

The Chicago End-of-Life Care Coalition presents

Todd Hochberg - documentary photographer/filmmaker

Moments Held: Legacy Work

Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 PM

Olson Auditorium Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center 836 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago

Suggested donation \$5 (more welcome!) Proceeds will underwrite expenses of the evening Reduced rate parking available for IMMC garage with validation.



Moments Held: Legacy Work is a video/photography presentation that shares the experiences of two individuals, Mary and Bob, in creating legacy materials. In Hochberg's view legacy is more a personal emotional and spiritual assessment of one's place during a time of life transition than merely a chronological recall of life events. Through collaboration with the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center's Grief and Loss Program and Complementary Therapies Program, the intent of this work is to support coping strategies of patients and their families struggling with cancer and at end-of-life. Visit www.momentsheld.org



"I find that most people have stayed away. I think they have that fear of not knowing... If I get bedridden and I'm really sick and say I'm on my deathbed, the best thing you can do for me would be to come to my house, pull up a chair next to the bed and hold my hand. You won't have to say one single word, I would know you were there for me and that means more than anything." Mary

"I like this [legacy project] alot, sometimes its very hard to talk... but it comes from my heart... we just wouldn't have had this time, the kids and everything... it was very rewarding... we got to see each other in a different light... I hope to look back at this and remember it, I hope it's not the other way... but if it is and I pass away, they do have something instead of nothing... I thought I was leaving them nothing." Bob



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Todd Hochberg makes documentary photographs for families struggling with the serious illness or death of a loved one and the associated grief. He works in conjunction with hospital bereavement and palliative care programs, hospices and directly with individuals. Since 1997, his Touching Souls Photography has supported parents experiencing perinatal loss, as they say goodbye to their babies. Hochberg's bereavement photographs are part of the permanent collection of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography. He presents to a variety of groups nationally and locally.