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National Nonprofit Leads End-of-Life Advocacy Efforts

- *End-of-life advocacy organization provides the public with the tools needed to learn about and advocate for end-of-life rights.*
- *Resources include a legislative advocacy hub and the “Death Positive Advocate” newsletter.*

WHAT:

In 2023, The Order launched a legislative advocacy hub and the Death Positive Advocate newsletter. Both of these free, public resources are meant to serve as a hub for all aspects related to end-of-life legislation, advocacy, and grassroots organizing. This includes information about upcoming legislation, regularly updated information about local actions and issues, and ways to get involved.

WHY:

Death is universal and inevitable, and yet remains a taboo topic for many individuals and families. The Order believes our deaths should be supported—financially, emotionally, and culturally—in ways our modern culture and death services often fail to do. During this unprecedented time of change in death care and new funeral options, the legislative advocacy hub and newsletter were created to help the public stay informed about current events and new legislation that may affect their end-of-life rights and choices.

QUOTE:

"We're currently seeing a historic change in the way we do death in America. For the first time in our history, cremation is more popular than standard burial, people are choosing to embalm less, over 60% of Americans are interested in eco-friendly funeral options, and new forms of disposition like aquamation and human composting are being introduced. This shift is rooted in the death positive movement which is comprised of people that are seeking out more meaningful, affordable, and sustainable ways of doing funerals, that are family and community led, instead of funeral industry led. As a result of wanting more control and options over their death care, people are excited about being directly involved in the push for not only expanding their options through legalizing new disposition methods like human composting, but protecting their right to be involved in making end-of-life choices that align with their values. Our Legislative Advocacy Hub is a place where people can learn about the current issues they care about, legislation being introduced by their Representatives that has the potential to affect their rights and choices in death, and ways to get involved." - Sarah Chavez, Executive Director of The Order of the Good Death

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND CONTACT:

- Organization: [The Order of the Good Death](#)
- [Legislative Advocacy Hub](#)
- Death Positive Advocate [Newsletter Sign Up](#)
- [Organization Leadership Headshots](#)

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About The Order Of The Good Death

The Order of the Good Death is a 501(c)3 non-profit founded in 2011 with the mission to build a meaningful, eco-friendly, and equitable end-of-life for all. [Learn more.](#)

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National Nonprofit Opens the Good Death Fellowship Application

- *End-of-life advocacy organization is accepting applications for a new cohort of professionals who are creating the future of death.*
- *Fellowship grant amounts range from \$1,000 to \$7,000*
- *Application period is open and must be submitted by February 14, 2024.*

WHAT:

The Order has opened applications for their second cohort of Good Death Fellows to find the next generation of innovative leaders finding solutions to address social and systemic problems in death. The first cohort included individuals and organizations with bold ideas on how to create a more sustainable, equitable, and meaningful end-of-life. The 2022 Fellows included

- [Wake](#), a community deathcare non-profit that connects economically disenfranchised people with affordable deathcare resources
- [Brian Walsh](#), a communications designer who is creating an interactive website detailing the financial and environmental impact of end-of-life choices
- [Olivia Matthews](#), a playwright from Central Florida whose work often explores family dynamics, the complexities of young women and teens, and the oddities and magic of The South
- [A Sacred Passing](#), a death midwifery and community education nonprofit from Seattle

WHY:

The Order acknowledges that the way our society handles death and dying is broken in many ways. The Order focuses on creative solutions to remedying these problems by recognizing that everyone can make a difference, and that communities are best served by those who are active participants in them. The Order wants to invest in individuals, ideas, and communities, by providing them with the tools, funding and support to make a difference.

QUOTE:

"Over a decade ago The Order was founded as a collective of individuals-thinkers, artists, inventors, and funeral industry innovators-whose work explored ways to reframe what was possible at the end-of-life, and help our society cultivate a healthier relationship with death. The Good Death fellowship continues this legacy by supporting the next generation of death positive leaders creating a better life and death for us all." - Sarah Chavez, Executive Director of The Order of the Good Death

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND CONTACT:

- Organization: [The Order of the Good Death](#)
- [Fellowship Program and Application](#)
- Introducing the [2022 Fellows](#)
- Learn about the [2022 Fellows' projects](#)
- [Organization Leadership Headshots](#)

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