Walk to Remember

Register online at hospicewr.org/walk

Win a one-week stay for up to four people in the Pilot House on the Caribbean island of Saba. This prize package includes a $1,000 travel voucher. Visit hospicewr.org/walk to register online.

THEM & NOW

One full-time employee and three part-time employees.

The physical plant:

The office had six 1981 IBM terminals (typewriter, terminal, mouse hand and keyboard). There is a designated computer lab and a dedicated computer server room. One computer is dedicated to serving the needs of the agency’s website.

One of the key features in the new computer center and patient rooms is access for the agency’s clients to use technology to support them with their end-of-life needs.

Family-focused care:

The agency was still learning about the benefits of technology to assist the families of clients. Technology, such as video visits, is now a valued service.

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The first Hospice House was built in 1995 with a vision that it be “a home away from home” for seriously ill people and their loved ones. The design provides as much privacy and as few barriers as possible.

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Someone the next time you hear about the core beliefs of hospice—that the end of life is a normal process, that care should be focused on the patient and family, and that the dying person and family should have choices in how to live through to the end. The wide variety of options offered includes support groups, grief counseling, school programs and hospice educational programs through the Healing Arts workshops.

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Charles V. Wellman, M.D., has been with the agency since 1977 as a staff physician, volunteer medical director, and in 1983 as chief medical director, in which he continues to be a key innovator and generator of new ideas and services. As director of the Hospice Institute, he has championed the understanding of death and dying to medical students across the country, and continues to influence healthcare professionals about the needs of dying patients and families.

David Simpson served as CEO for 25 years. His influence is seen in every aspect of hospice care in Northeast Ohio, bringing national and international attention to the hospice movement. As an early front runner in the development of healthcare discussions nationally. In 2011, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to rename Hospice House as David Simpson Hospice House in his honor.

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For decades, the adjacent St. Joseph Christian Life Center stood as a beacon of hope, peace, and reflection. In 2008, the Center for Spiritual Support opened its doors, welcoming 30,000-square-foot, Craftsman-style building tucked away on 30 wooded acres. The dedication was held on August 8 in celebration of 35 years of community-supported hospice care.

Serving this vibrant region for so many years is a privilege. Please join us for our Annual Meeting on August 8 to honor our deep commitment to choice and quality care in the region, using the most sophisticated end-of-life care.

You may wonder where hospice fits into a system of health care. This is a legitimate question. Hospice is a specialized form of health care for people who are at the end of life. Hospice care stems from a philosophy that everyone should have choices in how to live through treatment or miracle cure. Hospice care begins as soon as health care needs have been assessed.

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\[ Events \]
- 8:30 a.m. – complimentary pancake breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. – kick-off at Welcome Plaza
- 10:00 a.m. – Celebration of Life ceremony
- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Wonders Land at the Zoo and Rainforest
- 2:00 p.m. – Awards Ceremony

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Hospice of the Western Reserve
Open House and 35th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, September 14, 2013
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
The Western Reserve Headquarters
Enjoy a transdisciplinary team working together to develop individualized plans of care for patients in 2012.

The Hospice Institute offers continuing education credit and non-credit courses for nurses, social workers, pastoral counselors, and physical therapists.

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Today, more than 682 employees have laptops; everyone else has a PC. The agency is considered a pioneer and a leader in the implementation of EMR.

A comprehensive timeline was installed on the wall of the End-of-Life Library, which has been recognized as one of the best in the world. A small desk and some files have been moved to make the timeline more accessible to the public.

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Community Open Houses

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Service is the Art of Giving: Palliative, end-of-life care is one of the fastest growing fields in healthcare. Hospice of the Western Reserve is... a pioneer and bringing quality service to the community of Northeast Ohio since 1978. Hospice of the Western Reserve is... a comprehensive, grassroots movement to bring quality care, regardless of age, disability, sexual origin, race, natural origin, and whether or not a person has a terminal illness. Hospice of the Western Reserve is... the third largest hospice in the state of Ohio and the fifth largest hospice agency in the country. Hospice of the Western Reserve is... recognized as a healthcare pacesetter in Electronic Medical Record-keeping (EMR), implementing the third largest hospice agency in the country. Hospice of the Western Reserve is... awarded a four-star designation from We Honor Veterans, an initiative of the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization. More information can be found at hospicewr.org/veterans.

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9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

A brief overview will be available at the Annual Meeting on August 8. A transdisciplinary team works together to develop individualized plans of care for serious illness, including but not limited to cancer, heart disease, HIV, dementia, renal and geriatrics.

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Complimentary pancakes, prizes, entertainment and much more. Complimentary pancakes, prizes, entertainment and much more. Complimentary pancakes, prizes, entertainment and much more.

Served by: Palliative Care.

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

The Peaceful & Proud program acknowledges the unique needs of seriously ill Veterans and the issues surrounding the science of palliative care. Hospice of the Western Reserve is... Palliative Care organization.

Ongoing education and involvement in the care, the agency works closely with other health care institutions. Hospice of the Western Reserve is... a leader in palliative, end-of-life care, and support effective grieving.

Registered online at hospicewr.org/walk

WALK TO REMEMBER, FLY AWAY TO THE CARIBBEAN!!

Hospice of the Western Reserve has partnered with the Cleveland Koteles in making a dream come true for one of our Hospice patients. Please join us as we take you to the Caribbean for a 7 night cruise onboard the Norwegian Sky. The Norwegian Sky is the largest ship in the world! The world cruise will depart from Miami and will visit such ports as Jamaica, Bahamas, Grand Turk and Aruba. You will have the opportunity to enjoy the luxury of the Norwegian Sky during this excursion. Please join us for this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Community Open House

The open house will feature information about hospice care, including how hospice can help with planning and end-of-life care, as well as a chance to meet and interact with staff members. Based on the needs of the participants, a free meal will be served.

Saturday, September 7, 2013

Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters 17980 S. Cleveland Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106

WAREHOUSE SALE

Open to the community on Saturday, September 28 & 29, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 40% off retail

28555 Lorain Road, North Olmstead, OH 44070

Please join us for this annual event. Call our main office at 440.442.2621 for more information.

Hospice of the Western Reserve 35th Annual Meeting Thursday, August 8, 2013

7:30 a.m. Complimentary Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Cocktails | Program | Awards Program)

1 St. Clair Avenue NE, Cleveland, OH 44114

For more information on the 2013 Hospice of the Western Reserve 35th Annual Meeting, please call Hospice of the Western Reserve at 440-442-2621 or visit hospicewr.org/celebrating35.

Do you enjoy organizing yard sales, have a retail background, jewelry. To donate, contact Debbie Ludvik at 440.442.2621. Hospice of the Western Reserve’s inaugural warehouse sale.

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