

***The Future of End-of-Life Care***  
***Celebrating the Past***  
***Understanding the Present***  
***Planning for the Future***

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Mary Labyak, MSSW/LCSW**  
**Executive Director, The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast**

Mary Labyak brings a combination of background and expertise in social work, in business management and public administration that uniquely position her as a leader who understands the issues related to the core foci of the LIFE Project—public policy, professional education, and citizens. During more than 20 years as a leader in improving end-of-life care, Labyak has emerged a model and guide for excellence.

Under her leadership, The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast has grown from a small group of volunteers and staff into the largest not-for-profit community-based hospice in the country. Labyak, who is past chair of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, offers untiring efforts that have fostered national and international progress in improved end of life, hospice and palliative care.

Labyak is a frequent presenter at local, state and national conferences including the National Association of Health Care, American Medical Association, and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Known for her work in creating innovative responses to underserved needs, Labyak's efforts and expertise have been acknowledged by awards from: U.S. Congress (Salute for Work With the Dying and Aged), Academy of Hospice Physicians, National Hospice Organization, American Academy of Medical Administrators; and American Hospital Association.

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