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## Fall 2018

*Community Hospice of Texas is dedicated to providing compassionate care and end-of-life services to patients and their families in Fort Worth, Dallas, Cleburne, and surrounding communities.*

## *The Gift of Comfort:* COMMUNITY CARE IS THE POWER TO SAY YES TO NEED

One was a professional woman whose life savings were consumed by cancer.

Another was a teacher unable to afford the cost of COBRA benefits when she could no longer work.

Yet another was a hard-working, self-employed husband and father.

These are just a few of the patients who have turned to Community Hospice of Texas in need.

For each, relief from pain and loneliness at the end of life was a gift you gave through our Community Care program, which will provide an estimated \$1.5 million in non-reimbursed care this year.

Community Care ensures access to the comfort of hospice care and gives team members like Parrish Horton, Senior Director of Clinical Operations in Fort Worth, the power to say yes when families have nowhere else to turn.

She remembers a recent call from a wife desperate to find care for her dying husband. Others had turned the couple away because her husband was uninsured, but hearing Community Hospice of Texas would admit him regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, "she cried and cried" with relief, Horton said.

That is a difference that makes working for Community Hospice of Texas, the largest not-for-profit hospice in Texas, a calling for members of our patient care teams.



In the following pages, you'll learn how Community Care has touched the life of just one them.

While the costs—from salaries for our nurses and supporting teams, medication and medical supplies to memory gifts—add up, so do gifts from donors, foundations and guests at our Life's Hope Luncheon each fall. Look inside for a preview of the Life's Hope Luncheon and give the power to say yes when care matters most.

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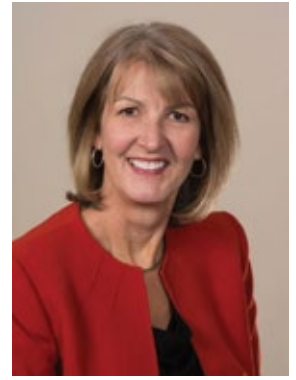
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Community Hospice of Texas can afford to be generous, thanks to you.

You and donors like you have given so generously to Community Hospice of Texas over the past year, we have the confidence to offer an estimated \$1.5 million in end-of-life care for people in financial need this year through our Community Care program.



Community Care makes our services available to families in need, and through it your generosity returns to the community as gifts of loving care for our patients, gifts of companionship and encouragement for their families, and the gift of peace for all who take comfort in knowing compassionate end-of-life care is available, regardless of an individual or family's ability to pay.

Because it gives comfort with no strings attached, Community Care is a source of tremendous pride for our staff as well. That is why Community Hospice of Texas team members strive to support one uninsured patient a day, 365 days per year, through employee giving.

Yet even that would be impossible without you. Our partnership with donors, volunteers and the many families who have experienced the gifts of Community Hospice of Texas care will always be our greatest asset. Thank you for the indescribable difference you make this and every year through your support of Community Hospice of Texas.

In partnership,

*Viki*

## WHY I SERVE



**“Community Hospice of Texas care represents the sincerest form of service, one that relieves the suffering of patients as well as families. As an organization, it’s so responsible, and its leadership is top-notch. Where do you find that in the world of nonprofits?”**

— Suzy Williams, member, Board of Directors

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# ANNUAL LIFE'S HOPE LUNCHEON

BENEFITING COMMUNITY  
HOSPICE OF TEXAS



## LIFE'S HOPE LUNCHEON

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NOON  
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Proceeds from our annual Life's Hope Luncheon benefit patients and families who face life-limiting illness or the loss of a loved one. Through medical, social, and spiritual care, grief support and more, we strive to give comfort and safeguard quality of life, wherever patients and families call home.

Please take a moment to thank sponsors of the 2017 Life's Hope Luncheon and join them in supporting compassionate end-of-life care this year.

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## Community Care LIGHTENED THE BURDENS OF A HUSBAND AND FATHER'S LAST DAYS



Steve Bohannon (front row, center) and other members of "Team Nichols" returned to the Texas coast, site of many a family gathering, to remember John Nichols.

Steve Bohannon had just accepted a job as field nurse on the Community Hospice of Texas Waco team when his wife called to say she was taking her 37-year-old son, John Nichols, to the emergency room.

Over the year that followed—one filled with surgeries, treatments and tough calls—Steve believes he became a better nurse. First he would become a family caregiver.

John was diagnosed with glioblastoma, a grim finding. Even with aggressive treatment, life expectancy is 12 to 15 months.

"My wife is a nurse as well, so we were not under any illusions," Steve said. "But John remained completely positive."

The young husband and father of four was quickly transferred to a Dallas hospital for the first of three surgeries. Already on temporary disability, he was only halfway through the 24-month period required to qualify for Medicaid coverage. This proud man had worked the whole of his adult life but now, uninsured and unemployed, he became a charity patient.

After a year of surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation, John was losing more ground than he had gained. The family had a hard conversation and agreed from that moment their goal would be quality of life. When the time came for hospice, Steve approached his boss, Audie Williams.

Community Hospice of Texas was his stepson's only option, Steve explained, because we provide care regardless of ability to pay through the Community Care program.

"She said 'that's not a problem. That's what we do,'" Steve remembered. "It was a huge blessing."

In the heartbreaking final days of a loved one's life, many families struggle under a mountain of debt accumulated in the course of serious illness. Thanks to the Community Care program, families like John's are spared one more expense.

"There were still lots of bills, and people were donating money right and left—my parents paid their mortgage for one year—and all of those gifts covered lots of expenses, but not having that one last bill really helped," Steve said.

Steve has grown with the company over the years since and today is patient care manager at Providence Hospice Place, one of three hospice houses providing inpatient care in the Community Hospice and Providence Hospice family. He sees his family's story of Community Care as an essential part of his training.

"Having that experience on the family side, I have a much better appreciation of how much (Community Care) means to the family," Steve said. "It's a comfort knowing we're not alone."

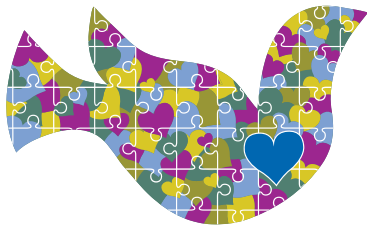
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Tour one of our hospice houses, specialized inpatient care facilities, and learn about the lasting gifts of compassionate end-of-life care. You'll hear a personal story of ways our care comforted a family like yours. You'll be inspired, but you will not be asked for a donation. Tours last less than an hour.

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**September 20**      **February 21**  
**December 13**      **March 21**  
**January 17**

To RSVP, contact Bertha Orona at 817.989.3254 or borona@chot.org



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*Healing Grieving Hearts*

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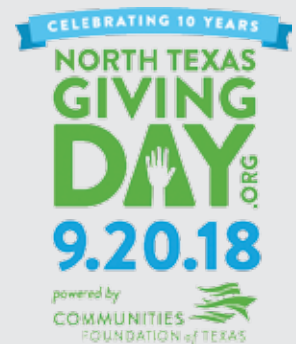
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Give the gift of comfort this North Texas Giving Day: you can when you give to Community Hospice of Texas.

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