



Hospice Grant Recipients

Angela Hospice Home Care, Inc.
Livonia

Beaumont Hospice
Troy

Community Hospice, Inc.
Westland

Cranbrook Hospice Care
Bloomfield Hills

Hospices of Henry Ford
Warren

Hospice of Michigan
Detroit

Karmanos Cancer Institute Hospice
Southfield

VNA Hospice
Oak Park

Information about each of the Hospice
Organizations can be found on our website:
www.wchcinc.org

How to Support Us

We hope you will consider supporting the
Women's Committee for Hospice Care, Inc.

There is no other cause that touches
everyone's life in some way.

Please cut out and return the form below
if you are interested in joining our
growing membership or getting involved
in our fundraising efforts.

You can also honor someone in a very
special way by making a tax deductible tribute
or memorial to WCHC in your loved one's
name. Please complete the appropriate sections
of the form below and mail to:

WCHC
P.O. Box 175
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303

A receipt for contribution will be returned to you.

Yes, I would like to learn more about
membership or fundraising efforts.

Tributes: (all checks payable to WCHC)

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Please notify: _____

address _____

Gift from: _____

address _____

Women's Committee for Hospice Care



Who we are and What we do

Women's Committee for Hospice Care, Inc.

(WCHC) is a volunteer organization committed to promoting awareness of hospice care and raising funds for nonprofit hospices in the tri-county area. WCHC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, founded in 1986 by a small group of women who saw a need to help sustain a concept of care called ***hospice***, which provides for the terminally ill during the last stages of life. These women discovered what wonderful care the hospice team was able to give to patients and their families in order to live out their final days pain-free, with comfort and dignity, most often at home.

Today the WCHC has a membership of over 590. We have no office and pay no salaries. WCHC is dedicated to the financial support of designated hospices in order to enable them to provide quality patient care, education and promote community awareness. The members of the WCHC work together year-round to raise the needed funds to offset expenses that exceed insurance company reimbursement.

WCHC raises dollars and awards these funds through a stipulated Grant Program.

The majority of these monies are realized as a result of two annual fundraising events, the ***“Grand Night for Hospice Ball”*** and the ***“Spring Boutique.”*** Due to the efforts of our many hardworking members who deeply believe in the cause of hospice, WCHC donations will cross the **\$5 million** mark in 2006. Further, WCHC is able to disburse, through the Grant Program, approximately 98% of its net contribution because its devoted volunteers are focused on attaining our fundraising goals.

How we Help

Through our fundraisers, special projects, donations and tributes, our grant money maintains numerous services that are not covered by insurance payments. Because we support hospice programs which provide for direct patient care, ***all*** patient families of our hospices are impacted by WCHC contributions.

- Offsets for pain management costs
- Support for indigent patients
- Pediatric and pre-natal program assistance
- Family bereavement programs, guidance and group support
- Home Health Aide services
- Children and Teen bereavement camps
- Education materials for hospice families and community education
- Physician Education programs for hospice rotations
- Complementary patient programs in art, music and massage therapies
- Care for the Caregiver
- Security services for nurses in high crime areas

For more information about the

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Or contact:

WCHC President

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What is Hospice

Hospice care for the terminally ill patient can be an individually designed plan.

This care can be given in a hospice facility, hospital, nursing home or a retirement center. However, 80% of hospice care takes place at home. Hospices serve approximately 27,000 patients in Michigan annually.

Hospice cares for patients with a wide variety of illnesses such as cancer, AIDS, emphysema and Alzheimer's disease across all age groups, and focuses on the grieving family as well as on the patient. It is truly a ***holistic*** approach to care.

Some families avoid seeking hospice care because of the misconception that they would incur huge expenses. Hospices are able to coordinate community resources for home care or find alternative locations for care. Most patients over age 65 are covered by the Medicare Hospice Benefit.

Hospice allows patients to live fully to the end, on their own terms.

Families look back upon their hospice experience with gratitude and with the knowledge that everything possible was done towards a peaceful and pain-free death.

