



## NEWS

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### Willamette Valley Hospice Awards Scholarships to Local High School Students

**Salem, OR & surrounding areas (May 7, 2010)** – Willamette Valley Hospice has awarded \$2,000.00 in scholarships to four local high school students. Emma Kraft, Manisha Shrestha, Melissa Luu, and Tran Nguyen are all volunteers at Willamette Valley Hospice and were awarded \$500.00 each to assist with college tuition. Emma and Manisha, seniors at West Salem High School, have volunteered their time at Willamette Valley Hospice, helping in the office weekly for over 2 years. Emma has also assisted with Camp Mighty Oaks, a summer camp for grieving children. Melissa and Tran, seniors at McKay High School, have been volunteering by visiting hospice patients in their homes or care facilities for over a year.

All scholarship applicants were required to be a current Willamette Valley Hospice volunteer, maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA, submit an essay about their volunteer experience, and provide letters of recommendation.

Willamette Valley Hospice is the only non-profit hospice based in Marion and Polk counties. Willamette Valley Hospice was started by volunteers and has been serving our community since 1978. Willamette Valley Hospice offers community bereavement services as well as educational forums, volunteer opportunities, and complimentary educational presentations for businesses and service organizations.



**Volunteers Manisha & Emma**



**Volunteers Melissa & Tran**