

Being a hospice volunteer —
and being able to offer
support, not only to patients,
but to family members as
well — is a gift to me.

I feel lucky to be able to pay
back what was done for me.

- *Trish Raziano*

This work is possible because our community has been generous year after year. We are honored by the dedication of our supporters. We are grateful they have continued to trust us to be good stewards of their gifts.

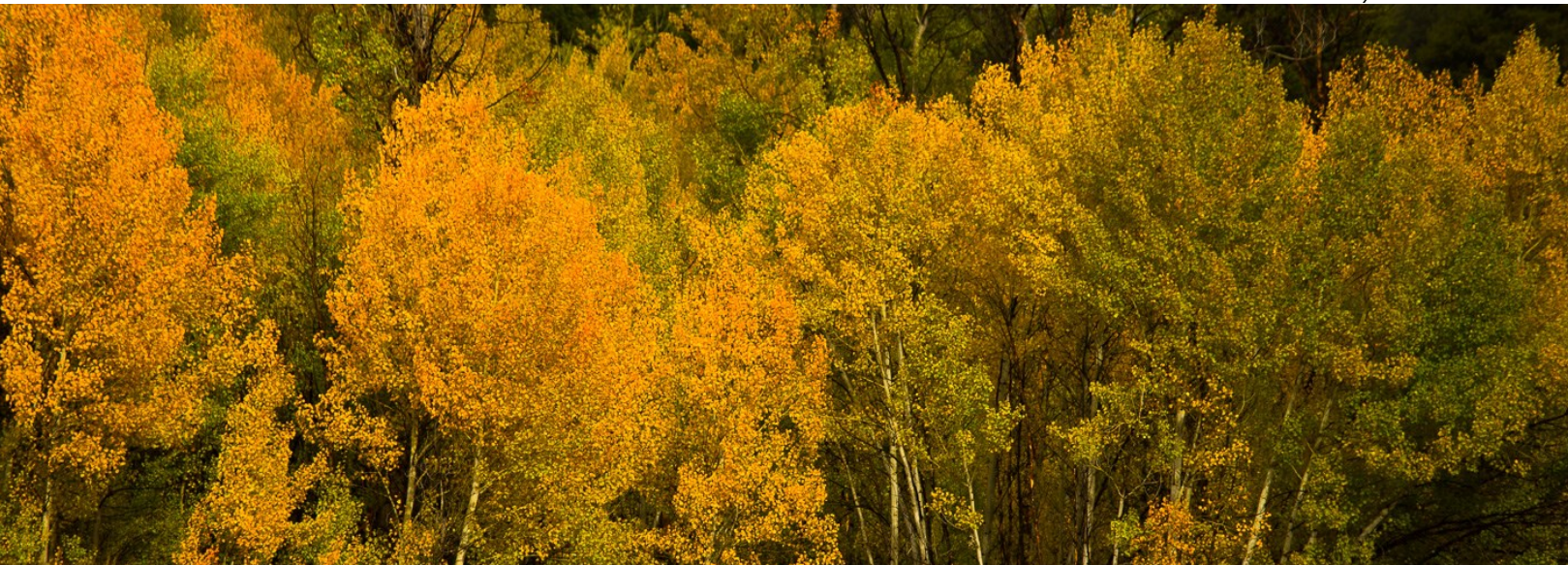
Your Support for Our Future

We want to be sure that when you need us, we will be able to respond with the same compassion and excellence we have delivered for the past 33 years, free of cost and free from the Medicare and insurance regulations. We also want to be sure that whenever a new need develops in the community, we have the resources to respond quickly and comprehensively.

That is why we have embarked on a fundraising campaign to establish an endowment for Hospice. An endowment will augment our annual fundraising so we are able to adapt and grow with the community.

We hope you will join us.

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Endowing the Future

The Campaign for Hospice & Palliative Care of the Wood River Valley



Unique Care for a Unique Community

For 33 years, Hospice and Palliative Care of the Wood River Valley has provided excellent end of life care at no cost. We continue to faithfully serve that need by providing compassionate care and support for individuals and families facing life-limiting illnesses. Hospice has remained a beacon in the community that supports friends and neighbors when they need us most.

We are unique among hospice and palliative care providers. **All our services are delivered free of charge**, which means we are not reimbursed through Medicare or other insurers.

Because we are not bound by restrictions of Medicare or other insurance companies, we are able to offer seamless care from the moment a patient begins to work with us. For some, these services begin at the time of diagnosis, while others come to us later in their illness. As their circumstances change over time, we have the flexibility to adapt our approach to meet the needs of our patients and their families, from palliative care to hospice care to comprehensive bereavement services. Throughout, we help individuals and their families focus on living their best life possible.

Providing the Care You Want

We know that everyone grieves differently when faced with a loss. We offer a broad scope of bereavement and support services for family and friends throughout the grieving process, regardless of how or when a death occurred. These include structured bereavement groups, individual counseling, a bereavement camp for kids, and support for surviving spouses and children. We also provide support to schools, employers, first responders, and suicide survivors. During the holidays, we offer a special group to help cope

with the holidays and invite members of the community to participate in a Memorial Tree Lighting, and we keep in touch through monthly newsletters. We offer our community choices to ensure they have access to the specific kind of support they need.

As many as 80 percent of people across the nation say that they would prefer to pass away in the comfort of their home, as opposed to a hospital. We know that caring for a sick loved one at home is not easy. At HPCWRV, we provide support to these caregivers, including volunteers who provide 3-4 hours per week of respite for caregivers. In addition, a registered nurse is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond anywhere in Blaine County to provide services to patients and to sudden and accidental deaths.

Educating the Community

We have helped our community better understand hospice, palliative care, and the importance of advanced care planning. We offer a series of educational talks and workshops with community partners to shed light on topics related to the grieving process, caring for someone with Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease, and talking to your doctor about a serious illness.

“I would not be here today without their help”

I always thought hospice only helped people with terminal illnesses or the very elderly, but when my husband Tom died suddenly on the mountain, I realized they helped everyone and anyone in need. Their guidance and encouragement gave me the strength to move forward. We are truly blessed to have this fantastic one-of-a-kind organization in our valley.

— *Monica Hebert, Past HPCWRV Board Chair*

There When You Need Us

Our services have touched nearly everyone in our valley. We provide the care that our friends, families, and community need, when they need it, at no cost. **We are proud that in all our years, we have never refused care to anyone because we lacked the capacity to care for them.** Our staff is supplemented and significantly supported by volunteers who enhance the quality of care we provide, many of whom are registered nurses and other professionals.