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A Very Special Place For Very Special People

On a sunny morning in mid-June, history was made on Tenderfoot Hill Street as Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care (PPHPC) welcomed the very first patient into our new Inpatient Care Center.

Other patients soon followed, as the 12 beds in the new center increased inpatient capacity by 50 percent from PPHPC's former inpatient unit in a hospital setting.

The ICC is the only freestanding inpatient hospice center in the region, and its human-centered design puts patients and their families at the forefront.

"This facility really meets a need in our community that is not met any other way," says PPHPC President Dawn Darvalics.

Features of the care center include a sun-drenched Great Room with a fireplace and grand piano, a family kitchen and dining area, a children's play area, a multifaith chapel and a Veterans' Reflection Room. In just the first few days of operations, the ICC showed why it's unlike anywhere else around,

as patients in their beds asked to be wheeled outside to the beautiful garden area for fresh air while their loved ones gathered close by.

This new ICC is the next step in our 45-year history of providing expert, high-quality, and comprehensive care for those with an advanced medical condition and for those who are grieving. We are grateful to our partners at RTA Architects and Nunn Construction as well as the many donors to date who have helped make this dream a reality.

Help Close the Gap!

The \$8.5 million capital campaign to fund this ambitious project continues. Donations can be made at:

icc.pikespeakhospice.org

Room sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Donations at \$250 or more are eligible for Pikes Peak Enterprise Zone tax credits. To learn more, call Susan Edmondson, Foundation Executive Director:

719-922-1670

ICC in the news: To see a feature news story by KOAA on the Inpatient Care Center, go to bit.ly/PPHPConKOAA

A Letter From Our President

The differentiator of a hospice Inpatient Care Center

Almost a year to the day after a “wall breaking ceremony” to commence construction, we opened the doors to our beautiful new Inpatient Care Center. Throughout this past year, you’ve followed our progress and – we hope – joined in our excitement in bringing this much-needed service to our community. Some people ask me, With the majority of our hospice care provided in private homes and care centers, why is an inpatient center so necessary? There are several reasons:

Pain and symptom management: When a patient’s pain and other symptoms such as trouble breathing and agitation become acute or can no longer be managed through treatment at home, skilled medical attention with continual monitoring is required. In fact, in 2024, nearly 40 percent of our hospice patients used inpatient services in our former Penrose Hospital location at some point in their care journey.

A feeling of calm permeates the Inpatient Care Center

A soothing environment: In a hospital setting, the environment doesn’t feel like home. and can be far from soothing. At our Inpatient Care Center, a feeling of calm permeates. The center is designed specifically with the unique needs of hospice patients in mind, and that attention to detail with thoughtful design creates more peaceful and comforting conditions.

Welcoming family and friends: Visiting or sitting vigil with a loved one does not mean you’re confined to a small room. At the ICC, you can take a break to sit by our fireplace, prepare a healthy meal in our family kitchen, or seek spiritual guidance in our multifaith chapel. There’s a play area for kids, a serene garden, and even a room that honors veterans and their service. The pictures below only begin to tell the story of this amazing facility. We know this can be a stressful time for families. At our care center, the comfort of our patients and support of their families will always be at the forefront.



Dawn Darvalics
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President
Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care



Osbornes Honored For Leading The Way Through Quiet Philanthropy

"Living in Colorado Springs is not a spectator sport!"

A crowd of nearly 400 laughed and cheered as Ed Osborne, joined by wife Mary, exhorted all who were gathered to get off the sidelines and serve their community.

The longtime philanthropists and business leaders were recognized with the Quality of Life Award at the annual Illuminations breakfast this spring, held at the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.

For decades, the Osbornes have led by example with quiet philanthropy supporting many Colorado Springs nonprofits, such as UCCS Theatreworks, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, and, of course, Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care, where Mary served on the board for many years. Ed flew over 200 combat missions in the Vietnam War and returned to launch a successful career in aircraft manufacturing and as a tenured professor at the Air Force Academy. Mary was a trailblazer in her field of accounting, becoming the first woman to be named partner for a CPA firm in Colorado Springs.

Guests to the Illuminations breakfast clearly heeded Ed's call to get off the sidelines and get involved, as more than \$80,000 was raised through the annual breakfast – this year supporting both the programs of PPHPC as well as costs to construct the new Inpatient Care Center.

Quite simply, the Osbornes are outstanding models of civic engagement and philanthropic leadership, and we at PPHPC have been honored to benefit from their wisdom, leadership and generosity for so many years.

To view a video of why Ed and Mary Osborne are so deserving, go to bit.ly/EdandMaryPPHPC



Top photo, from left: Sally and Kyle Hybl, Mary and Ed Osborne, PPHF Vice Chair Lisa Keenan

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ANB Bank

Edmondson Named Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation Director

Longtime nonprofit community leader Susan Edmondson has been named Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation, stepping into her new role in late May.

Susan will lead the Foundation's strategic planning, fundraising, and community engagement efforts. As the philanthropic arm of Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care, the Foundation plays a vital role in advancing compassionate care in our region.

Susan brings with her an impressive record of nonprofit leadership, civic engagement, and public communication. Most recently, she served as President & CEO of Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs. She was previously Executive Director of the Bee Vradenburg Foundation, supporting the arts in the Pikes Peak region. She has served on many nonprofit boards and committees and currently lends her volunteer time to board leadership with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic Foundation, Pikes Peak Waterways and Bee Vradenburg Foundation.

"I've long admired the dedicated work of Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care, and I've experienced their excellent and compassionate service within my own family," said Susan. "I look forward to serving the foundation in its longstanding role of bolstering this vital work for our community."



Save the date: Trees of Life

What: 41st Annual Trees of Life Celebration

When: Saturday, Nov. 15, 5:00 p.m.

Where: Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, 215 S. Tejon St.

For More Information: PikesPeakHospice.org/trees-of-life/

Join us for this beloved holiday tradition filled with music, warm beverages, inspirational messages, a reading of the names of lost loved ones, and the lighting of trees around the Pioneers Museum.

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