

# More Than a Place-A Philosophy of Care

Porter Hospice was founded in 1986 in response to the growing demand for hospice services in the Denver metropolitan area and has become one of the region's premier providers of palliative end-of-life care. All who choose Porter Hospice's services, either in their homes or at our 16-bed Residence facility, find whole person care tailored to their needs.

Our team of caregivers—registered nurses, social workers, chaplains, therapists, and aides—works closely with each patient's primary care provider to make sure their physical and emotional needs are met. This compassionate service also extends to the families and friends of our patients—including bereavement support after their loved one's passing. At Porter Hospice, we treat everyone like family.

## Compassionate Care Powered by Philanthropy

We are devoted to helping our patients live with dignity and comfort for as long as they need us. Many of the services that make Porter Hospice stand out are funded by our generous donors, such as:

**The Angel Fund:** Everyone deserves a dignified life—and end-of-life regardless of their financial situation. The Angel Fund helps patients in need pay for room and board at our Hospice Residence and provides chaplain and bereavement services to all our families.

**Healing Arts Fund:** Porter Hospice's Healing Arts program provides live music therapy for our patients and families. Our certified music therapists use their skills to bring added comfort and peace to all present throughout the end-of-life journey.

"The Porter Hospice team has a calling and are like angels on earth." AMY LEAL PATIENT FAMILY MEMBER

"You feel like you've done a good thing by bringing your loved one to Porter Hospice." LORRIE BROWN PATIENT FAMILY MEMBER

"Porter Hospice caregivers are so incredibly attentive to their patients. They continually improve the quality of life, support, and dignity of their patients while comforting families along the journey."

TOM WOODS DONOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AT PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP



## Residence Facility Refresh: Every Moment Matters

When we opened the doors of our Porter Hospice Residence more than 30 years ago, the amenities we offered were state-of-the-art. Today, they are aging. With the help of donors, we are investing to modernize and refresh. Through advancements to our Residence's technology, homelike interior, and beautiful gardens, we are designing a best-in-class experience for our patients, visitors, and associates.

## Staying Connected to Loved Ones

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we learned the immeasurable value of technology and its ability to bring us together. We will ensure that our patients and their loved ones always feel connected and supported with:

- + Wi-Fi improvements to promote video calls for family interactions
- + Bedside tablet computers for Epic MyChart access
- + Computer and communication system upgrades for caregivers
- + Digital medication tracking system to enhance safety

#### **Fundraising Priorities**

### Creating a Home Away from Home

Patients who stay at our Residence facility have extensive medical needs, but often have a hard time leaving the comforts of home. We will make interior improvements to maintain a safe and welcoming second home for those in our care and their loved ones:

- + New adjustable beds for optimal comfort and easier access
- + New attractive and easy-toclean vinyl hallway flooring
- + New HVAC system to keep patient rooms at just the right temperature
- + Refreshed art and décor for a beautiful and welcoming space

## Cultivating Our Green Spaces

For many Porter Hospice patients and loved ones, our Residence's gardens and patio become an extension of the patient's room—a place for the whole family to gather. To maintain this treasured part of our facility, we will make the following improvements:

- + Refreshed landscaping for colorful and uplifting surroundings
- + Improved signage for better navigation

To make a gift or learn more about naming opportunities, please contact Ashley Nordberg, Chief Development Officer, at AshleyNordberg@Centura.org or 303.715.7613.

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