



## AWARD-WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER'S WORK AT BROOKSIDE

Drawn to photography as a young adult, Alan Maltz has built a long and accomplished career as a passionate, award-winning fine art photographer. His specialty is Florida wildlife and nature and a large collection of his pieces now is displayed throughout Suncoast Hospice House Brookside.

Alan was approached about having his work at Brookside by Suncoast Hospice's hospice houses regional director Pat Lucas, who visited his gallery

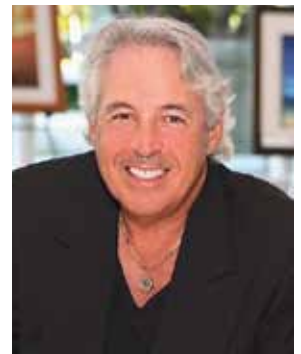
in Key West. Alan agreed, happy to have his work at a hospice for the first time.

"Brookside has magical qualities. My vision was to have the artwork reflect the aesthetics of the building. I am honored that we were able to do this," Alan said.

During his graduation ceremony from Long Island University is when Alan first thought about photography. He set off on a trip to Europe the next day with friends, bought a camera and learned how to use it while driving around.

"I ended up in France and rolled my window down and took a picture of these two people talking. That picture, Echoes in Time, Meeting in Marseilles, is the first picture I ever took and what started me off on this journey," he said.

To learn more about Alan Maltz, visit [www.alanmaltz.com](http://www.alanmaltz.com).





## SUNCOAST HOSPICE HOUSE BROOKSIDE OPENS ITS DOORS

Thanks to the tremendous support of the community, Suncoast Hospice has an exciting new addition to the family – Suncoast Hospice House Brookside. Dedicated on Sept. 29, this beautiful, eco-friendly and hurricane-safe residence next door to our Tampa Road community service center accommodates 30 individuals with advanced illnesses.

Outside and inside, Brookside is a place of beauty, comfort and peace. The large two-story residence is set back in the serenity of nature, surrounded by majestic trees and natural protected wetlands. Its backyard winding boardwalk is perfect for a stroll or wheelchair ride to admire the habitat. There also are several outdoor sitting areas and an outdoor sanctuary adorned with vibrant stained glass panels.



*A patient room at Brookside*

“Brookside is a beautiful space. There is a canopy of magnificent oak trees and newly planted cypress trees. The grounds are a park-like setting with so many opportunities for reflection,” said Scott Kistler, Suncoast Hospice’s vice president of organizational advancement and member of the Brookside

planning and design team.

Bringing the outdoors inside, Brookside’s interior is open and inviting, with warm earth tones, textures and finishes and natural and botanical accessories, materials and furniture. The sunlight pours into the building and there are porches with picturesque views. Gracing the walls in the building are more than 50 photographs by renowned, award-winning fine art photographer

Alan Maltz. His breathtaking images of Florida's wildlife and nature add to the beauty of Brookside.

Brookside includes many touches of comfort of home for residents and their families. "We designed the rooms with patients and families in mind. It is about comfort for families. If loved ones want to take naps or stay overnight, they can," Scott said. Brookside's other features include a spa room for residents on each avenue, laundry room for family members, kids playroom, sanctuary, meditation room, hospitality room and hearth room (living room) with a laptop and kitchen area.

Brookside has been in our sights since 1998. "Creating this gift for the community has been a labor of love," Scott said.

Mary Labyak, president and executive director of Suncoast Hospice, thanks the community for its support of the new hospice house. "Members of our northern community pointed out a need for a hospice house in their area, and we are so pleased to be able to accommodate them thanks to our generous donors. Suncoast Hospice House Brookside has been designed to bring peace and honor the dignity of those we serve and their families. We just can't thank our supporters enough for their help in making the dream of Brookside a reality," Mary said.

*Suncoast Hospice Foundation's capital campaign to fund Brookside's construction is half way to its goal. If you'd like to make a contribution to Brookside or are interested in a naming opportunity, please call Mary David, capital campaign manager for Suncoast Hospice Foundation, at (727)523-3398, or B.A. Safely, director of philanthropy for Suncoast Hospice Foundation, at (727)523-3416.*



*Brookside's Alicia Lawler chats with interested volunteers at a volunteer fair.*

## SERVING BROOKSIDE

Even before Suncoast Hospice House Brookside opened, many community members had signed up to become volunteers. Many said they were excited to give back to the community by helping at Brookside.

"The volunteers look forward to the opportunity to support patients and families. Many are already volunteers with other teams and they want to lend an experienced hand to Brookside. There are lots of potential mentors and it's really going to be a nice fit," said Alicia Lawler, Brookside's volunteer coordinator.

*\*There are still openings for many types of volunteers such as patient care, welcome center and office at Suncoast Hospice House Brookside. Those interested in volunteering should call 727-HOSPICE (467-7423) and ask for Alicia Lawler.*

## WHAT MAKES BROOKSIDE GREEN AND HURRICANE-SAFE?

- Carpet squares made of recycled materials
- Built to Miami-Dade hurricane standards, so residents won't have to evacuate
- Hurricane-rated windows with low E and double panes
- Highly efficient HVAC system
- High powered generator for entire building
- Hardy board siding made of some recycled materials
- Outdoor benches made of recycled plastic