

Just the Facts-2007

HospiceCare of Boulder and Broomfield Counties, founded in 1976, is the first hospice in Colorado and the largest non-profit, 501c3 hospice serving Boulder and Broomfield Counties.

Our Mission: We provide compassionate end-of-life care, guide and comfort the grieving and educate the community.

Our Vision: We serve an enlightened community that embraces death and loss as integral parts of the cycle of life.

We Value: Excellence in end-of-life care; Superior customer care; Care for all regardless of ability pay; Compassionate, highly-skilled staff and volunteers; Leadership with integrity; Innovation in serving community needs.

Fact: HospiceCare serves terminally ill individuals and their families 24 hours per day, 7 days per week without regard to gender, race, national origin, color, creed, age, marital status, disability, diagnosis, sexual orientation, ancestry, citizenship, veteran status, religion, gender expression, any other protected classification or ability to pay. We served 1,134 patients and families in 2007, an average of 164 patients and families each day — 497 in Boulder (44%), 51 in Broomfield (4%), 311 in Longmont (27%), 225 in Lafayette/Louisville (20%) and 50 in neighboring counties (4%).

Fact: We serve patients and their families in their homes (including skilled and assisted nursing facilities) and in our 10-bed hospice Care Center located on the campus of Balfour Retirement Community. In 2007, we cared for 444 people in the Care Center, where we offer a home-like environment for patients who cannot, for whatever reason, remain at home.

Fact: The diagnosis mix of those served in 2007 was: 35% cancer, 12% lung disease, 15% heart disease, 10% neurological disease, 9% dementia, 7% debility unspecified and 12% other diseases such as liver disease, cardiovascular diseases and kidney disease.

Fact: Our patient/family ethnicity mix was 96% Caucasian, 3% Hispanic, .7% Asian, .2% African American, .3% other.

Fact: Average length of stay in FY2007 was 61 days, median 12 days. A common concern of families is that their loved one was referred too late to our program.

Fact: 282 volunteers were active with HospiceCare throughout FY2007, providing 21,000 hours of service in direct patient care, bereavement support and administrative services, equaling 10 full time equivalents.

Fact: 99% of families of HospiceCare patients responding to satisfaction surveys say they would recommend HospiceCare to others.

Fact: We provide grief support to hospice families *and* to anyone in the community who has suffered a loss through referrals, resources and loss support groups. In 2007 we conducted direct grief services to 1,915 people. We had 343 participants in our adult groups, and 146 kids, teens and parents in our Healing Circles groups. We provided 127 counseling sessions for community members and facilitated 33 grief support, training or intervention sessions in workplace situations.

Fact: We provided 121 presentations to the community on all issues of grief and loss attended by 2,804 individuals.

Fact: HospiceCare is licensed by the state of Colorado, certified by the Medicare and Medicaid programs and CHAP accredited for home health.

