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May 7 We Remember Mama

October 17 45th Anniversary Gala

December 8 Tree of Light



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Sincerest Appreciation to our 2023-2024 Leadership

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In celebration of our 45th anniversary, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every donor who has played an integral role in our journey. Your unwavering support has transformed lives, allowing us to walk this path of compassion and care together. As we reflect on the past and look toward the future, it is your generosity that makes our mission possible. You are the true heroes, weaving the threads of **Life Together** for those in need. Thank you for being the beating heart of Hospice Savannah.

Sincerely,

Jamey Espina
Vice President of Development & Community Services



As we reflect on Hospice Savannah's 45th anniversary, we are reminded of our ongoing commitment to "help people live"; a mission that has defined our organization since 1979. Over the last year, our ongoing collaboration with community leaders has exposed even more unmet needs within the aging population.

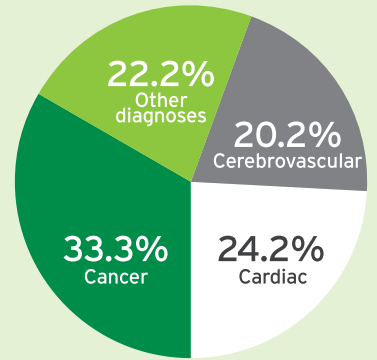
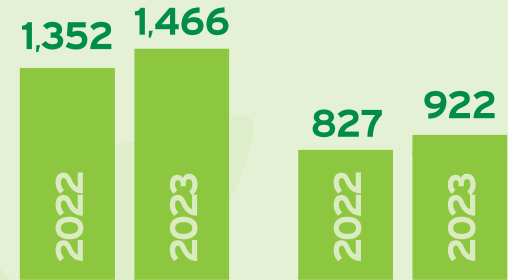
Our founder, Anne Stewart and fellow visionaries recognized the necessity of hospice care within our community when they created Hospice Savannah. Today, we honor their legacy by continuing to identify needs within our community and answering the call. Aging in place, which has become a cornerstone of our mission, resonates deeply with our celebration of **Life Together**, and we continue to envision and establish new offerings to enrich the lives of those we serve.

We look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, united in our dedication to provide quality care while assisting our community to age in place with compassion and dignity. Together, we continue our commitment to celebrating **Life Together**.

Sincerely,

Kathleen D. Benton
CEO & President of Hospice Savannah

2023 At a Glance



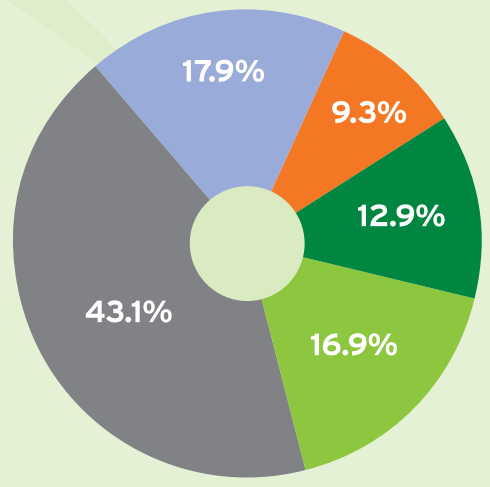
Referrals Admissions Primary Diagnosis



Location of Hospice Care

- 57% Family Home
- 16% Hospice Inpatient Unit
- 9% Long Term Care Facility
- 8% Assisted Living Facility
- 4% Residential
- 3% Respite
- 3% General Inpatient at Hospital

Because of your generous support, our foundation allocated **\$1,191,012** to the following uncompensated care and services in 2023:

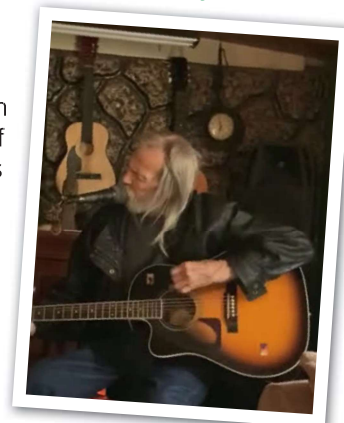


- Indigent Care **\$513,600.00**
- Bereavement **\$200,932.00**
- Allied Therapies **\$153,721.00**
- Edel Caregiver Institute **\$109,267.00**
- Steward Center for Palliative Care **\$213,492.00**

Life Together means...

Hospice Savannah continues Life Together...

Mr. Walker, a lifelong musician recently diagnosed with a terminal illness, shared **Life Together** with his gift of music during his initial assessment. Mr. Walker gave his final performance with our Admission Nurse by his side, singing an emotional song of hope and love. Spending his last days in HIPU, our inpatient unit, surrounded by family, and sharing songs with the Healing Arts team, Mr. Walker's story illustrates the profound impact of personalized attention and the creation of meaningful moments during end-of-life journeys.



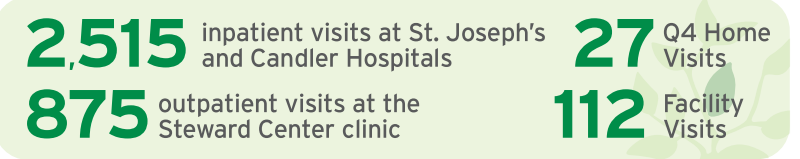
Edel Caregiver Institute

The Edel Care Institute (ECI) encouraged a harmonious **Life Together** between a struggling daughter and her father. After multiple failed assisted living placements, the daughter turned to the ECI team to explore additional options and resources for her father. In the end, she decided to bring her father home under hospice services where he could live comfortably and be better supported by his daughter. Thanks to ECI, the caregiver gained a better understanding of her father's needs and benefitted from ECI's commitment to compassionate care for all involved.



Steward Center for Palliative Care

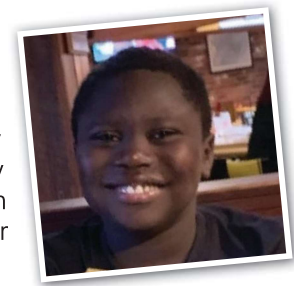
The transformative care of Steward Center's Chronic Care Management program allowed a young woman, previously struggling with unmanaged pain and symptoms, to finally experience peace and relief. Having her symptoms well-managed with a consistent caregiver schedule, enabled her to visit family out of state and continue **Life Together** comfortably, demonstrating the impact that an individualized plan of care can have on a patient's well-being and quality of life.



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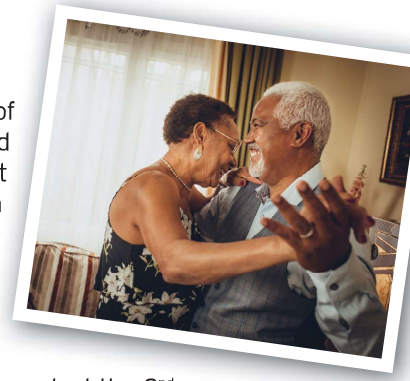
An act of gratitude reflects the deep connections of **Life Together** forged between families and Hospice Savannah's compassionate staff. Sisters Linda and Marci Wendelken, moved by the care their family members received, honored their father, uncle, and favorite aunt by generously donating and dedicating Room #8 in the Hospice In-Patient Unit.

Life Together also meant that a 14-year-old boy with end-stage kidney failure experienced the thrill of riding the highest, fastest, roller coasters and walking the beautiful streets of Greece, without ever leaving his bed simply by donning a pair of Virtual Reality goggles. VR technology and compassionate care created brief diversions from suffering while providing enriching life experiences for patients throughout the year.



Healing Arts

Music and memories reminded Martin and his wife of their **Life Together** when the music therapist played their cherished wedding song. Despite Martin's silent struggle, there was a poignant moment of connection between the couple, and they were finally able to express their shared love, understanding and forgiveness for one another. Meanwhile, our Story Keeper and their volunteers continued to capture and document these wonderful memories for their loved ones to cherish for years to come. This year marked the 2nd Anniversary for the Annual Institute for Story which was held in June.



Full Circle Grief and Loss Center

In a recent time of need, our licensed counselors provided grief support and bereavement services following a local high school student's unexpected passing. Full Circle's licensed counselors were waiting for classmates and faculty the morning after the death and were able to assist them in continuing **Life Together** amid their loss. These same counselors continued to support the community throughout the year in dealing with grief and tailoring specific sessions to address the specific needs of each individual and/or family.



Volunteer Services

Stories like ringing the Honor Bell while standing in reverence during Taps or taking final drives through downtown Savannah's historic squares or scenic riverboat cruises with family highlight how these volunteers help create moments of **Life Together** in both solace and connection.



Community Outreach

Hospice Savannah's Healthcare Relations Educators continued to increase the organization's footprint by obtaining two additional contracts this year with Skilled Nursing and Low-income independent living facilities. They continued their growth initiatives by expanding awareness throughout the four territories we serve which include Chatham, Liberty, Bryan, and Effingham Counties. Supporting our communities through increased outreach, educational initiatives, and event representation, the team was better able to inform our community of all H.S.I. programs that support quality **Life Together**.

