

## Heartfelt Thanks to Our Volunteers!

She (the presenter) spoke with such confidence! Now, I have more confidence in having end-of-life discussions with patients and their families now that I know the options.

Thank you for helping Joe write the final chapter of his life. He was so brave and did it with such grace and dignity. The volunteer on Whidbey Island was able to join Joe's family and friends as Joe wrote the final ending. I am so glad Joe had this option.

Thank you for your kind and compassionate support.

It took longer than I had hoped, but I was finally able to fly. Thank you so much for all your help and advice.  
- Becky

Mom died naturally—she was ready in part because of your counsel and just knowing she had options helped. Meeting you meant a great deal to mom and to me. I'll long remember your kindness. Mom was 98 years old, [and] in the end of her life, one person made a big difference. Thank you on behalf of all the family.  
- Alison

Thank you for your continued work on DWD. Your assistance made my husband's passing easier. This donation is made in his memory.  
- Cecelia

When working with clients and completing intakes over the phone, I have the honor and privilege to hear the deepest gratitude from our clients to our volunteers as they start the journey of DWD. One conversation stands out, "I know a word to describe these volunteers-angels. I don't know why they would help me, but they are." Seeing how volunteers care, respect and honor those wading through the hardest time of their life never ceases to amaze me. The dedication that is shown time and time again is appreciated every single day by EOLWA clients, and the communities in Washington and beyond. Thank you to our amazing volunteers.  
- Rebe

I just wanted to pop you a note to say "Thank you" for caring for my father and being able to provide him with a death that was completely filled with his own decisions. Even though I was not there the day of, his death was exactly what he wanted: filled with love, music, and peace.

It is not easy to lose a parent, but it was as good of a death as possible. Thank you for being advocates for (as we would call in Canada), medical assistance in dying, and thank you for allowing people to be in control of their own health, even unto death.

- Amelia

Thank you for all the help and guidance you provided during a difficult time. I will always be grateful for the relief and peace you and EOL gave to my dear Bill. I miss him every day but am so relieved that he did not have to suffer needlessly.

We are writing to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude for the support you provided our dad and us as he pursued his end of life wishes. We are grateful his suffering has come to a close and he ultimately was able to control his life and death.

Deepest gratitude, Sarah and Charles' entire family

Thank you again for all the kind guidance you gave my mother and our family during her final months. You gave us knowledge to better advocate for her rights to pass away peacefully the way she wanted, which was a great relief to her and our entire family. Thanks for all that you and End of Life WA do for the community.

- Susan



**The key to our success rests in people like you, who contribute to making a tangible difference in peoples' lives.**