

# Just the Facts-2008

## **HospiceCare of Boulder and Broomfield Counties,**

founded in 1976 and incorporated in September 1977 as a grassroots organization is the first and largest nonprofit, 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.*

**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, any other protected classification or ability to pay. We served 1,372 patients and families in 2008, an average of 175 patients and families each day in hospice and 24 in palliative home health — 465 in Boulder (37%), 87 in Broomfield (7%), 316 in Longmont (25%), 192 in Lafayette/Louisville (15%) and 180 in neighboring counties (14%).

**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. We cared for 447 people in the Care Center where we offer a home-like environment for patients who cannot, for whatever reason, be at home.

**Fact:** The diagnosis mix of those served was: 37% cancer, 13% lung disease, 15% heart disease, 9% neurological disease, 7% dementia, 5% debility unspecified and 14%

other diseases such as liver disease, cardiovascular diseases and kidney disease.

**Fact:** Our patient/family ethnicity mix was 94% Caucasian, 4% Hispanic, 1% Asian, 1% other.

**Fact:** Average length of stay in FY2008 was 52 days, median 11 days. A common concern of families is that their loved one was referred too late to our program.

**Fact:** 358 volunteers were active with HospiceCare throughout FY2008, providing 24,584 hours of service in direct patient care, bereavement support and administrative services, equaling 11.8 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 the community through referrals, resources and loss support groups. In 2008 we conducted direct grief services to 1,424 people including 295 participants in our adult groups, 136 kids, teens and parents in our Healing Circles groups and 117 counseling sessions for community members.

**Fact:** We provided 147 presentations to the community on all issues of grief and loss, death and dying attended by 2,545 individuals.

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

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