You are not alone. We will meet you where you are on your path and help you walk through this end-of-life journey.
We provide compassionate end-of-life care, comfort the grieving, and educate our community.

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Dear Friends,

In 2006, HospiceCare of Boulder and Broomfield Counties celebrated our 30th Anniversary. What an accomplishment!

HospiceCare, the first hospice in Colorado, was started in 1976 by a small group of visionaries who believed there were better ways to care for those who were dying and grieving. Now, our once all-volunteer agency caring for 15 patients in our first year has grown to 130 staff and 300 volunteers serving an average of 150 patients and their families every day.

Improving end-of-life care while sustaining a strong, financially stable organization has always been our aim. To this end, in 2006 we embarked on a new palliative care program to help us bring our comprehensive, compassionate care to even more people, earlier in the course of their disease. We created the HospiceCare Labyrinth to give bereaved individuals one more method for coping with the grieving process. And we commemorated our 30th Anniversary with a presentation by humorist C.W. Metcalf in May, the Labyrinth opening celebration in July, and our annual fundraising extravaganza in October.

Last year, we also became the proud partner of Bumbuli Lutheran Hospital Home Care and Palliative Care Program in Tanzania, Africa. In a country where AIDS and poverty are rampant, our support is desperately needed to ease the suffering of hospice patients. And we’re eager to provide it.

As we reflect on how far we’ve come since our inception, we’re very grateful for everything our supporters have done to help us get here. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. It is your commitment that allows us to help everyone who is dying live each day of life to the fullest — right up to the last.

Darla Schueth, RN, MBA                Dee Perry
Executive Director              President, Board of Directors
A death well lived with HospiceCare.

We live in an age of technological marvels that influence not only how we live, but also the way we die. While advancements in healthcare have brought help and hope to many, they’ve also contributed to a medical culture focused on aggressive treatment that can deprive us of the chance to experience a comfortable, dignified death.

HospiceCare gives terminally ill people another choice

When a cure is not to be, we offer comprehensive, compassionate care based on the principles of comfort, dignity and choice. Our patients receive the skilled attention of an interdisciplinary Care Team – comprised of a physician, nurse, certified nursing assistant, social worker, chaplain and trained volunteer who work together to make the end-of-life journey as comfortable and peaceful as possible for those who are dying and their families.

Home is where our care is

Hospice is not a place. It’s a full circle of end-of-life care that’s offered to our patients wherever they live. Most times, this means at home, in an assisted living facility or at a skilled nursing facility. However, for those whose pain or symptoms are too complex to be managed at home, we offer the HospiceCare Center – where patients and families receive expert, around-the-clock care in a home-like environment. For times of crisis when home is still the best place to be, we also provide extended nursing care through our HospiceCare Plus program.
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<td>Hospice established as national training site for new hospice organizations. Cared for 80 patients.</td>
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<td>First PIZAZZ! Dinner/Dance Fundraiser was held.</td>
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“I didn’t know these people could be so nice. You just snap your fingers and they’re there.”

*June LaFollette, Hospicecare Patient*
“They treat me great. They have a special group of people who must have a calling.”

RALPH WHITNEY
HOSPICE CARE PATIENT
Our aim is to bring quality end-of-life care to as many people who need it as early in the disease process as possible. The 2006 launch of our new Bridge Palliative Home Health Service is one way we are working to reach this goal.

Comfort while seeking a cure
Our Bridge Palliative Home Health Service is designed for those with terminal illness who, for a variety of reasons, are not yet ready for hospice care. It allows patients to receive all the physical, emotional and spiritual care that can enrich life at the same time they are pursuing curative treatments. As such, it will help us bring better care to more people while there is still time to reap its rewards.

In 2006, under the auspices of HospiceCare Medical Director Dr. Michele Ferguson, we expanded our palliative consult offerings and physician education efforts to help raise awareness about this important new service within the local medical community. We also worked to boost our public education and outreach programs regarding palliative care. And we expect to help more people find comfort, dignity and meaning at the end of their lives as a result.

A big commitment to our smallest patients
Adults aren’t the only ones who suffer from life-limiting illnesses. Sadly, infants and children in our community can also be faced with a terminal disease or condition. Last year, HospiceCare renewed our commitment to provide tender, expert care to these very vulnerable patients in the final stage of their lives.

In August, clinical team members traveled to Pasadena for the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium’s (ELNEC) three-day train-the-trainer conference on caring for infants and children. The expanded knowledge gained there has further equipped our staff to meet the special needs of pediatric patients and their families. As the only hospice in the area

Parents can feel confident about bringing their terminally ill child home with HospiceCare.
with such expertise, parents can feel confident that HospiceCare can help their terminally ill child live the time that remains free of pain, amidst familiar surroundings, and in the warm embrace of loved ones.

**HospiceCare for those of all cultures**

We’re dedicated to providing our care to everyone who needs it. So the fact that Latinos and those of other minority cultures have been underserved by HospiceCare has been a concern to us for some time. We’ve been working to remedy the situation through:

- The formation of a Latino Advisory Council, which explores the barriers between hospice care and minority cultures and develops strategies to overcome them.

- The translation of all HospiceCare brochures into Spanish; the “Calidad de Vida” newsletter; and expanded educational outreach within the Latino medical, social and spiritual centers.

- Our August 2006 Multicultural Educational Luncheon, which focused on how bereavement impacts those of minority cultures in the workplace.

By continuing to spread our message of comfort, choice and dignity for the dying to every corner of our community, we hope to improve end-of-life care for more people of all cultures with each passing year.

**Reaching out to our Jewish Community**

In May 2006, a committee of HospiceCare clinical staff members attended an intensive educational seminar in New York on the special

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1991
Began holding staff meeting and support groups in satellite office at the James House
Celebrated 15th Anniversary at the Boulder Country Club

1992
Formed two teams, the south in Boulder and the north in Longmont

1993
Started Music Therapy program
Held Anders Memorial Golf Tournament

1994
Began also caring for patients with diseases other than cancer, including AIDS, heart disease, liver and kidney disease, emphysema and Alzheimer’s
1995
Changed name to Hospice of Boulder County
Cared for over 375 patients

1995 (continued)
Formed first Ethics Committee
Started Massage Therapy program

1996
Formed separate on-call team of nurses for nights and weekends

1996 (continued)
Placed new emphasis on caring for patients in nursing homes
Celebrated 20th Anniversary

“You’ve got to live every day as it comes.”

ANGELECA A., AGE 14
HOSPICECARE PATIENT
“We’re here to offer support to anyone who is grieving, at any time along the way.”

KIM MOONEY
DIRECTOR
HOSPICECARE GRIEF AND EDUCATION CENTER

1998
Began efforts to create an in-patient care facility

1999
Opened HospiceCare Center on the campus of the Balfour Retirement Center in Louisville

2000
Began construction on new and larger office space

2001
Held 25th Anniversary celebration at new home on Trailridge Drive East in Lafayette
needs of various Jewish groups. The team returned with accreditation from the National Institute of Jewish Hospice, broadened expertise in caring for Jewish patients and a better understanding of the end-of-life traditions and beliefs in this important community.

Our expanded knowledge served as the foundation for the fall 2006 grief support program we offered to Jewish community members in partnership with Har HaShem. Moreover, it ensures that the end-of-life support we provide to our Jewish patients honors the way they have lived.

**Education for Everyone**

Imparting knowledge about important issues related to death and dying is a key component of HospiceCare’s efforts. And with the opening of our new Grief and Education Center, we had more opportunities than ever to enhance our multi-faceted educational programs last year.

In April, we sponsored the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization’s teleconference on pain management at the end of life. Throughout 2006, we also held a Public Education Series on subjects including medical power of attorney, the needs of caregivers and coping with a diagnosis of a terminal illness.

We fulfilled 129 local Speaker’s Bureau engagements. And we provided numerous articles on end-of-life subjects for local newspapers. Through these efforts, we reached scores of community members with crucial information about end-of-life issues. Which means more people are aware of our message — and our mission — today.
Solace and support for the grieving

The sorrow that surfaces in the wake of a loved one’s death can be deep and enduring. So it’s important for those who are grieving to have the help of others who understand their pain. HospiceCare is committed to providing this support to anyone in our community who has experienced a loss, whether or not their loved one was our patient.

Last year, services offered by our Grief and Education Center included information and counseling for patients’ family members; grief support groups for the community at large; our Healing Circles program for grieving children, teens and their families; and Healing with Horses — an award-winning, equine-assisted grief support group for children developed in collaboration with Medicine Horse in Boulder.

It is a testament to the expertise and compassion of our grief services team and skilled volunteers that HospiceCare helped so many who are grieving learn to live with their loss in 2006.

A path to healing

People from all over the globe have been walking different forms of labyrinths for over 4000 years. Since July of 2006, members of our community have had the chance to do the same at the new HospiceCare Labyrinth in Lafayette.

An outgrowth of our desire to offer as many methods of support as possible to those who are grieving, the HospiceCare Labyrinth is a place where anyone in our community can walk in peace and contemplation. Since its opening, people from around the community have followed this intricate path to its center and back again as a prayer, a meditation, or simply a metaphor for the journey through life.

Our Healing Circles program helps children, teens and their families cope with grief and loss.
“It was soothing, relaxing... it was a transforming experience.”

MOTHER OF PARTICIPANT IN HEALING WITH HORSES
OUR EQUINE-ASSISTED GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR CHILDREN
“Molly sits by patients’ sides and calms them.  
It is always great to see her brighten someone’s day.”

EMILY GRIMES
HOSPICE CARE PET THERAPY VOLUNTEER
Boulder’s Biggest Bargain Basement

Launched in 2005 and located adjacent to our Grief and Education Center, the HospiceCare & Share Thrift Shop gives bargain hunters the chance to find great buys while supporting a great cause. In fact, all dollars raised there directly support HospiceCare programs.

Last year, a growing number of loyal shoppers were drawn to the Thrift Shop for special sales and events, including “Passion for Fashion,” a runway show of women’s fashions, and “All That Glitters,” a one-day sale of evening wear and accessories. Along the way, they not only learned more about our important mission but also helped fund it.

It takes a village

To care for the dying, comfort the grieving and educate the community is an important undertaking. And an admittedly huge one. We simply couldn’t do it without the support of giving people like you.

Last year, 300 volunteers generously shared their time and talent with HospiceCare—caring for patients, assisting with grief support services, working at the Thrift Shop, helping with special events, offering pet, massage, music and comfort touch therapy, and handling administrative tasks. They come from various walks of life and represent different backgrounds, ethnic groups, ages, faiths and education levels. Yet all of these remarkable people share one special quality: the desire to make a difference for those who are dying and their families.

Our volunteers’ dedication is matched only by the exceedingly generous contributions of our financial supporters. Together, you have enabled us to provide the very best end-of-life care to all who needed us in 2006 — regardless of their ability to pay.

We thank you one and all from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness, your commitment and your support. And our patients and their families do, too.
We extend our sincerest thanks to everyone who contributed to HospiceCare in 2006, including the following donors:

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- Tebo Development
- Video Bravo
“When Ed died, the music we loved became just noise to me. The people here helped me feel the music again.”

MARY KISSEBERTH, BEREAVED SPOUSE AND GRIEF SUPPORT MEMBER
**2006 in Review**

**Revenue**
- Patient Care: $8,673,495
- Private Contributions, Gifts, Grants: $968,960
- Net Investment Gain: $395,840
- Other income: $32,475
- Total income: $10,070,770

**Expenses**
- Patient Care: $8,437,151
- Fundraising: $245,548
- General and Administration: $808,557
- Total expenses: $9,491,255
- Results of unrestricted operations: $579,515

**HospiceCare at a Glance**
- Patients Served: 1,035
- Average Number of Patients Per Day: 151
- Staff (including full-time, part-time and variable): 150
- Volunteers (patient care, administrative and others): 313
- Total volunteer hours: 14,842
- Adults/families receiving grief support: 1,741
- Adults in support groups: 428
- Children/Families in Healing Circles: 170
- Community education presentations: 129
- Total attendance at presentations: 2,769

*Where Dollars Go*
- 2.5% Fundraising
- 8.5% General and Administrative
- 89% Hospice Services

*Where Dollars Come From*
- 10% private Contributions
- 4% Other Income
- 86% Insurance Reimbursements

**Growth in Total Patients Served**

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“When you’re dealing with a tough illness, it’s important to know that you have options... that there are people who will listen to you and support you and care for you.”

CAROL DEPRIEST, RN, ADMISSIONS NURSE
“This isn’t about dying, it’s about living. It’s about being treated in a way that honors who you are and what you believe. We work very hard for that here.”

GEORGE L. STARK, M.D.