



THE PEACEFUL PRESENCE PROJECT

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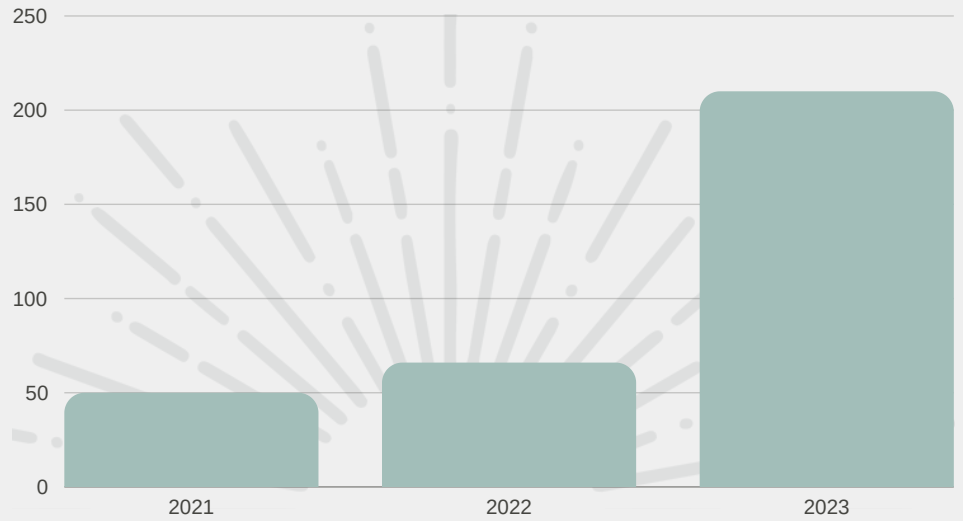
When we founded The Peaceful Presence Project as a Community-Based Organization in 2019, we poured thousands of volunteer hours into building our educational curriculum, working bedside as end-of-life doulas for individuals navigating a terminal illness, and developing *endnotes*, our holistic, end-of-life planning guidebook. We had a vision and plan to reimagine the way our communities talk about, plan for and experience serious illness and death. We were confident in our work, but less clear as to how it would be received and supported.

To our humble surprise, the last four years have brought exceptional growth for our organization. We are blessed by the presence of tenacious and dedicated staff, as well as a wise and invested board of directors. And we've cultivated an extraordinary and growing community of individual donors and foundations whose partnership has allowed us to scale our programming and make a greater, lasting impact across the state of Oregon and beyond. 2023 was a particularly exciting year in that we were able to touch more lives via our educational opportunities, our advance care planning outreach for vulnerable populations, and our end-of-life support services. As we look to 2024, we are motivated to expand the strategic reach of our organization, knowing that the impact and vision of our work is truly unique and needed. We are grateful for the continued support of our current partners and look forward to the new relationships to come.

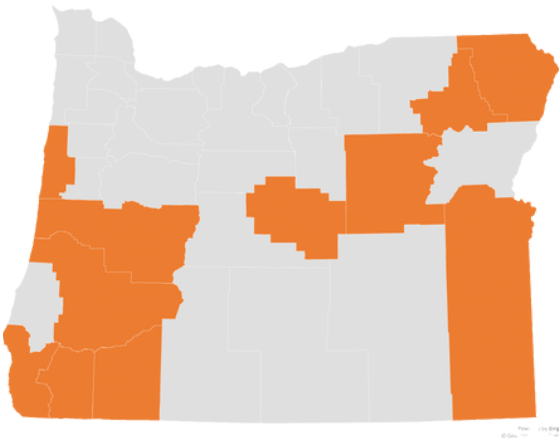
Elizabeth, Erin and Kari
The Peaceful Presence Project Team

END-OF-LIFE DOULA TRAINING

In 2023, we received foundation funding to train rural-dwelling Oregon residents as end-of-life doulas. The goal of this initiative is to expand access to community-based end of life support across the state. We also formed a partnership with Learning Cloud NZ to offer our training on an international platform.



Number of TPPP-Trained End-of-life Doulas



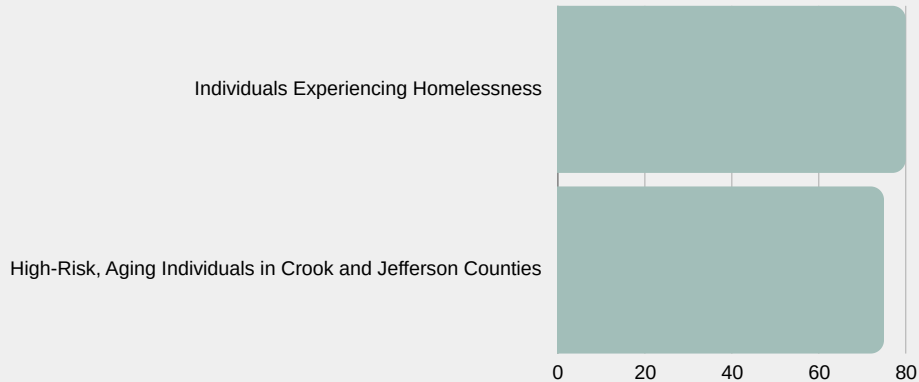
Counties of Residence for Rural Oregon Doula Students



Countries of Residence for International Doula Students

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

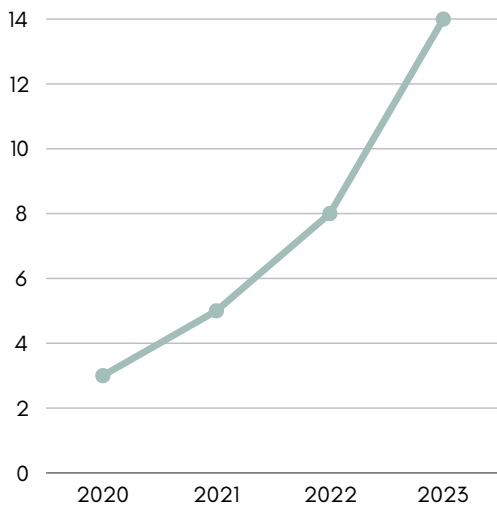
Funding from the Central Oregon Health Quality Alliance allowed us to work with community service providers in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson Counties to facilitate advance directive completion with 175 structurally vulnerable individuals who otherwise would not have received this valuable service that gives them a say in their future healthcare.



Number of advance directives completed: 175

SOJOURNS SCHOLARS

Co-founder Erin Collins was selected as a 2022 Cambia Health Foundation Sojourns Scholar, which identifies and supports emerging leaders in Palliative Care. 16 Community Health Workers across the state are participating in a pilot training program offered in partnership with Oregon State University, with a goal to improve access to palliative care in rural Oregon.



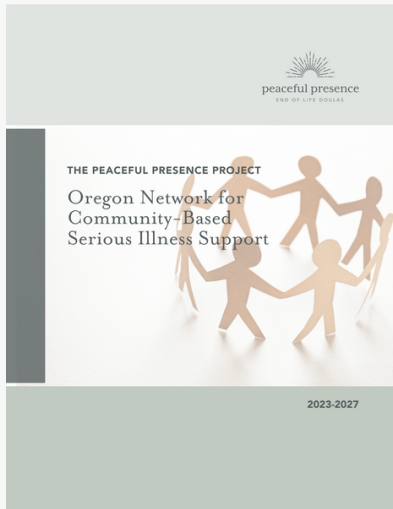
CLIENT SERVICES

We continue to grow our services as bedside end-of-life doulas. Thanks to our outreach efforts and relationships with local hospice providers, more families in Central Oregon are receiving the additional care they desire at the end of life.

Our work is framed in the Compassionate Communities Model of Care, which recognizes that caring for one another during times of crisis and loss is not simply a task for healthcare and social services, but rather is everyone's responsibility. This model of care is focused on transforming practices and conversations around death, dying, and end of life care. It acknowledges that holistic and collaborative action is required to ensure that a community is able to provide practical and emotional support for its members in a skilled and informed way.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BREADTH OF OUR WORK, CHECK OUT [THE PEACEFUL PRESENCE PROJECT IN THE NEWS](#)

OREGON NETWORK FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERIOUS ILLNESS SUPPORT



We are developing the **Oregon Network for Community-Based Serious Illness Support** to ensure that more compassionate care is accessible to individuals across the state and that support is cohesive and person-centered. Families and caregivers will be better supported and communities will be aware of critical resources.

The ability to identify and develop cohesive networks of care will increase community resilience, as well as encourage higher quality and more equitable end-of-life care experiences.

OUR GOAL IS TO CULTIVATE A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES MODEL OF CARE IN THE STATE OF OREGON THAT WILL SERVE AS AN EXEMPLAR FOR THE NATION.

- In 2024, we will continue to offer a diversity of community education offerings to improve death and grief literacy in Oregon.
- We will train approximately 60 rural residents as end-of-life doulas, community volunteers and palliative-care skilled community health workers.
- With \$30,000 in compassion funds available, 60 high need families and individuals will be able to receive dignity conserving, equitable end-of-life care free of charge from TPPP-trained doulas.
- **Read more about our vision in our 2023-2027 Strategic Plan [HERE](#).**

OUR TEAM IS GROWING IN 2024!

We are excited to welcome Lindsay Compton as our new Program Coordinator. This additional role will allow our Co-Directors to focus more time on statewide outreach and programming expansion.

In 2024, we are also expanding our teaching faculty to include Qwynn Galloway-Salazar and Ottamissiah Moore, two leaders in the end-of-life field who will bring a new depth and diversity to our trainings. Read about them [HERE](#)

Our incredible growth is thanks to an 80% increase in individual and foundation support.

Gratitude extends to the following foundations for believing in and funding our work:



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