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## **January 2022 Newsletter**

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year! I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. Here at Georgian's for End of Life Options (GAELO) we are looking forward to a very productive 2022 and are excited to get to work on our action plan and goals for this year.

Thank you for reaching out to us to express your support and learn how you can help with the effort to advocate for expanded options and improved care at end of life. Since we sent our last Newsletter (March, 2021), much has happened and we have made good progress. I am writing today to reconnect and update you on our progress and let you know what we have planned for 2022.

Death with Dignity National Center (DDNC) offers small startup grants and last spring, GAELO applied for and received a 2021 grant. Those grant funds have been dedicated to establishing our web presence. We have engaged a local web designer here in Atlanta, Brandon T. Hunt, to build our website, set up social media platforms, and provide maintenance and support for one year. We hope to have our website live in about three months.

In May of 2021, we organized as a 501(c)(3) under DDNC's national umbrella. By October, we had identified enough volunteers who were willing to serve in leadership positions and we held our firsts GAELO Leadership meeting. From there, we were able to name a Steering Committee and Advisory Board. Our goal for 2022 is to move out from under DDNC's umbrella and form independently in Georgia as a 501(c)(3). We hope to be ready to do that by mid-year.

However, in order to organize as a not for profit organization in Georgia, we first need to name a Board of Directors. Our Steering Committee's top priority for the first half of this year is to recruit candidates across the state to fill our Board Seats. Candidates should be passionate advocates for our mission and have experience and backgrounds relevant to end of life or NPO operations, such as medical professional,

constitutional professor or attorney, bio-ethicist, hospice or palliative care professional, faith leader, NPO administrator, fundraiser, community organizer.

Most immediately, we are looking for two volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors: one to serve as Board Vice-Chair and Director of Fundraising, and the other to serve as Treasurer.

We are also looking for someone with a tech background and IT experience to join our Steering Committee. This person would be responsible for maintaining our website, setting up and maintaining our social media platforms, and generally managing IT for the organization.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our leadership or learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please contact [admin@gaelo.org](mailto:admin@gaelo.org).

Thank you again for reaching out to us and expressing your interest in our organization. We plan to email quarterly Newsletters to our Volunteer Contacts this year so you will be receiving more regular communications from us going forward. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to us to learn more about our organization and how we can be a resource to you and your community.

We are so glad to have you on board with us!

Best,

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