

Open Arms Hospice HoldingCross™ Project

If you are looking for a simple, meaningful way to support those in hospice care, we invite you to purchase a HoldingCross for one of our patients.

The HoldingCross Story

Carol Scott, a hospice and nursing home volunteer in Texas, came home after one of her hospice visits and shared with her husband a need to bring something to her patients: something that could be held, something that was meaningful and something that felt comforting.

Her husband, Jack, had been making wooden crosses for different ministries for over a decade, but a traditionally-shaped cross would not work for Carol's patients, as many of them had lost their grip strength due to age or a debilitating disease. So with a caregiver's heart and the inspiration of the Spirit, the HoldingCross was born.

The HoldingCross is a hand held cross that has an uneven cut and rounded edges designed specifically to allow the hand to cradle it naturally. The simplicity of the cross allows even those with arthritis or other physical challenges to hold the cross.

HoldingCrosses at Open Arms Hospice

At Open Arms Hospice, we have found that HoldingCrosses are special to many of our patients. Some patients hold the cross when they pray, some hold it silently during meditation, and others hold it just to find comfort knowing that they are not alone. For many, simply holding it can be a blessing of comfort and peace. For more information about HoldingCrosses, visit www.holdingcross.com.

How to Help

To purchase a HoldingCross in honor or memory of someone special in your life, please fill out the information below. Cost is \$15 and includes shipping.

Donor Information:

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____ for _____ (# of crosses)

In memory / honor of (circle one): _____

Please enclose an additional name/and address if you would like us to notify someone of your gift. Contributions are tax deductible.

Please make check payable to: **Open Arms Hospice**
Mail check with this form to 1836 West Georgia Road, Simpsonville, SC 29680



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