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# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our  
HOSPICE  
Palliative Care

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am writing to you with deep gratitude and a heart full of appreciation for your generous support of Our Hospice and Palliative Care in South Central Indiana.

At Our Hospice, we believe that Making Every Moment Count is an important mission where each of us makes a real difference in people's lives during their most challenging moments.

We take our responsibility as stewards of your gifts seriously. Your trust inspires us to continuously improve our services ensuring the highest quality of care and support for patients and their loved ones.

Our Hospice:

- Is a not for profit founded in 1980
- Is the 4th largest Hospice in Indiana
- Provides care in 22 counties
- Cares for approximately 275 hospice patients and their loved ones daily

Together we are creating access to compassionate care, and making a real impact in the lives we serve. Your generosity plus our stewardship truly makes us Better Together. Join us and be part of the mission to Make Every Moment Count!

With warm regards,

Steph Cain  
President  
Our Hospice and Palliative Care of  
South Central Indiana

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# COVER STORY



## Sherry Stark Funds Life Changing Service

In memory of her parents, Kirby and Caroline Risk, Sherry Risk Stark made a transformational gift commitment to establish an endowment fund. **The James Kirby Risk, Jr. & Caroline Robinson Risk Fund for Palliative Support** honors the life lessons her parents taught through their service to others, their civic and humanitarian efforts and their many acts of kindness. Sherry has formed a legacy of service in her own right as a long-standing member of the Columbus community. She has led numerous vital boards in the arts and for the benefit of the community; served as Deputy Mayor of the City of Columbus; and President and CEO of The Heritage Fund – the Community Foundation of Bartholomew County.

This fund will provide sustaining support to Our Hospice of South Central Indiana for palliative care services, an innovative patient care model that provides demonstrated improvement to patients enduring a chronic illness. Palliative Care is a medical specialty offering relief from symptoms for those with a serious illness while they are being treated by their physician. It differs from hospice care in that it can be provided at any stage in a serious illness and can be provided together with curative treatment. The care supports individuals being treated for chronic or acute illnesses of the heart, lungs, liver, and kidney, as well as cancer patients. It fills gaps in the continuum of care when an individual is suffering with unresolved symptoms or side effects during treatment for Alzheimer's, dementia, cancer, COPD or heart disease.

"I first learned about the concept of Palliative Care through trainings provided while serving as a hospital trustee," said Sherry. "I was immediately intrigued and recognized what a positive and life changing service it could offer people when they are the most vulnerable. This innovative program struck me as just the kind of thing my parents would have chosen to support." Since she made the commitment, Sherry has provided generous annual gifts to Palliative Care while also funding her parents' endowment.

## Honoring a Legacy: The Gift of Giving to Our Hospice

Sharon and Tim Hill, the daughter and son-in-law of Howard and Joan Percy, provided two generous gifts – one to Palliative Care and one to rejuvenate the garden initially funded by her parents - demonstrating their commitment to preserving a legacy of compassion and community involvement that her parents held dear.

Howard Percy had initially donated the garden fountain in 2004, and it had been a source of solace for patients, families, and staff. Sharon recognized its importance as a place where individuals could take a moment to find peace, engage in quiet conversations, and savor the gentle sounds of water trickling in the background. Her dedication to rejuvenating the garden reflects a commitment to creating an environment of serenity and reflection—a sanctuary for those facing difficult times.

Sharon eloquently described her father, Howard, as "a man of diametrically opposed talents." He possessed a meticulous side as a CPA, but he was also known as the most engaging conversationalist in the room. This duality of character made him not only a respected professional but also a beloved friend to many. Joan, Sharon's mother, was an equally remarkable individual—a quiet and organized presence in any room, possessing the extraordinary ability to make people feel comfortable and connect on a personal level.

Sharon and Tim's generous gifts to Our Hospice embody the life lessons and values learned from both Percys; community involvement and philanthropy. Columbus held a special place in the hearts of Howard and Joan Percy. It was where they settled, where they made lifelong friends, and where they devoted themselves to making a positive difference. Sharon aptly noted, "The town and Our Hospice meant so much to my parents, and we wanted to ensure their legacy was maintained." Sharon and Tim's commitment to Our Hospice ensures that the values of compassion, community, and philanthropy that Howard and Joan held dear continue to thrive in Columbus.



# YOUR GENEROSITY

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Your giving directly impacts the specialized hospice, palliative and bereavement care in our communities. We fundraise to pay for care needs greater than \$1.2 million annually. Help us provide the best end of life care by giving to support our community. You can give through our events, memorial donations, campaigns, and will or estate gifts. We are Better Together, Let's Make Every Moment Count!



### 2023 Summer Concert – Sister Hazel

**Title Sponsors:**  
FORVIA Faurecia & Columbus Regional Health  
**Raised: \$123,000 (net)**

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### 2023 Decatur Golf Tournament

**Title Sponsor:**  
Decatur County Memorial Hospital, EMCOR Facilities Services, K.B. Specialty Foods and an anonymous donor who donated in honor of all Our Hospice workers.  
**Raised: \$35,500 (net)**



### 2024 Jennings County Gala

**Title Sponsor:**  
Decatur Mold, Tool & Engineering  
**Raised: \$70,800 (net)**

# OUR STEWARDSHIP

**PALLIATIVE CARE** is a valuable type of care with minimal reimbursement. In 2023, we transitioned Palliative Care services into a hospital-based clinic creating a more sustainable model, ensuring access to palliative care, well into the future. These changes reduced costs by \$400,000, leaving an annual gap of \$700,000, supported by philanthropy and home hospice.

**THE HOSPICE CENTER** is a 14 bed Hospice facility that costs \$3.5 million annually to operate, serving our community with the best end of life care. After insurance reimbursement, the annual gap is \$400,000, supported by philanthropy and home hospice. Our Hospice Team that cares for the Hospice Center patients, has improved operations to bring improved financial stability, while delivering the highest quality of care for our community.

**BEREAVEMENT CARE** has an annual cost of \$60,000, providing grief support and healing for loved ones, including children and teen groups. These programs are supported by our generous donors and home hospice.

## CARING FOR PATIENTS

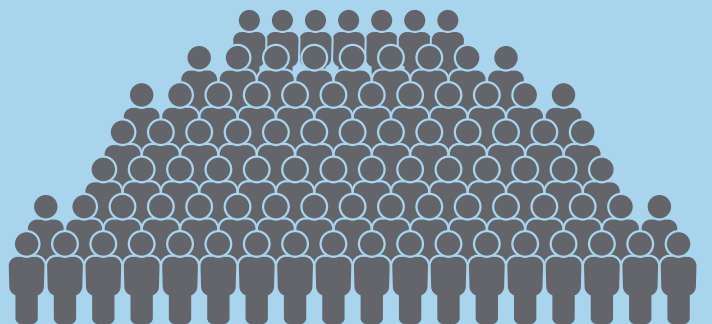
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Our Hospice cares for an average of **268 patients per day** with an average length of **81 days in our care.**

**90 individuals** cared for on **Bridge** transferred to Hospice



# WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!

Total number served by  
**BEGINNING AGAIN:**  
**169 different group members**  
for 2023

(Bereavement group meets  
Tuesdays 2-3:30 or 5:30-7)

## SERVING CHILDREN & ADULTS

Served **32 children** at **Camp Eva**,  
our annual children's grief camp.

2024 Camp Eva to be held  
Saturday, September 14, 2024



Supported  
**3830**  
grieving individuals

## MAKING EVERY MOMENT COUNT



Making Every Moment Count for our patient Graham! He took his first Huey Helicopter flight! Thanks to Shelli Burton for the photos and to Hospice Nurse Jessica, for making sure Graham was good to go!

Goldie, a patient of Hospice Nurse Kylie, who took the opportunity to go up in a tethered balloon ride at Ashford Place (Shelbyville). What a great experience for Goldie and another example of celebrating every Moment!



When the Southern Indiana Corvette Club heard about Anthony's wish to attend the World 100 at Eldora Speedway, they raced in to make his wish a reality. The Southern Indiana Corvette Club brought out a few cars during the special presentation. Anthony enjoyed a beautiful afternoon with his family and even got some up close time with the Corvettes. The surprises were far from over for Anthony. When Nascar Champion and Eldora Speedway owner, Tony Stewart heard about Anthony's journey with hospice, he upgraded Anthony and his son to his personal suite.

Family connections are so meaningful. For this family, the daughter was planning her wedding but as her mom began declining while in our care, the daughter asked if we could help her get married at her mom's bedside, so our Hospice Chaplain, Jimmy officiated the ceremony. This special day was even more special as it was the 50th wedding anniversary of the patient and her husband (which, of course, we had to celebrate too!)



Victoria, a 31-year-old mom of four children, was transferred from the hospital to the Hospice Center. What she wanted most was more time with her children to make memories, to laugh together, and to celebrate her young son's birthday. Our clinical team knew this, got her pain under control, and organized a birthday party at the center. Victoria was strong enough to get out of bed and join the party (this was the last time she was able to get out of bed). The team did not stop there; special arrangements were made to allow the children to stay the night in the family room so they could be close to their mom. The team stayed after their shift to set up for their campout, complete with a pillow fight and an UNO match. One of the most beautiful things about Our Hospice is the care we provide not only to the patient, but to the whole family unit. And for this family, we were able to provide a few sweet happy memories for them to hold onto.

## TEEN GRIEF GROUP

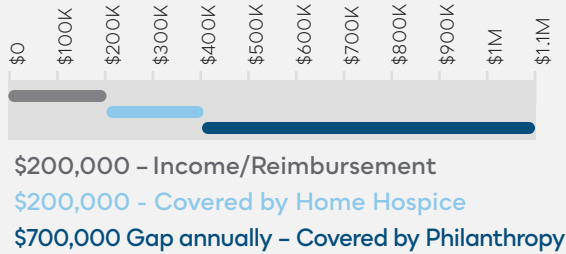
Over the course of 6 weeks, **14 students** at a local middle school came together to participate in a Teen Grief Group. Throughout their journey they focused on the **"6 R's of Grief: Reassure, Routine, Release, Remember, Reflect, and Reach Out."**

Each session focused on the group exploring how to understand their emotions/expressions, creating comfort in their environment, finding creative outlets, memorializing their loved ones, connecting with others through grief, and understanding that help is out there for when their feelings become too heavy. The teens thoroughly enjoyed expressing their creativity through utilizing poems, songs, or letters to their loved ones on magnetic pieces that were then painted and hung at home or in their lockers.

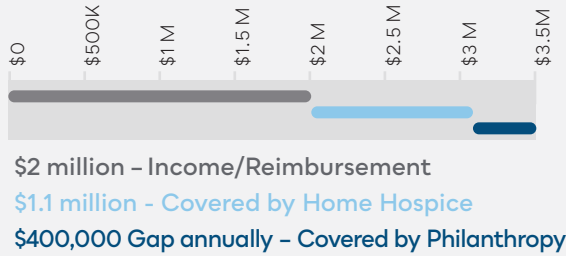
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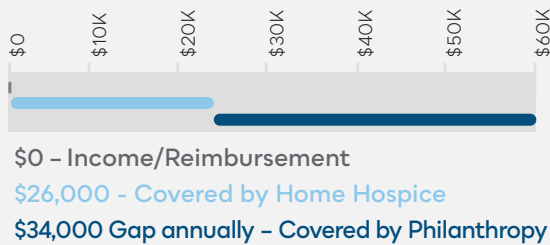
## PALLIATIVE CARE



## HOSPICE CENTER



## BEREAVEMENT



# 2023 INCOME STATEMENT

Unaudited

## PROGRAM REVENUE

Home Hospice	\$ 16,323,072.00
Hospice Center	2,119,801.00
Palliative Care Center	256,978.00
<b>Total Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,699,851.00</b>

## PROGRAM EXPENSES

Direct Patient Care	\$ 14,362,422.00
Indirect Patient Care	4,133,678.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,496,100.00</b>

## FUNDRAISING & GIFTS

Fundraising Events	\$ 394,191.00
Unrestricted Giving	641,086.94
Restricted Giving	307,922.19
<b>Total Fundraising &amp; Gifts</b>	<b>\$ 1,343,200.00</b>

Administrative Costs (% of total expenses)	7.6%
Fundraising Costs (% of total expense)	3.4%
Investment and Other Income (% of total revenue)	5%

## GIVE NOW

<https://ourhospice.org/donations>



## Learn about additional ways to give

<https://ourhospice.org/ways-to-give/>



## CARING FOR THE YOUNGEST PATIENTS

Expert pediatric hospice care led by our **PHD Educated Pediatric Hospice Nurse Practitioner.**



Eileen DeWire

## Pediatric home care kits

providing each family specialized equipment and supplies based on the age of their child.

Cared for a set of **adopted siblings**

# 3108

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