



# Volunteer Hospice OF CLALLAM COUNTY

## SOUL CARE SPEAKER SERIES

# Validating End of Life Experiences



with Christopher Kerr, MD, PhD, CEO and Chief Medical Officer,  
Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo

**Wednesday Sept. 13, 2023, noon – 1:30 PM**

Experiences at the end of life testify to our greatest needs: to love and be loved, to be nurtured and feel connected, to be remembered, and forgiven. As a hospice doctor, Dr. Christopher Kerr has tended to thousands of patients who, in the face of death, speak of love, meaning and grace. They reveal that there is hope beyond cure as they transition to focus on personal meaning. The lecture will focus on published research that describes and validates patients' dreams and visions at the end of life. Dr. Kerr will explore how these near universal experiences often provide comfort and meaning as well as insight into the life led.



Dr. Christopher Kerr is the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Executive Officer at Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo. His passion is palliative care and a belief that such care should be throughout the continuum of illness. Dr. Kerr's background in research has evolved from bench science towards the human experience of illness as witnessed from the bedside, specifically patients' subjective experiences at the end of life. To date, the research team at Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo has published multiple stud-

ies and documented over 1,500 end-of-life events. This work has been published in a book (*Death Is But A Dream: Finding Hope and Meaning at Life's End*) by Penguin Random House, 2020.



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