

THE DENVER HOSPICE  
More from life



# 2025 Annual Report

## More From Life.

The Denver Hospice believes that no matter where you are in life's journey, you deserve to get the most out of every day.

We are the region's leading not-for-profit provider of life-enhancing hospice care. Our mission is to encircle those facing advanced illness with unprecedented levels of comfort, compassion, and expertise.

Our care is designed to help terminally ill patients experience each day to the fullest. The main goal is the comfort of the patient and their family.

**It's not just our job, it's our calling**



## To Our Community and Friends,

Some of life's most meaningful moments happen quietly—when a hand is held, a family finds comfort, or a patient feels peace in their final days.

At The Denver Hospice, we are honored to be present in those moments every day. Our mission is to surround people facing advanced illness with comfort, dignity, and expert care, while supporting the families and loved ones who walk beside them.

This deeply meaningful work is only possible because of the people who believe in our mission—our compassionate staff, dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and committed Board members. Together, we create a circle of care that extends far beyond the bedside.

In 2025, we continued strengthening that circle. We welcomed Ben Marcantonio as President of The Denver Hospice, bringing more than 40 years of leadership in hospice, healthcare, and community service. His passion for compassionate care and extensive experience help guide our organization into the future.

We also witnessed the power of community in countless ways. At our Fall Festival, children from our Footprints Pediatric Services program laughed as they explored the pumpkin patch, enjoyed face painting, and met firefighters and performers. Throughout the year, we connected with neighbors at events across Denver—from the Walk to End Alzheimer's to the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival—sharing resources, building relationships, and reminding our community that no one has to face serious illness alone.

Most importantly, we continued our promise to care for everyone who needs us. Through our charity care program, patients received hospice services regardless of their financial circumstances—because compassion should never depend on the ability to pay.

Behind every patient served and every family supported is a community that makes this work possible. Your generosity, time, and leadership help ensure that comfort, dignity, and peace are always within reach.

Thank you for standing with us and for helping bring compassionate care to life's most important moments.

With gratitude,

**Rodney Rice, Board Chair**



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## 2025 Board of Directors

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## Compassion in Action

When someone is facing a life-limiting illness, the journey can feel uncertain and overwhelming—for both patients and the people who love them. In those moments, compassionate care and trusted guidance can make all the difference.

For more than four decades, The Denver Hospice has been honored to walk alongside individuals and families throughout our community. As Denver's first hospice—and among the first in the nation—we have helped patients find comfort, dignity, and peace while supporting loved ones through the challenges of serious illness and loss.

As a nonprofit organization, our commitment is simple: care should be available to everyone who needs it. No one should be denied hospice services because of financial hardship.

In 2025, The Denver Hospice provided care and support to **3,680 people across our community**—each one surrounded by the compassion, expertise, and respect they deserve.



**3,680**  
patients  
served

**2,852**  
hospice  
patients

**793**  
palliative  
patients

**35**  
pediatric  
patients

**\$419,533**  
of total  
charity care

**1,362**  
charity care  
patient days

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At The Denver Hospice, every story reflects a moment of connection, compassion, and meaning shared between patients, families, and our care teams. These moments remind us that hospice is not only about medical support, but about honoring lives, creating space for remembrance, and walking alongside people through some of life's most profound experiences. The stories that follow offer a glimpse into the impact made possible by our community of caregivers, volunteers, donors, and supporters.



## A Life That Reached the Moon

Jack Burman spent his career helping humanity reach the Moon. As an engineer on the Apollo missions—including Apollo 13 and Apollo 14—he worked on the spacecraft's oxygen tank system and later helped investigate the failure that forced Apollo 13's dramatic return to Earth. As a patient of The Denver Hospice, Jack shared stories of innovation, teamwork, and perseverance. We are honored to have cared for him and to celebrate a life that helped expand the boundaries of human possibility.



## A Living Tribute

In the west courtyard of our Inpatient Care Center, a young cherry blossom tree planted this spring now stands as a living tribute to Connie—a beloved mother whose memory continues to inspire those who knew her. Connie's son, Michael, joined our team to unveil a plaque placed beside the tree in her honor. As the tree grows and blossoms in the years ahead, it will offer a peaceful place for reflection and a lasting reminder of Connie's life and the compassionate care she received at The Denver Hospice.





### **Moments of Joy**

Each fall, laughter fills our campus during The Denver Hospice Fall Festival. Children from our Footprints Pediatric Services program and families from the surrounding neighborhood gather for a day of pumpkins, face painting, music, and costumes. What begins as a simple celebration becomes something more—a chance for families facing serious illness to share moments of joy, connection, and community together.



### **A Light for Every Memory**

Several times each year, The Denver Hospice brings families and community members together for Candlelight Remembrance Ceremonies. In these quiet gatherings, loved ones' names are spoken aloud, photographs are shared, and candles are lit—each flame representing a life remembered. These moments create space for reflection, connection, and healing. For many families, the ceremony is a gentle reminder that while grief can feel isolating, they remain surrounded by a compassionate community that remembers alongside them.



### **Creating Space for Healing**

Participants gathered at The Denver Hospice to explore grief through creativity and connection. Our Creative Art Group offers adults who have experienced loss a six-week supportive space to express emotions through painting, drawing, collage, and other forms of art. There is no expectation of artistic skill—only an invitation to reflect, remember, and share. In each session, participants find gentle moments of healing alongside others who understand their journey.