

# 3rd ANNUAL SUMMER EDUCATIONAL FORUM

Black Canyon  
Conference Center  
9440 N. 25th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85021

September 20th, 2016  
Registration begins at 7:30am  
Conference - 8:30am to 4:30pm

## Featured Presenters Include:

### **Walter J. Nieri, M.D., AGSF, FACP, CMD**

Program Director, Family Medicine Geriatric Fellowship Program  
University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix  
Hospice of the West Associate Medical Director

### **Robin Finkelstein**

Founder, Market Insight  
National Speaker for NHPCO and HAHC

### **Gary Gardia, MEd, MSW, LCSW**

Recipient of the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Network (SWHPN)  
2015 Award of Excellence in Professional Education

### **Dr. Fred Vanhooose, Ph.D.**

Clinical Psychologist  
Clinical consultant for behavioral health services at  
Copper Village Memory Care

### **Priscilla Ronan**

Author, "Someone I Know is Dying: Practical Advice from an  
End-of-Life Companion"

### **Deborah Grassman, NP**

CEO and Co-Founder of Opus Peace  
Author, "The Hero Within: Redeeming the Destiny We Were Born to Fulfill"

Registration fee is \$25.00 per person  
Registration Deadline is September 6, 2016

We will be offering 7.25 social work CEU's for our  
SEF 2016. NCIA board CEU's for AL managers and  
caregivers to be announced soon.

Questions? Please contact [SEF2016@hospicewestaz.com](mailto:SEF2016@hospicewestaz.com)  
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## FEATURED SPEAKER BIOS

### **Walter J. Nieri, M.D. (Keynote Speaker)**

Dr Nieri is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine and is certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Long Term Care. He has been selected as one of "Arizona's Top Doc" numerous times and is also a member of the Arizona's Governor's Council on Aging and End-of-Life. He is the past director of the Banner Sun Health Research Institute's Center for Healthy Aging. In addition, he serves as the Dementia Care Medical Director for Silverado Senior Living and also as the Hospice of the West Associate Medical Director. Dr. Nieri has specific interest in healthy aging and in developing innovative models of care for long-term care and dementia patients to ensure the best quality of life in later years and at the end-of-life.

### **Robin Finkelstein**

Robin founded Market Insight and serves as President and Consultant. She has over 25 years of proven experience working with home health and hospice organizations to establish and improve processes across the organization. She is an effective communicator, trainer, coach and motivational speaker. She has served as a National Speaker for NHPCO and HAHC.

### **Gary Gardia, MEd, MSW, LCSW**

Gary holds a Master's Degree in both Education and Social Work and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. He began his career over 30 years ago as a hospice volunteer. He has worked in many capacities leading a variety of teams and departments, including volunteers, social work, bereavement and education and staff development. Gary was instrumental in creating and teaching the NHPCO's Management Development Program and has developed and taught an 8 month long online course for post-MSW hospice and palliative care social workers.

### **Dr. Fred Vanhooose, Ph.D.**

Dr. Vanhooose received his doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 1996 from the University of California San Diego. His clinical training and professional experience encompass the clinical assessment of psychological, intellectual and neurocognitive functioning, personality assessment and counseling and psychotherapy with adults, geriatric patients, adolescents, children, disabled persons and the terminally ill in a variety of settings. He is a clinical consultant in private practice in the Greater Phoenix Area.

### **Priscilla Ronan**

Priscilla has served as a volunteer for hospice since 2005. She uses her vast personal experience to speak and write about end of life issues. She has published "Someone I Know is Dying: Practical Advice from an End-of-Life Companion." She was also instrumental in developing a program to help parishioners who were dealing with a terminal illness at St. Bridget Catholic Church, Ministry of Care. Priscilla is a graduate of Northern Arizona University and ASU.

### **Deborah Grassman**

Deborah is a mental health Nurse Practitioner, who over her 30 year career, has served at Department of Veteran Affairs and included being Director of the Hospice Program. She is well-known for her "Wounded Warriors: Their Last Battle" presentation which was the first of its kind to identify the unique needs of Veterans as they age and their warrior wisdom emerges. Deborah is the author of two books: "Peace at Last" and "The Hero Within". She is the CEO and co-founder of Opus Peace, a non profit organization that provides programs that raise awareness about the soul injury that occurs during trauma, abuse, self-neglect and chronic or serious illness.

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