

Just the Facts-2009

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 our community.

Fact: HospiceCare serves terminally ill individuals and their families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week without regard to race, disability, color, creed, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender expression, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran status, or ability to pay. We served 1,387 patients and families in 2009, with an average of 200 patients in hospice and 25 in palliative home health each day — 330 in Boulder (24%), 79 in Broomfield (5%), 313 in Longmont (23%), 124 in Lafayette (9%), 299 in Louisville (22%) and 242 in neighboring counties (17%).

Fact: We serve patients and their families in their homes (including skilled and assisted nursing facilities) and in our 10-bed HospiceCare Center located on the campus of Balfour Retirement Community. We cared for 458 people in the HospiceCare 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, 12% lung disease, 16% heart disease, 4% neurological disease, 5% dementia, 9% debility unspecified and 17%

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 FY2009 was 56 days, median 13 days. A common concern of families is that their loved one was referred too late to our program.

Fact: 355 volunteers were active with HospiceCare throughout FY2009, providing 26,964 hours of service in direct patient care, bereavement support and administrative services, equaling 13 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 2009 we conducted direct grief services to 2,067 people including 415 participants in our adult groups, 112 kids, teens and parents in our Healing Circles groups and 115 counseling sessions for community members.

Fact: We provided 225 presentations to the community on all issues of grief and loss, death and dying attended by 3,508 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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