choices supporters, far from intimidated by the bishops’ media barrage of false accusations and erroneous arguments, answered the condemnation by calling a press conference—right down the hall in the same hotel. A local physician with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease), a United Methodist minister and a Catholic widower whose wife died with access to medication available under Washington’s Death with Dignity Act responded to the church’s affront with evidence to counter each fearsome claim.

The bishops’ subsequent nationwide media campaign hit a brick wall. In every newspaper, journal and online outlet where they spread false criticisms, our advocates answered back, armed with 14 years of solid medical data and personal testimony.

A strong, united group of activists, equipped with facts, defended end-of-life choice over the imposition of religious doctrine and prevailed on behalf of all who value civil liberty.
Compassion & Choices supporters made significant strides in advocacy at all levels. We each have the tremendous opportunity to impact end-of-life care and choice in our communities and nationally.

-Paul Wolfson, J.D., Board Secretary
LIBERTY’S HOME IN WASHINGTON

In late 2009, Compassion & Choices supporters from across the nation raised their voices against the so-called “conscience” rule issued at the eleventh hour of the Bush Administration. Sending over 5,000 letters calling on the administration to roll back this refusal clause, our voices echoed loud and clear in the Oval Office. Our efforts paid off. This year, the Obama administration eliminated the most egregious portions of the rule that endangered patient access to information about, and access to, a broad range of end-of-life choices.

Clearly, nationwide strength generates power in our nation’s capital. In the past year the path for freedom at the end of life has broadened across the land. Compassion & Choices focused on increasing mobilization, strengthening advocacy and improving care. Now with over fifty staff and agents in more than ten cities nationwide, six statewide campaigns, thirty local groups and tens of thousands of supporters and e-advocates, Compassion & Choices stands ready to channel the demands for change from across the country into effective advocacy to shape national policy.

And now Compassion & Choices has taken up residency in the federal government’s neighborhood. We established a national office in Washington, D.C., with a director of government affairs, a chief program officer, a major gifts officer and more to come. Together they bring a deep knowledge of the politics of healthcare choice at the state and national level along with a powerful combination of litigation, legislation, strategy and coalition-building experience.

For decades, growing strong in state after state, we built a platform where our voice could reach leaders across the country. By establishing an expertly staffed D.C. office, we’re closer to our goal of ensuring liberty for all.
Hawaii has no legal prohibition against aid in dying. Patients and their doctors can make decisions that are governed by best medical practice, allowing them the opportunity to explore a wider variety of patient-directed end-of-life choices.

-David Muller, M.D., Board Member
Liberty Lands on a New Shore

Local advocates in Hawaii, passionate about expanding choices for dying citizens, partnered with us recently after careful review of Hawaii law indicated physicians may already provide aid in dying in that state without fear of criminal prosecution.

In October of this year, a panel of experts on Hawaii law, medicine and end-of-life policy considered whether Hawaii physicians may provide aid in dying subject to professional scope-of-practice standards. The expert panel included doctors, legislators, elder law attorneys, advocates and Compassion & Choices’ director of legal affairs. They concurred nothing in Hawaii’s current public policy or legislative history suggests doctors are prohibited from responding to requests for aid in dying from their terminally ill, mentally competent patients.

Now we seek to expand choice without the burden of new laws and bureaucratic state intrusions. As we proceed, local voices help us implement policies that reflect community standards, establish clear guidelines, and guide physicians in safe and responsible aid-in-dying practice.
Board of Directors

The 12-member volunteer Board of Directors and its two ex-officio members serve as the governing body of Compassion & Choices. They are the guardians of all policies, programs, activities and services of the organization. Their support and commitment enhance our work at every level.

Debbi Gibbs, Chair
Debbi has been involved with Compassion & Choices since 2000. She is the director of a music agency and has worked in the broadcasting and entertainment industry for many years. She holds an architecture degree and lives in New York with her son.

Matthew Nelson, M.Div., Vice Chair
Matthew is a long-time supporter of end-of-life choice and our organization. His passion comes from being close to others’ painful deaths and wanting a “more graceful transition out of this world” for loved ones and himself. He is an ordained United Church of Christ minister and assistant vice president of member services for the Council on Foundations in Washington, D.C.

Peter D. Ehrenhaft, M.I.A., LL.B.
Peter is senior counsel at the Washington office of Harkins Cunningham and has served as the deputy assistant secretary and special counsel of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He received his LL.B. and M.I.A. from Columbia University Schools of Law and International Affairs, and his A.B. from Columbia University, all with honors.

Charles Hamlin, M.D.
Dr. Hamlin served on the Compassion & Choices Colorado Chapter board of directors before joining the national board. A retired surgeon, he holds degrees from Yale College, Dartmouth Medical School and Columbia University. He is a fellow in the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, receiving their Humanitarian Award in 2001 and also the Navajo Indian Health Service Directors Award for his work in Chinle, Arizona, where he still volunteers.

Paul R. Q. Wolfson, J.D.
Paul is partner in the international law firm of Wilmer Hale. Previously he worked in the U.S. Solicitor General’s Office and also served as one of the leading lawyers involved in public international law and immigration law issues. Paul participated in the United States’ case in the International Court of Justice in The Hague involving the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

Robert V. Brody, M.D.
Dr. Brody is a general internist involved in hospice, palliative care and medical ethics. He chaired the ethics committee at San Francisco General Hospital and is chief of the Pain Consultation Clinic. He is also medical director of health at home for the San Francisco Department of Public Health and teaches at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine. He joined the boards of both Compassion in Dying and End of Life Choices before the unification into Compassion & Choices, of which he was the first board chair.

David Muller, M.D.
Dr. Muller is an associate professor and the chair of medical education, and an associate professor of medicine/general medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He is also an attending physician at the Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute. He is a graduate of New York University School of Medicine.
Sue D. Porter, M.S.B.
Sue has been a client case manager for Compassion & Choices of Oregon since 2001, helping terminally ill patients through the process of Oregon’s Death With Dignity Act. She holds an M.B.A. and a Master of Science in Bioethics, and lives in Portland, Oregon.

Karen Pye, M.P.H.
Karen is a public health consultant with over 20 years of experience in healthcare and educational settings. She provides pro bono mentoring to a homeless shelter and serves on the board of a residential crisis center for women and children. She also served on the board of Compassion in Dying when it transitioned to Compassion & Choices. Karen holds a Masters in Public Health and lives in Georgia with her husband.

Robert Schwartz, J.D.
Robert has been professor of law and professor of pediatrics at the University of New Mexico for over thirty years. He was chair of the task force that made New Mexico the first state to adopt the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act, and he is the coauthor of one of the nation’s leading health law and bioethics texts.

Irene Wurtzel
Irene is an award-winning playwright, filmmaker and community activist. She chaired the board of directors of Enterprise Works/Vita for six years, is currently board chair for Theater J, and sits on the executive committee of the board of trustees of Shenandoah University. She was appointed by President Clinton to the Commission on the Role of Women in American History.

Van Zandt Williams, Jr.
Williams was vice president for development emeritus of Princeton University for 22 years. He serves on the boards of Compassion & Choices, the McCarter Theatre of Princeton, and the National Advisory Council for DeVry University. He and his wife, Myra, divide their time between Princeton, New Jersey, and Naples, Florida.

Barbara Coombs Lee, PA, FNP, J.D., President, ex officio
Barbara practiced as a nurse and physician assistant for 25 years before beginning a career in law and health policy. Her professional experience includes work as a private attorney, counsel to the Oregon State Senate and president of Compassion in Dying from 1996-2004. She was chief petitioner for the Oregon Death with Dignity Act and is a champion for individuals’ freedom to consider a complete range of choices and fully participate in their healthcare decisions.

Marcia A. Campbell, CPA, CFO/COO, ex officio
Marcia is chief financial officer and chief operating officer of Compassion & Choices. She has been an accountant since 1978 and has earned a reputation as a successful CFO, controller and human resources director for various companies and nonprofit organizations. The Kansas City, Missouri, native also enjoys painting and has two adult sons.
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Program Costs for the Year Ending June 30, 2011:

- **Public Education 60.58%**
- **Local Presences/Community 24.97%**
- **End-of-Life Consultation 12.23%**
- **Lobbying 2.23%**
### Combined Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2011

#### ASSETS

**Current Assets:**
- Cash and Cash Equivalents
  - Operating: 620,484
  - Investments: 134,668
- Investments: 4,302,727
- Prepaid Expenses: 83,480
- Beneficial Interest in Charitable Remainder Trust: 122,549
- Other Current Assets: 18,346
- **Total Current Assets:** 5,282,254

**Property, Equipment and Improvements, at Cost:**
- Furniture and Fixtures: 1,074,107
- Leasehold Improvements: 26,604
- **Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization:** 316,760
- **Total Property, Equipment and Improvements:** 233,951

**Other Assets:**
- Intangible Assets: 3,014
- Deposits: 15,431
- **Total Other Assets:** 18,445
- **Total Assets:** 5,534,650

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

**Current Liabilities:**
- Current Portion of Obligation Under Capital Lease: 13,706
- Accounts Payable: 73,915
- Accrued Payroll and Taxes: 250,837
- Accrued Expenses: 47,968
- **Total Current Liabilities:** 386,426

**Long-term Liabilities:**
- Gift Annuity Payments Due: 255,797
- Capital Lease Obligation, Net of Current Portion: 14,237
- **Total Long-Term Liabilities:** 270,034
- **Total Liabilities:** 656,460

**Net Assets:**
- Unrestricted
  - Operating: 4,672,182
  - Net Investments in Property, Equipment and Improvements: 206,008
  - **Total Net Assets:** 4,878,190
  - **Total Liabilities and Net Assets:** 5,534,650

### Combined Statement of Activities & Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

#### Revenue and Other Support:
- Contributions: 4,520,540
- Membership fees: 217,766
- Sales, net of costs: 5,367
- Grants: 2,699,500
- Investment Income Net of Related Expenses: 45,735
- Realized & Unrealized Gain on Investments: 84,468
- Loss on Sale of Assets: (344)
- Other Income: 172,181
- **Total Revenue and Other Support:** 7,734,479

#### Expenses:
- Programs: 4,785,213
- General and Administrative: 735,895
- Fundraising: 270,786
- **Total Expenses:** 5,791,894
- **Increase in Net Assets:** 1,942,585

#### Net Assets, Beginning:
- Balance from Prior Year as Originally Reported: 2,786,728
- Balance Transferred from Affiliate: 148,877
- **Total Net Assets, Beginning, as Restated:** 2,935,605
- **Net assets, ending:** 4,878,190
Against Their Wishes

Compassion & Choices’ 2011 Storytelling Contest

We tell stories for many reasons: to entertain, to inspire, to inform, to learn, to process and accept, to remember and honor, to provoke change. For last year’s contest, we asked people to write about good death. Our winner, Judy Keiser, recounted the brave and reassuring way her mother did “the work of the dying” in her story “A Happy Ending and a Very Good Death,” which appeared in the Spring 2011 issue of Compassion & Choices Magazine.

Everyone prefers a happy ending—in stories and in life—but for this year’s Compassion & Choices Storytelling Contest we want to hear the hard ones. Too often, people die in misery because advance directives are disregarded, preferences are dishonored, and better options are unknown. We invite you to tell us of a time when end-of-life instructions were ignored, or unnecessary treatment caused needless suffering and a death inappropriate to the life lived. Hopefully this will not only give you a forum to express your reaction, but also powerfully assist us in our mission to ensure these tragedies only occur in fiction.

Please submit your story by December 31st, 2011.
We prefer electronic submissions of 750 words or fewer. E-mail your story to president@compassionandchoices.org or mail it to: Compassion & Choices, PO Box 101810, Denver, CO 80250, Attn: Story Contest.

Win a set of notecards, hand-crafted by our Chief Operating Officer Marcia Campbell, just for entering. Authors of the top five stories will also get a complimentary one-year Compassion & Choices membership.

The first-prize winner will receive an iPod Nano mp3 player as well as the cards, the one-year membership, a Living to the End journal and a copy of “Compassion in Dying: Stories of Dignity & Choice” autographed by author and Compassion & Choices president, Barbara Coombs Lee.

Thank you for sharing your observations and experiences, and good luck!
Supporters like you produced the inspiring growth and span of achievements outlined in this issue. Attend our 2012 Conference, *Heights of Compassion, Bridges to Choice*, and get the plans and tools to keep building. Attend, engage, grasp the tools of advocacy and catch a glimpse of freedom while enjoying the gorgeous city of Chicago.

You are the keystone of our success. Come celebrate more than 30 years of support, education and activism for end-of-life choice. Register today for the Compassion & Choices *Heights of Compassion, Bridges to Choice* conference June 28-30, 2012, online [CompassionAndChoices.org/conference](http://CompassionAndChoices.org/conference) or by phone 800.247.7421.

Standing strong, planning, mastering tools, building. Come to Chicago next summer and forge a vision of liberty for the nation!