



THE
DENVER
HOSPICE
More from life

2024 Annual Report



More to 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 Partners and Community,

At The Denver Hospice, our mission is to surround individuals facing advanced illness with exceptional comfort, compassion, and clinical expertise. Guided by our values of integrity, excellence, and stewardship, we provide comprehensive care not only to patients with serious and life-limiting conditions but also to those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Our work is made possible through the dedication of our exceptional team of 209 staff members and the invaluable support of more than 150 volunteers and Board members. Together, we remain committed to strengthening our services and expanding our reach to meet the growing needs of our community.

Key highlights from 2024 include:

Leadership Excellence

We welcomed Dr. Pradeep Rai, MD as our new Medical Director. With over a decade of experience in clinical leadership, Dr. Rai brings deep expertise and vision that will guide our medical strategy and enhance the quality of care we provide.

Compassionate Support

Through our charity care program, we ensured that critical hospice services were available to patients in need—underscoring our belief that no one should be denied compassionate care due to financial hardship.

Honoring Our Veterans

Nearly 25% of our patients are military veterans. This year, we honored their service through special programs including Vet-to-Vet Cafés—peer gatherings that offer support, mentorship, and resources. We also partnered with the Arapahoe Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to collect hygiene kits for the Longmont Veteran Community Project and holiday gifts for veterans in our care.

Your continued belief in our mission empowers us to bring dignity, respect, and healing to every person we serve. Thank you for your unwavering support and for helping us deliver compassionate, high-quality care at life's most important moments.

With gratitude,

Brad Baumgartner - Chair, Board of Directors

Tricia Ford - Interim President



Making a Difference

\$552,518

Total Charity Care
(In \$)

3,349

Total Adult Patients Served
(ICC & Home)

905

Total Patients Served in ICC

35,141

Total Pediatric Days Of Care





Board of Directors

Brad Baumgartner	Betsy Moran
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A Joyful Celebration of Community

In October, The Denver Hospice brought spooky season cheer to life with our annual Trunk or Treat event—a heartwarming celebration that blended fun, creativity, and community connection.

Families wandered through a festive pumpkin patch, little ghouls and goblins transformed with imaginative face painting, and laughter echoed as caricature artists captured the joy of the day in playful portraits. It was a vibrant afternoon filled with costumes, candy, and camaraderie—reminding us all that even in the midst of serious illness and caregiving, there is still room for celebration, connection, and shared joy

The Denver Hospice provided exceptional care to both my husband and myself. I have already sung your praises to everyone I know. Bless you!

- Patient's Spouse

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When we entered the hospice center at Lowry it was such a comforting end for his life and also for us as we watched his last days. The staff were pure angels, every one of them!

- Patient's Family

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A Space for Healing and Remembrance

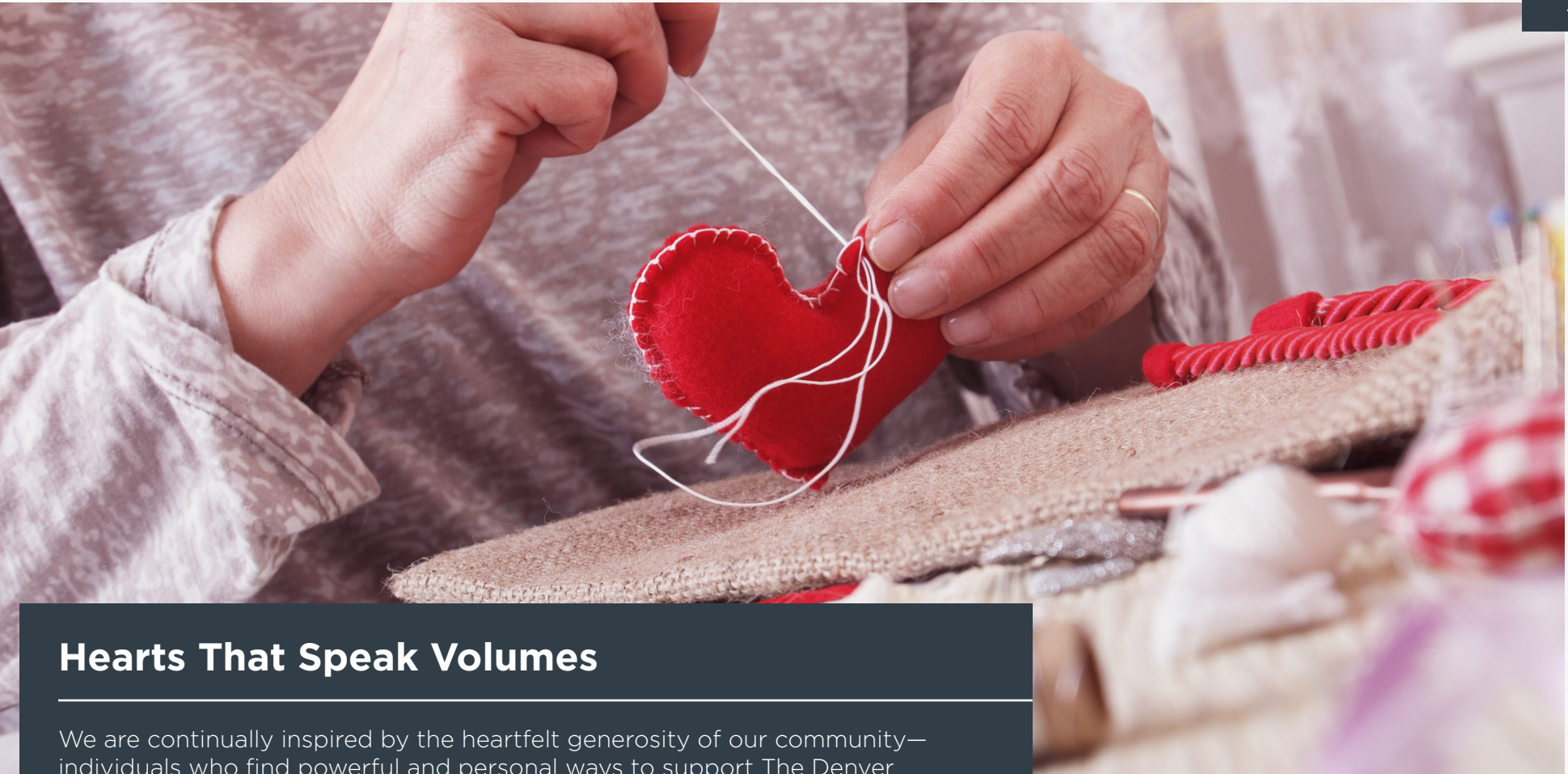
The wind phone is a simple yet profoundly meaningful concept—a disconnected phone placed in a peaceful outdoor setting where individuals can “call” and speak to loved ones who have passed away.

The idea originated in Japan in 2010 when Itaru Sasaki, grieving the loss of his beloved cousin, set up an old phone booth in his garden. He found solace in picking up the receiver and speaking his heart into the wind, believing his words might somehow reach his lost loved one.

A wind phone is not about receiving answers, but about creating space for presence. It offers a quiet moment to connect with memory, hold space for grief, and send love into the wind. This deeply personal act mirrors the very spirit of The Denver Hospice—where we support families in finding peace and healing.

That is why, when Eagle Scout Michael Fries approached us with a heartfelt offer to build a wind phone for our hospice, we were deeply moved. Michael, inspired by his own connection to hospice care, poured his creativity and generosity into this project. He crafted a beautiful space for families to reflect, remember, and communicate with their lost loved ones.

This thoughtful addition will provide comfort and healing for years to come.



Hearts That Speak Volumes

We are continually inspired by the heartfelt generosity of our community—individuals who find powerful and personal ways to support The Denver Hospice. One devoted donor, moved by the memory of a loved one, began giving back through a unique and touching tribute: the “Hearts for Hospice” project.

These exquisite, hand-stitched hearts are lovingly created by volunteers from the Mile High Stitchers and the American Needlepoint Guild. More than just works of art, each heart is a symbol of compassion—carefully crafted and given to our patients and families as a tangible reminder that they are not alone.

Whether held in a hand or displayed at a bedside, these hearts carry with them the warmth, creativity, and love of the community that surrounds The Denver Hospice. In every stitch, there is a story of remembrance, comfort, and hope.

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Once my husband was transferred to The Denver Hospice, my care was wonderful. The nurses and staff were very caring and kept us informed on the stages before his passing. They get an A+!

- Patient's Spouse

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