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DEATH WITH DIGNITY
NATIONAL CENTER
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POLITICAL FUND

On the cover, from top left: Member of our ground team Will Kane with Hawaii Governor David Ige holding the signed death with dignity statute; 1997 Oregon campaign team reunited at the 20th anniversary celebration of the law; advocate Elaine Fong (right) with her mother and sisters; volunteer and sustaining donor Joanne Busiel with her daughter; strategist Mark Glaze (left) with members of the D.C. Home Rule Coalition; Board member Deborah Ziegler with her daughter Brittany Maynard; California advocate Jordan Zweigoron with family; Maine advocate Donna Wiegle; Ohio advocate Molly McMahon Graziano; Dying Right North Carolina director Ed Tiryakian with NC bill co-sponsors and Diane Rehm; Ohio advocate Pamela Gredicak; Maine Death with Dignity co-chair Valerie Lovelace launching the 2019 ballot measure petition

MISSION
The mission of the Death with Dignity National Center is to promote death with dignity laws based on the model Oregon Death with Dignity Act, both to provide an option for dying individuals and to stimulate nationwide improvements in end-of-life care.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS
A thousand thanks for making possible all of the progress described on the following pages. Whether you gave $10, $100, or $1,000, your contribution, combined with 2,614 other supporters across the country, propels the death with dignity movement forward.

I’m so proud to share with you our recent accomplishments; pages 4 and 5 show a summary of your incredible impact.

OUR ACTIVITIES, YOUR PRIORITIES
This is not only a report on the past year’s activities but a reflection of your priorities.

In the supporter survey we conducted earlier this year, you told us you wanted updates on our work in every region in the U.S., from states like Florida, where supporters are just beginning their organizing efforts, to jurisdictions like Washington, D.C., whose death with dignity statute is under attack from opponents seeking to nullify it.

The centerfold map provides a snapshot of our movement in 2017 and 2018.

Next Up: The Fight for Dignity in California
Our most urgent work is in California, where the End of Life Option Act we worked so hard to pass three years ago is in jeopardy.

The law was overturned in May by a district court judge before being temporarily reinstated by an appellate court in June. At press time, the law is still in effect—but the stay granted by the court is temporary, and the fate of the law remains uncertain. In July, we filed an amicus brief to support the State of California’s efforts to permanently reinstate the law.

The court battle will be long, but our track record of success and your steadfast support give us confidence we will prevail.

Your continued commitment to Death with Dignity gives our movement strength in numbers.

Thank you,

George Eighmey, JD
President, Board of Directors
Your Impact: The Year in Numbers

**2,615**

*Individuals who made gifts to Death with Dignity during our last fiscal year (4/1/2017–3/31/2018)*

**431**

Gifts made by first-time supporters

**$109.46**

Average individual donation

**19.85 MILLION**

Americans who will gain access to the death with dignity option when NEW YORK legislators pass the Medical Aid in Dying Act. We have formed a strong alliance with three other organizations to advocate for assisted dying legislation in the Empire State.

**23–2**

HAWAI‘I State Senate’s vote to pass the Our Care, Our Choice Act on March 29, 2018, weeks after the House passed it 39–12. Governor David Ige signed the bill into law on April 5, which culminated a 16-year campaign for assisted dying in the Aloha State.

**13**

Organizations in the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Home Rule Coalition working to protect D.C.’s laws from congressional interference. As part of the coalition, we successfully prevented Congress from repealing D.C.’s Death with Dignity Act through the 2018 budget process, and we are fighting to protect the law in the 2019 budget as well.

**577**

Number of terminally ill patients who received prescriptions for aid-in-dying medication under the CALIFORNIA End of Life Option Act in 2017.

**374**

Number of Californians with prescriptions who took the medications to end their lives. This corresponds to 135 assisted deaths per 100,000 total deaths in California.

**9**

States where we supported advocates through the Dignity50 State Leadership Incubator program (FL, HI, KS, ME, NC, OH, PA, SD, OH, TX).

**2019**

Year when a death with dignity statute will appear on the MAINE ballot.
Death with Dignity Across the Nation

HAWAI’I: CELEBRATING
By signing the Our Care, Our Choice Act into law on April 5, Hawai’i Governor David Ige made the Aloha State the 7th jurisdiction with an assisted-dying statute. From drafting an early death with dignity bill in 2002 to working successfully to pass a bill this spring, we are proud to have been a part of the long journey to victory in Hawai’i.

CALIFORNIA: DEFENDING
In May a district judge invalidated the End of Life Option Act. The law has been temporarily reinstated, but we face a potentially lengthy court battle to permanently protect the law. We have filed an *amicus curiae* brief arguing death with dignity is part of end-of-life care and that overturning the law will harm terminally ill Californians seeking the option.

NEW YORK: COLLABORATING
We have formed an official alliance with three other organizations to push for policy reform in the Empire State. Together, we are working to build support for the Medical Aid in Dying Act.

MAINE: ADVANCING
We are providing strategic and financial support to a 2019 ballot initiative campaign. In collaboration with grassroots partners, we launched the Maine Death with Dignity political action committee, and kicked off the petition drive in April. Signature gathering will continue through winter.

D.C.: PROTECTING
We have kept opponents of death with dignity in Congress from nullifying the D.C. Death with Dignity Act. We continue to work with D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and other legislative champions to quash the renewed attempts to hamper the law via the appropriations process.

FLORIDA: INITIATING
We provide tools, training, and advice to help our supporters in states without death with dignity laws become effective advocates. Recently, we built a website and provided strategic guidance to a grassroots group of Floridians who are raising awareness and garnering support for death with dignity legislation.

DEATH WITH DIGNITY MOVEMENT IN 2018
- States with a death with dignity statute
- States with death with dignity legal by court decision
- States considering death with dignity in 2018
- States with no legislative activity in 2018

“There is power in the will of the people. We can do this.”
—DON LANDRY, FLORIDA
Our 2017–2018 Finances*

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

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To review our financial statements, visit DeathWithDignity.org/About/Financials

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*The amounts in the sections "Consolidated Statement of Financial Position" and "Consolidated Statements of Activities" are derived from audited financial statements for the 2018 fiscal year, which ran from April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2018. Full financial statements for the year as well as tax forms are available at DeathWithDignity.org/About/Financials; hard copies are available at 520 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1220, Portland, OR 97204.
The Story Behind the Financials

You’ve seen the numbers and scanned the charts. These are the stories behind the figures.

YEAR-OVER-YEAR GROWTH
We have increased our revenue 137 percent since 2014.

THE IMPACT OF BEQUESTS
Planned gifts had an immense impact on our finances this year.

We received $762,152 from the estates of five visionary donors. These forward-thinking supporters provide the movement with a strong foundation for the years ahead. We remember them for their dedication to the cause, which lives on through their legacy giving.

A GROWING ENDOWMENT
Through strategic investments that favor long-haul success over short-term gain, we have made the most of the resources at our disposal. The growth of our endowment reflects this careful and narrow approach to stewarding gifts.

We use endowment funds when we know we can further our movement with an influx of cash to a program in need. We’re not just socking money away, we spend it down when we know we can make a difference for a program or initiative, and then we build it back up.

STATE-BASED SUPPORT
For the first time in our nonprofit organization’s history, we disbursed grants to state-based advocacy organizations working to promote death with dignity on the local level. It’s just one way we are investing in our grassroots leaders and promoting lasting change.

Our Commitment to Transparency

We are honored by your support and take stewarding your contributions—and earning your trust—seriously. Our financials are audited annually by an independent accounting firm, and we voluntarily undergo external evaluation by:

- We meet all 20 of the Better Business Bureau’s Standards for Charity Accountability
- We hold GuideStar’s Platinum rating

Honoring My Mother

By Cayla Miller, Maine

My mother was diagnosed with colon cancer a month before my wedding in 2013. A longtime hospice chaplain, she was intimately acquainted with the details of end-of-life care. When her own end drew near, she took charge of her own hospice care. She didn’t want to be helpless, she didn’t want to be in pain, she didn’t want to linger in uncertainty. And I know she wanted to spare us the added trauma of watching a difficult death. It was not a choice she got to make in the end.

I pledged to my mother that I would help to pass a law in Maine so others who are suffering would be able to have their choice.

That is why I am working with Death with Dignity National Center and Maine Death with Dignity on their campaign to place an assisted dying measure on the 2019 ballot.

I was proud to be the first to sign the petition and am committed to gathering signatures from Mainers.

I know that three in four Mainers support death with dignity, and I will work to make sure their voices are heard and we vote together to make assisted dying a reality for our state’s terminally ill residents.

The right to make one’s exit gracefully before the pain and helplessness become unbearable should be a right we all have. This is allowing a dying person to make their own decision at the very end of their life.

I am doing this for my mother, and for all those like her—it is how I choose to honor her memory.