

Hospice of Kitsap County



Annual Report 2007

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THE GOALS OF HOSPICE CARE

- To support quality of life by allowing patients and their loved ones to make choices about what is important to them.
- To provide effective pain control and symptom management.
- To help the patient and loved ones resolve end-of-life issues.

OUR VALUES

- Respond to our patients' and families' needs.
- Treat everyone with respect.
- Acknowledge and embrace religious, ethnic and cultural diversity.
- Provide the highest quality service.
- Affirm patient self-determination, empowerment and choice.

MISSION STATEMENT

Hospice of Kitsap County provides comfort, dignity, and caring for persons completing life's journey and for those who care for them.

TO OUR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTERS



In 2007 we began work toward realizing a dream of being able to provide comfort, dignity and caring to terminally ill individuals in our own inpatient / residential center as an option to for hospice patients when home may not be the best option. Construction started in August, equipment and furnishings were selected, the leadership staff was hired, and the \$1,000,000 Capital Campaign was raised.

We would like to recognize and extend our appreciation to a very talented and dedicated staff and core of volunteers who touch the lives of many individuals throughout the county. Our census continues to grow each year, indicating the increasing need for competent and caring end-of-life care.

The support that the community has demonstrated early in our Capital Campaign has been very gratifying. We would like to thank each individual, community organization and business who donated time, talent, and treasures.

We look to the future with great commitment to continue serving those completing life's journey.

Sincerely,

Peter Matty
President, Board of Trustees

James Pledger
Executive Director

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

2007 has been another year of substantial growth for HKC. During 2007, HKC cared for 519 patients which is a 12% increase from 2006. Daily, HKC cared for an average of 67.5 patients, which is an 12% increase from the previous year. This type of growth is consistent with the past several years and is expected to continue for the next few years.

2007 also was the year that HKC began work on the new 15-bed in-patient facility, the only such facility in Kitsap County. The construction phase was expected to be completed by the end of the year, followed by the licensing phase. Patient care will begin in early 2008.

In concert with the above Hospice Care Center accomplishment, the agency embarked on a one million dollar capital campaign to support the construction and equipment outfitting stage of the center. By December 2007, the agency had met the goal with tremendous community and foundation support.

HKC hired a staff Medical Director, Dr. Mel Belding, former Chief Medical Officer at Harrison Medical Center. Prior to this time, the agency managed with either volunteer or part-time contract physicians who provided minimal assistance. With the ever growing patient census and new responsibilities surrounding the in-patient facility, it was deemed essential that a resident physician oversee the operation.

HKC hired a full time Bereavement Director to manage our ever expanding bereavement and grief program -- both for Hospice patient families and for the community at large. Susana McCune previously managed our in-school program on contract. That program has been such a huge success that HKC added Susana to the staff full time. She will be implementing numerous new community support group programs focused on specific needs.

HKC also experienced an increase in community awareness of hospice services. This has been evidenced by an increase in the total number of patient referrals, referrals for non-cancer diagnosis, increased participation in the community bereavement programs, and an increase in requests for hospice presentations to community groups.

PATIENT CARE 2007

Hospice offers comfort care and support to all terminally ill patients and their families without regard for diagnosis, gender, national origin, race, creed, life-style, disability, or age.

Through an interdisciplinary team of physicians, pharmacists, RN's, MSW's, CNA's, spiritual counselors, and volunteers, Hospice of Kitsap County provides intensive treatment for physical and emotional pain and symptoms. This palliative care focuses on enhancing a patient's comfort and overall quality of life and is provided in the patient's home, a nursing home, or wherever the patient resides within Kitsap County. Hospice services are available on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week and include, but are not limited to:

- Medications, Equipment, and Supplies
- Experienced Nursing Care
- Personal Care (bathing, feeding, and dressing)
- Assistance with Daily Living
- Emotional Counseling
- Chaplain (or other clergy) Support
- Social Work Services
- Financial Counseling
- Bereavement Care and Counseling
- Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapies
- Volunteer Services and Support
- Other Services as needed

SERVICE STATISTICS 2007

Total Patients Served	533
Total Days of Service Provided	24,997

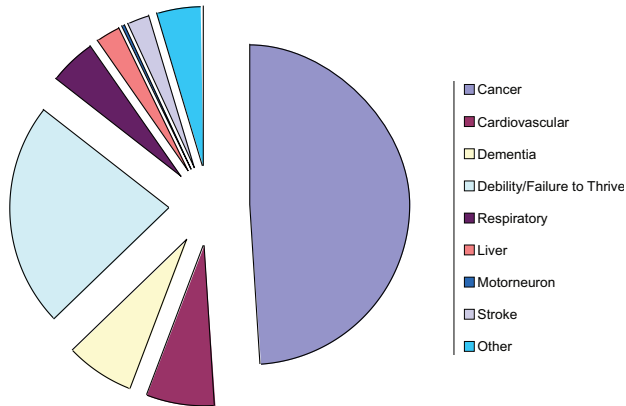
Average Daily Census	69
Average Length of Stay	55
Median Length of Stay	21
Patients Served Less Than 7 Days	117
Patients Served More Than 180 Days	36

PATIENTS ADMITTED IN 2007 **337**

By diagnosis:		By age:	
Cancer	165	0-17	1
Cardiovascular	23	18-34	1
Dementia	24	35-64	53
Debility / Failure to Thrive	76	65-74	46
Liver	9	75-84	95
Motorneuron	1	85+	141
Respiratory	16		
Stroke	7		
Other	16	Male	143
		Female	194

By residence:	
Home	205
Skilled Nursing Facility	67
Residential Care (assisted living/ memory care/ adult family home)	65

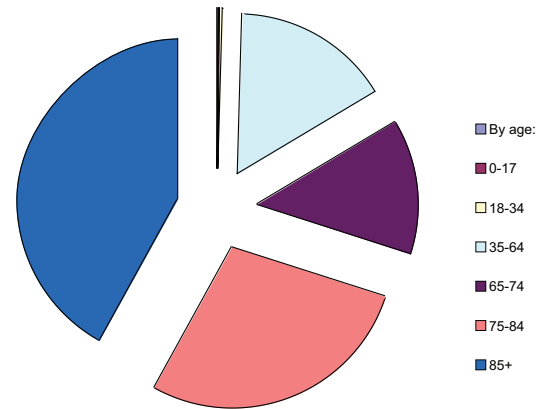
Patients Admitted by Diagnosis 2007



While Hospice of Kitsap County reached more patients and families than ever before, there are still too many who do not receive the benefits of hospice care and support. Our outreach initiatives will continue to bring awareness to the outstanding services hospice offers.

Hospice of Kitsap County cares for patients of all ages with a wide range of diagnoses. During 2006, 46% of patients admitted had a diagnosis other than cancer, and 19% were younger than 65.

Patients Admitted by Age



BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM 2007

BEREAVEMENT STATISTICS 2007

Total Bereaved Served 3200

Hospice Patient's Survivors 1287
Community Bereavement 1913

Community Bereavement by group:

Adult Grief Support Groups 800
In-School Bereavement Support Groups 180
Children's Grief Support Groups 55
Grief In the Workplace 265
Annual Remembrance Ceremony 515

Thanks to a generous grant from the United Way of Kitsap County, Hospice was able to provide a comprehensive grief support program to people in our community during 2007.

The Hospice of Kitsap County Bereavement Program's primary goal is to guide people through their journey of grief to a place where they can accept death as a natural part of life, find meaning in the death experience and be healthy, productive members of our community.

volunteering

Volunteers are literally, the heart of Hospice, providing a special kind of caring and compassion for our patients and their families. **During 2007, more than 100 volunteers gave 6396 hours of service to Hospice of Kitsap County.**

Volunteers are there to hold a hand and listen, or to take a person to their favorite place in the park, or to read or write a letter. Volunteers may run errands, walk a dog, or even help out in the hospice office. Volunteers are there to step in when a family member needs a break. And they are there for the family and friends after their loved one has passed away.

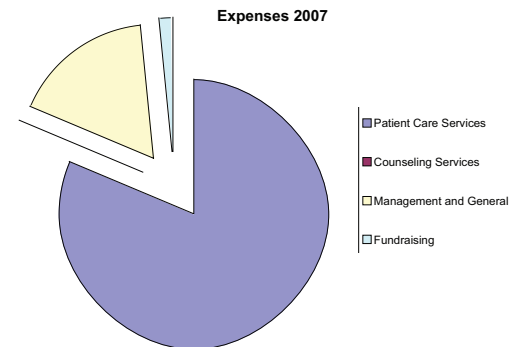
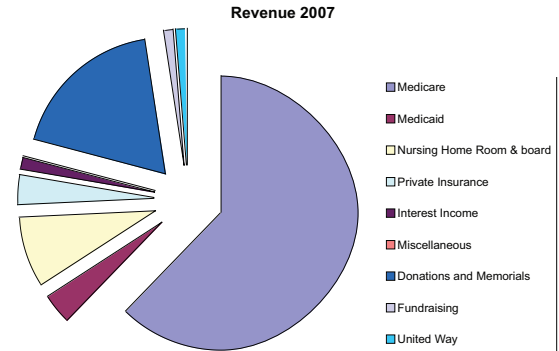
People often ask hospice volunteers "Isn't it depressing?" Most volunteers will tell you, "It's the most rewarding thing I've ever done."

FINANCIAL REPORT 2007

2007 State of Financial Activity

REVENUE	2007	2006
Medicare	\$3,105,150	\$2,671,202
Medicaid	185,181	87,260
Nursing Home Room & board	412,858	403,940
Private Insurance	180,877	256,512
Interest Income	76,586	45,150
Miscellaneous		697
Donations and Memorials	915,953	126,215
Fundraising	50,743	45,027
United Way	68,141	75,010
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,995,489	\$3,711,013

EXPENSES	2007	2006
Patient Care Services	\$2,986,704	2,462,796
Counseling Services		64,693
Management and General	628,699	574,351
Fundraising	59,353	36,915
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,674,756	\$3,138,755





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