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TERESA WOLF: OUR COMMUNITY HOUSE OF HOPE

Teresa Wolf is a registered nurse who has plans to build a hospice house. And according to Wolf, there's nothing like what she has planned anywhere between Santa Barbara and Long Beach. Designed to house only eight terminally ill residents at a time, Our Community House of Hope would function and feel very much like a family home, offering a serene sanctuary for those in their last three months of life. It will also be a place where the comforts of home would come without cost.

While Our Community House of Hope will be open to all, it's Ventura County's senior population that has the most need. One in three seniors lives alone, without any caregiver or the financial means to pay for one. Working as a family service coordinator in a volunteer hospice for the last 11 years, Wolf has seen the faces behind those statistics. The shock of seeing the elderly—many of them women—with no place to go in their final days is what drives her to turn her plans into reality.

Wolf is currently seeking donations—including the land on which to build Our Community House of Hope—as well as a cadre of like-minded souls to join her venture. Having enlisted a growing number of board and committee members, Wolf is actively recruiting volunteers wanting to make a difference. She is especially interested in anyone with experience in writing grants, soliciting corporate sponsorships, developing Web sites, handling public relations, and organizing fund-raisers.

For more information go to www.ourhouseofhope.org or call 805-377-1907.

First Steps

Two local organizations epitomize the old adage “charity begins at home.” While one focuses on finding homes for the hardest-to-place orphans, the other hopes to give terminally ill patients all the comforts of home in their final days. Both are in the fledgling stages, taking their first steps thanks to their impassioned founders.

