

Gateway Alliance
for Compassionate
Care at
End of Life

Date:

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Time:

11:15am-11:30 am Networking

11:30am-12:00pm Lunch

12:00pm-1:00pm Presentation

1:00pm-1:30pm Closing

Location:

Garden Villas South
13457 Tesson Ferry Road
St. Louis, MO 63128
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Garden Villas South has been thoughtfully designed, tenderly nurtured and tastefully appointed to make it the premier retirement and assisted living community in the area. It not only offers a place to live, but also offers a new and exciting lifestyle, filled with new experiences, new friends and a new standard of excellence for the active retiree.

The mission of the Gateway Alliance is to promote high quality end-of-life care for patients and their families.

Presents: The Role of Pets in Death and Dying

By: Sharon Orlet, M.Div, Mary Ann Virant, Allison White, ACSW, & Kelly Karavousanos, LPC, CT,

Background of Speakers:

Sharon Orlet, MDiv is a Compassus (Optum) Hospice chaplain and a spiritual director. She has been a pastoral psychotherapist for 34 years and is interested in teaching how to be friends of the dying.

Mary Ann Virant is a BJC pet therapy volunteer, and has been involved in pet therapy since 1994.

Allison White, ACSW, LCSW, CCDP-D has worked with BJC Behavioral Health for 23 years. One of her dogs is certified in animal-assisted crisis response. She also in in private practice and helps animal caregivers cope with compassion fatigue.

Kelly Karavousanos, LPC, CT is the Director of Grief Services for Baue Funeral Homes and the Center for Hope and Healing, specializing 13 years in bereavement and trauma. **Teddy** is a Baue grief support Golden Doodle, often present with Kelly at wakes, grief groups, and talks on grief.

Goals/ Learning Objectives: After completing this seminar, attendees will be able to:

- 1) Summarize the benefits of pet-human relationships;
- 2) Describe how pets may benefit patients and caregivers at the end of life;
- 3) Explain the mechanisms by which pets can aid in the bereavement process; and
- 4) Discuss what pets themselves need when aiding others at the end of life.

RSVP

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Registered attendees will receive a **Certificate of Attendance** for One Contact Hour