

THE DENVER HOSPICE

More from life

2023 COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

From the Board Chair and President of The Denver Hospice

The Denver Hospice mission is to encircle those facing advanced illness with unprecedented levels of comfort, compassion, and expertise. We do this through integrity, excellence, and stewardship and by providing comprehensive care for those who have an advanced medical condition, serious illness and those who are grieving.

The Denver Hospice is comprised of 221 team members as well as more than 180 volunteers and Board members who are all committed to building on our existing strengths and growing our services.

Significant highlights from 2023 include:

- Tim Bowen, President and CEO of Care Synergy and The Denver Hospice Board of Directors announced that Ernesto Lopez would be joining as the next President of The Denver Hospice.
- We opened a NEW palliative care clinic within The Denver Hospice inpatient care facility to treat those patients who prefer an on-site visit. The new clinic joins our other on-site clinic located in Westminster, Colorado.
- We served more than 1,000 patients and their family/loved ones through grief and loss programs.
- Almost 25% of our patients are military veterans. The Denver Hospice was reaccredited for Level 5 status in the We Honor Veterans campaign, a joint program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Veterans Administration.

Your belief in our mission and your support helps us to make compassionate care the focus of our work.

Thank you for what you do to bring quality end-of-life care to those who count on us every day.

Sincerely,



Ernest Lopez
President



Brad Baumgartner
Board Chair

MORE FROM LIFE

The Denver Hospice provides high-quality, life-enhancing hospice and palliative care services for patients with a life-limiting illness or terminal diagnosis. We offer patients and families more options and control around managing their illness and day-to-day lives, allowing them to enjoy more from life.



156,867

Total Adult
Patients
Served
(ICC & home)



186

Total Pediatric
Patients Served



4,975

Patients
Served in the
Inpatient Care
Center



\$783,059
Total Charity
Care

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New President Named for The Denver Hospice

The Denver Hospice Board of Directors announced Ernesto Lopez as their new President. Lopez brings over 20 years of healthcare leadership, most recently as CEO of a Maryland hospice. He is known for his expertise in building community partnerships and delivering high-quality end-of-life care.

The Denver Hospice is proud to reflect on a year of significant achievements in 2023. We continued our mission of providing compassionate care to those facing serious illness and grief, serving over 157,000 patients and their families. Under new leadership, with the appointment of Ernesto Lopez, The Denver Hospice expanded its community outreach and solidified its position as a leader in high-quality, comprehensive end-of-life care.

The Wind Phone: A Beacon of Hope in Hospice Care

In our hospice facility's play area, a "wind phone" offers grieving children a unique outlet. Inspired by a symbol of healing in Japan, this unconnected phone allows children to express emotions and connect with deceased loved ones. This wind phone serves as a powerful testament to the importance of supporting children through grief.

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Granting Wishes: Dani's Journey to the Magic of Aladdin

In 2021, Dani, a bright young spirit facing CNS Neuroblastoma, found compassionate care at The Denver Hospice's Footprints pediatric program. Dani's dream of seeing the Broadway production of "Aladdin" came true at her high school graduation thanks to Christopher's Angels Fund.

Helping Families Face Life's End

The Denver Hospice was thrilled to celebrate Christopher's Angels Fund in its 13th Annual Poker Run on August 27, 2023! This annual fundraising event raised over \$80,000 to support terminal patients and their families. Through fundraising efforts, we continue to provide unprecedented levels of comfort, compassion and expertise to our patients and families.

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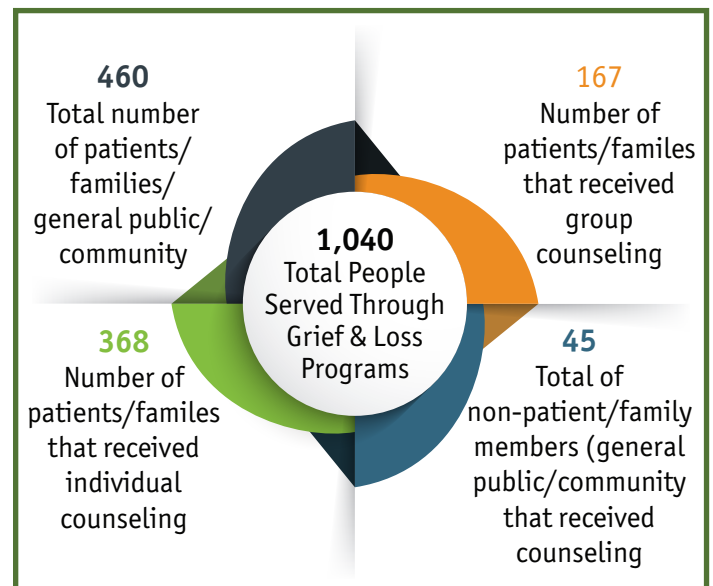
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