



PIKES PEAK  
HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE

The background of the cover is a photograph of a mountain landscape. In the foreground, there is a field of purple crocuses growing in a grassy area. Behind the crocuses is a snow-covered slope. In the background, there are several tall evergreen trees, some of which are covered in snow. The sky is a soft, hazy blue.

# Annual Report

# 2022

## LETTER FROM OUR LEADERS

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Thank you for your ongoing support of Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care and the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation. You make a difference for people at the end of life's journey every day.

In 2022, we were so thankful to have you and other supporters helping us weather another year of the pandemic. Your belief in our mission shows your commitment to our community; your support helps us to make compassionate care the hallmark of our work.

Thank you for being an important part of our mission to provide compassionate, expert end-of-life care to patients and their families and to partner with those who share our vision to lead change in the community to ensure comfort for all those who face a serious illness.

In 2022, we worked to fulfill this mission by adding to our existing strengths and growing new capabilities – with your help. We are pleased to share with you our Annual Report for 2022.

A few highlights of the things we accomplished in 2022 include:

- Dr. Nate Miller joined PPHPC as our new Medical Director
- Andrew Petersen joined the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation as the new Executive Director
- Our annual fundraising events – Illuminations and Trees of Life: raised nearly \$200,000 to support much needed end-of-life care in our community
- The Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation raised a total of \$1.7 million to support programs that lack a reimbursement source or are underfunded. Included was our ability to provide charity care to patients needing hospice care, as well as supporting our Center for Grief and Loss and Palliative Care Services

While we will continue to face challenges, we have much to look forward to as we continue our mission. Our commitment to providing the highest quality end-of-life care for all in need will not change as we continue reaching even more patients and families with hospice and palliative care and grief and loss counseling.

Please read more in this annual report about how we have impacted the lives of those in our community in 2022. We thank you for your generous support and continued trust in Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care and the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation.



*Dawn Darvalics*  
Dawn Darvalics  
President



*Andrew Petersen*  
Andrew Petersen, Executive Director /  
Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation



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Brian Wagner  
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Jim Harris  
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## 2022 CARE STATISTICS & FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL  
PATIENTS

**1,497**

HOSPICE  
CARE

**1,189**

PALLIATIVE  
CARE

**308**

GRIEF & LOSS

**1,154**

VETERANS

**282**

### HONORED TO WALK THIS JOURNEY WITH YOU

Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care provides high-quality, life-enhancing hospice and palliative care services for patients with a life-limiting illness or terminal diagnosis. We offer patients and families more options and more control about how they want to manage their illness and their day-to-day lives, allowing them to enjoy more from life. In 2022, Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care provided care to nearly **1,500 PATIENTS.**

### CHARITY CARE & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Our work is guided by our not-for-profit mission to put people before profits and encircle those facing advanced illness with unprecedented levels of comfort, compassion and expertise. We frame all decisions, strategies, personnel, programs and community outreach with the single focus on what is best for patients and families. Includes providing hospice and palliative care to those in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

**Charity  
Care**

**\$224,792**

**156  
PATIENTS**

**Patient  
Special  
Needs**

**\$45,096**

**54  
PATIENTS**

**Sentimental  
Journeys**

**\$7,919**

**13  
PATIENTS**



## PIKES PEAK HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE / 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



### DR. NATHANIEL JOHN MILLER AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Miller is board certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Miller also serves at Encompass Health as Medical Director of Inpatient Rehabilitation. Dr. Miller brings more than 15 years of experience as a physician to our organization.

In his role as Medical Director for Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care, Dr. Miller provides medical oversight and direction for our hospice and palliative care patients. He leads our hospice and palliative medicine providers and interdisciplinary team members including Nurses, Social Workers,

Spiritual Counselors and Certified Nurse Aides, all of whom are experts in the care of patients with advanced and terminal illness.

"I have experience working at the VA through my residency training, helping veterans maximize their function and independence through a team-based approach to their care. I care deeply for our senior citizens and have over 10 years of experience working in skilled nursing facilities alongside nurses and therapists (PT/OT/SLP) to enhance the quality of life that our patients deserve."

"I am excited to join Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care. As a member of the interdisciplinary team, I am eager to comfort and support our patients and families in the community who face life-limiting illnesses during their hospice and palliative care journeys. I look forward to sharing my medical knowledge and experience with my physician colleagues to provide the highest level of compassionate care to our shared patients and their families."

## SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY PROGRAM HELPS HEATHER POPE ATTEND THE SHOW OF LIFETIME

For Heather Pope, attending a Demi Lovato concert seemed like a dream that would never come true.

Heather, a patient being cared for by Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care (PPHPC), was diagnosed with ALS at a young age and had been declining steadily.

One thing that has been something positive for Heather is that she has been a fan of Demi Lovato since Lovato's career started on the Disney Channel as a child performer. Heather finds her music uplifting and it makes her smile.

When Heather and her family learned that Lovato was scheduled to have a concert at Ball Arena in Denver in October, they knew they had to try and find a way to see her performance.

With the help of her caregivers at PPHPC, Heather and the family submitted a request to the Sentimental Journey fund at the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation to help with the things needed to attend the concert.

Heather was able to attend Lovato's concert in Denver with her twin sister, Ashley and her sister-in law, Alma.

The Foundation provided medical transportation, a nurse to accompany Heather, five tickets to the concert and meals and gas money to Denver.

Heather and her family laughed, danced and sang along the entire evening.

"Hearing her in person made me feel amazing," stated Heather. "She (Lovato) looked at me and made me feel awesome. I was close enough to see her and so enjoyed the experience."

The family is incredibly grateful to the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation for making this special evening possible.



## PIKES PEAK HOSPICE FOUNDATION NAMES ANDREW PETERSEN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Andrew (Andy) Petersen joined the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation in August as the Executive Director. Petersen brings a wealth of experience in fundraising and philanthropy and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).

Petersen has been in resource development for over two decades, working in local, regional and international human service nonprofits. He was most recently the Director of Development for THE PLACE, serving the Colorado Springs community's homeless youth. His passion is for donors to have a visceral connection with the mission they support.

As a former board member and past president of the Southern Colorado Chapter of AFP, Petersen is a strong advocate for ethical and effective fundraising. In 2020, he was selected as the Fundraising Executive of the Year in AFP for Southern Colorado.

"The Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation is excited to welcome Andrew," said Jim Harris, Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Foundation. "He brings decades of experience in working with donors to grow annual giving, major gifts, corporate giving and lead successful fundraising events."

Living in Southern Colorado since 2007, Petersen is married to his wife Shellie, and they have two children. Together, they take every opportunity to breathe the fresh, rare air of our Colorado mountains and interact with the wonderful people they encounter.

"Andy will be a tremendous addition to our team - his heart aligns with our mission and his enthusiasm for expanding access to quality end-of-life care for those in need is inspiring," stated Dawn Darvalics, President of Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care.

## ILLUMINATIONS EVENT RAISES MORE THAN \$80,000 TO SUPPORT PIKES PEAK HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE



The Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation raised more than \$80,000 through the return of the Illuminations event at the Weidner Field Skyclub and Stadium in September.

Hosted by Dianne Derby of KOAA News, the event was attended by more than 100 supporters of Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care. This year's event raised funds to provide needed services such as charity care for the uninsured, Veteran services, pediatric services, grief services, and complementary therapies such as pet, music, aromatherapy, and touch.

"Hospice care is about living, and every patient and family deserves consistent expert care and compassionate personal attention. As the only nonprofit, community-based hospice in our region, each and every year, we help nearly 2,000 patients and families navigate the challenges of a life-limiting illness with comfort, dignity and fulfillment," stated Dawn Darvalics, President of Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care.

The Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation raises funds for Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care to continue their mission of providing compassionate and expert end-of-life care to patients and their families and to ensure comfort for all who face serious illness regardless of ability to pay.

"We were very excited to be able to host the Illuminations event in-person again this year and interact with our supporters. This is a significant way for our community to support our Care Teams and the patients they serve," stated Andrew Petersen, Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation.



## PIKES PEAK HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE / 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

### TREES OF LIFE RAISES \$100,000 FOR PIKES PEAK HOSPICE FOUNDATION

The 38th Annual “Trees of Life” ceremony took place in November at the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum.

Attended by more than 200 people, the event raised approximately \$100,000 for the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation for the support of community-based hospice, palliative and bereavement care services.

Andy Petersen, Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation stated, “This is one of our opportunities for people to financially support the foundation. The foundation supports the operation side, and we have ornaments that people can purchase at the event, or online. We encourage people to purchase those in honor of a lost loved one and hang them on their tree. This year they can also have the name of a loved one engraved on the ornament as well, so it’s just an opportunity to support the work that our care teams provide families every day.”

The crowd gathered on the museum’s south lawn to honor loved ones as their names were read aloud before the tree lighting. One tree was lit up in red, white, and blue in honor of first responders and military veterans.

“It’s a healing event. I think people leave this event feeling connected and supported and know they’re not alone. And that’s so important – as you go through the grieving process. Every experience of grief is very unique to the person who is experiencing that loss, because their relationship with the person they lost is unique,” explained Dawn Darvalics, President of Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care.

To watch the local news coverage of the event please visit:

[www.fox21news.com/news/38th-annual-trees-of-life-honors-memory-of-loved-ones/](http://www.fox21news.com/news/38th-annual-trees-of-life-honors-memory-of-loved-ones/)

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## THE FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES

The Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation recently welcomed two new members to its Board of Trustees. Jennifer Malenky and Michael Healy have joined the board as the newest Trustees.



Jennifer is the Director of Philanthropy and Strategic Partnerships for the Colorado Early Colleges Network. She brings more than 15 years of experience in fundraising and developing collaborative relationships to the Foundation as a Trustee.

Jennifer holds an MBA in Marketing and Services Management from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs and has achieved certification as a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE). Amongst her numerous community involvement activities, Jennifer is the Past President and Development Committee Chair for the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum and has been awarded the Brinah Vincent Award for Excellence in Board Service by the AFP of Southern Colorado.

Michael was, most recently, the Senior Director of Foundation Relations for the Student Conservation Association in Arlington, Virginia. He brings 25 years of skills and experience in development and fundraising to the Board in positions such as development officer, grant writer and fundraising manager.



"We are very excited to have Jennifer and Michael join the Board of Trustees for the Foundation," states Andrew Petersen, Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation. "Each of them brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that complements our current Trustees and will help us to continue to fulfill our mission to our donors and the patients and families we serve."

Welcome to our newest Trustees who join our existing members Jim Harris (Chair), Shane Sherman (Vice Chair), Carla Hartsell (Treasurer), Eric Scott (Secretary), Lisa Keenan and Tyson Nunn.

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 DONORS!

We can't say it enough. Please accept our gratitude for your support of Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation and Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care. The impact of each and every contribution, no matter the size, is a gift to our patients and families. We are grateful for your steadfast support which ensures hospice and palliative care for our community.

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