

# Can You Hear the Flowers?

PLANTING THE SEEDS OF AWARENESS

OMEGA HOME NETWORK NATIONAL CONFERENCE

 **Omega Home Network**

ABODE  
CONTEMPLATIVE  
CARE FOR THE  
DYING

June 24-26 Marriott Rivercenter San Antonio

## Monday, June 24

10:00 am-10:45 am	<b>Registration for Executive Directors Boot Camp (additional cost)</b>
11:00 am-12:15 pm	<b>Boot Camp: Governance</b> Martha Jo Atkins
12:30 pm	<b>Lunch (Boot Camp attendees)</b>
1:00-2:15 pm	<b>Boot Camp: Operations How-Tos</b> Kelley Scott
2:30-3:45 pm	<b>Boot Camp: Sustainability Through Relationship Building</b> Sr. Kathleen Osbelt, Nancy Light
4:00 pm-5:45 pm	<b>Registration for All Conference Attendees</b>
6:00 pm	<b>Welcome &amp; Cocktail Reception</b>

## Tuesday, June 25

8:00-9:00 am	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>
9:00-9:30 am	<b>Large Group Session</b> <b>Writing as Meditation &amp; Self-Care</b> Cyra Dumitru
9:30-10:30 am	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>The Five Invitations: Discovering What Death Can Teach Us About Living Fully</b> Frank Ostaseski
10:45-11:45 am	<b>Breakout Sessions – choose one</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>ABODE: The Story of a Successful Startup</b> Patsy Sasek, Edwin Sasek</li><li>• <b>Diversity Doesn't Always Mean Inclusion</b> Waheeda Kara</li><li>• <b>The Art of Challenging Conversations</b> Martha Jo Atkins</li></ul>
12:00-1:30 pm	<b>Lunch with Omega Home Network update &amp; presentation</b> <b>Exploring Our Compassionate Heart</b> Tom Comstock
1:45-2:45 pm	<b>Breakout Sessions – choose one</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Exploring Mindfulness for Guest and Self</b> Edwin Sasek</li></ul>

speakers & sessions  
subject to change

- Understanding the Impact of Military Culture on the Veteran's End-of-Life Journey  
Kathy Phoenix
- ABCs of Running a Home  
Suzette O'Calliham

3:00-4:00 pm

**Breakout Sessions – choose one**

- Mother Teresa's Calcutta Training Camp: My Month on the Extreme Edge  
Peg Armstrong
- Mary's Quest for Death, Enable or Impede? An End-of-Life Care Ethics Case Study  
Rich Ferguson
- Risk Management & Insurance Issues for Community End-of-Life Homes  
HUB International – Glenn Day & Chris Shasteen

4:15-5:15 pm

**Large Group Session**

Fundraising Panel

Speakers will be announced soon

5:15 pm

**Closing Ritual**

5:30 pm

**Site Visits to ABODE (registration required at conference)**

45-minute tours, travel: 12-15 minutes

**Wednesday, June 26**

8:00-9:00 am

**Breakfast**

9:00-10:00 am

**Breakout Sessions – choose one**

- Why Your Policies & Procedures Matter  
Robert Soza
- Volunteer Training Panel  
Speakers will be announced soon
- ABCs of Running a Home  
Suzette O'Calliham

10:15-11:15 am

**Keynote Address**

Storytelling for Marketing and Fundraising

Michele Woodward

11:30 am-12:30 pm

**Large Group Session**

Storytelling Workshop Breakouts

12:30-1:15 pm

**Lunch & Full Group Reporting from Workshops**

1:30-2:30 pm

**Keynote Address**

Creating a Relational Home for a Six-Year-Old Choctaw Cancer Patient

Rockey Robbins

2:45-3:45 pm

**Breakout Sessions – choose one**

- Structuring and Managing Your Board of Directors  
Robert Soza
- ABODE: The Story of a Successful Startup  
Patsy Sasek, Edwin Sasek
- Managing the Storm: The Essentials of Crisis Communication Planning  
Regina Waters

4:00-4:20 pm

**Large Group Session**

Unwinding Ceremony: All the Losses We Carry

4:30 pm

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