PIKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HOME CARE & HOSPICE

Home Care & Hospice Foundation of Pike County

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Foundation News

The Foundation has been extremely helpful in enabling me to do my job. As the Home Health and Hospice Social Worker, I am often called upon by our nurses to assist patients or their families with needs they can not afford. I assess the situations individually and if the patient's need is not financially affordable, then I am able to use the donated funds to the Foundation to meet their needs.

In the past few months the Foundation purchased a hospice patient new shoes. She is on Medicaid and in the nursing home. It would have taken her several months of saving to purchase the shoes she needed. I bought another patient a grab bar for her tub which now allows her to bathe more independently. Also a home health patient needed a hand held shower head and grab bars for his shower. The Foundation purchased these items as he could not afford them, but his son was able to do the installation. A final example is that I have a hospice patient who likes fresh fruit. He and his wife are in the nursing home and do not get the luxury of this so I purchase them fresh fruit upon their request.

I wish all donors could walk in my shoes on the days I get the pleasure of delivering these small items to our patients. It is a true blessing what Foundation funds do for our agency and our patients. It also shows even small gifts can provide large blessings.

Donna Ellison
Social Worker

Hospice Care

Hospice care has been around since the Middle Ages; it was called: hospitium. During this time the dying person lived in the guest house near the monastery, a sanctuary that provided care for the dying poor. The ill patient received food, clothing, and comfort until their death. Similar hospice care continued and was most popular in England.

In 1967, this tradition was continued in the United States by Dr. Cicely Saunders, known as the founder of the hospice we provide today. Her main focus was pain control and palliative care. Palliative care is medical treatment that sets a goal to reduce the severity of diseases symptoms rather than trying to reverse the progression of the terminal illness. Her focus was on the body, mind, and spirit. Dr. Saunders's aspirations were set for the terminal patient and their family; to reduce pain and suffering, to improve the quality of life for time remaining, and to provide a place of comfort for patients to do things they wanted—read, talk, take a walk, bird watch, or even get their hair done. Dr. Saunders died in the hospice she founded in 2005, at the age of 87.

Theresa Shotton, RN BSN, CCM
Hospice Coordinator

Our hospice today works much the same way. We do not have a hospice facility, but bring our hospice to the patient; either in their home or long term care facility. We provide compassion with skilled nursing care to the patient in the comfort of where they live. Support is given to the terminal patient and their family so they may find meaning and purpose in their life; while maintaining the dignity and comfort during the end of life processes. When the hospice team can provide physical, social, psychological and spiritual needs to the patient and family during the dying process, then meaningful closure can be obtained to life's completion.

Message from the Administrator

Justin Selle,
Administrator

Providing the highest quality care possible is what we expect of ourselves and improving daily is what we strive for. From the little things such as making sure all of our nurses live in the county so our response time is faster, to the big things such as creating a foundation so we are able to buy necessities for patients in need. Pike County Hospice is always improving itself by creating new programs such as our pet therapy for patients. Recently other hospices have started serving the area and we are happy to hear this because it makes us strive even harder to be the best. We just hope no one mistakenly uses their service if they want us because we are proud of our reputation. We are able to improve our program by comparing ourselves to the competition. The other hospice is a for profit company based out of the St. Louis area with a satellite office in Bowling Green and their nurses commute every day. We want the residents of Pike County to get the attention they deserve when they want it and that is why all of our nurses live in Pike County instead of somewhere else. We have started new programs the other hospices do not offer because we want to do everything humanly possible for our patients. We spend our money on our patients and that is the way we like it. We are one of only five not for profit county based hospices in Missouri and we are proud of it. The next time someone needs hospice make sure they specifically tell their doctor they want Pike County Hospice or they might get another hospice that does not provide the quality care we do. Jim Hansen once said, "We are not the best because we are the oldest, we are the oldest because we are the best". We were the first hospice in Pike County and we will always be here as long as you need us.

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Building Project

2nd Annual Pike County's Got Talent

Pike Countians past and present will be performing on the stage of Bowling Green High School Auditorium on September 19th at 2 p.m. Last year's event raised over $4,000.

The show is designed as an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship. It is being put on by the Hospice Volunteers of Pike County and Eastern Missouri Cowboy Church.

In order to participate, performers currently reside in Pike County or grew up here. Many of the talented people who performed last year will be returning, as well as several new performers.

Tickets are on sale at the Pike County Health Department, Home Care & Hospice office or may be purchased at the door. Tickets are $5.00.

Pictured above is a quilt made by Rosie Lewis, quilted by Barb Erickson and donated to the Pike County Health Department building fund. The quilt will be one of the raffle items at Pike County's Got Talent.

Project Update

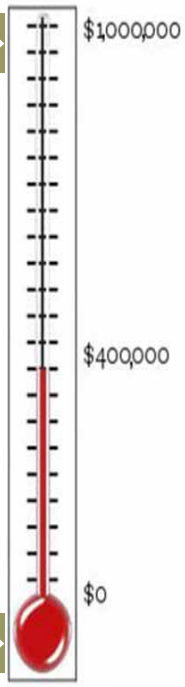
The Foundation continues working with the city to finalize the infrastructure for our building area. Water and sewer have to be brought to our location before construction can begin.

Once infrastructure and the bidding process are complete, groundbreaking will occur.

Giving from the Heart

The quality care provided to our patients has greatly impacted family members in one way or another. One family wrote a letter explaining how our agency made a difficult situation a little easier. "Nothing is quite as devastating as watching your loved one slowly decline in front of your eyes. Unfortunately, this became a reality with our family this past year. One of the things that kept us going and provided the strength during this difficult time was the support of the (Pike County) Hospice Agency in Bowling Green, Missouri. This non-profit organization is truly made up of "angels" here on earth. The compassion and care they provided to our husband and father was above and beyond. This is what we know...we are never ready to let our loved ones go...but with the help of hospice and their staff, it becomes something we can do with dignity and love."

Your donations are what helps our agency provide this quality care. As we continue to work towards a new building, every dollar counts. We appreciate the support many of you have provided but we aren't there yet. Please consider a donation to help us reach our goal and our dream for all of the citizens of Pike County.



Cake Walk

An old fashioned cake walk will be part of Heritage Day activities, September 11th on the square in Bowling Green. Hospice Volunteers of Pike County are sponsoring the event. Delicious home baked cakes will be available for lucky winners.

Book Fair

Pike County Health Department, Home Care & Hospice staff will be holding a Book Fair during Heritage Day, September 11th. Gently used books, CD's and DVD's will be available for sale.

Barbeque

Recently, chef Jim Wells donated his barbeque skills to prepare over 300 pork burgers and pork steaks to benefit the building fund. Meals were served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the courthouse lawn. Over $1,000 was collected. Wells was assisted by the health department staff and Mr. Bill Mallory, longtime barbeque master.

Mission Statement

The Mission of Pike County Health Department, Home Care & Hospice is to promote safety, wellness and comfort for our community by providing quality care and preventive services so that all may experience a healthy, fulfilling and meaningful life.

History

The agency has a long history of providing preventive and health care services to Pike County residents. Public Health services have been provided since 1948, with Medicare/Medicaid Home Health services added in 1969. In 1993, Hospice was founded.

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