

HOSPICE SAVANNAH'S

ANNUAL *Gratitude Report* TO THE *Community*

March 2020

Dear friend,

It is because of *your* love and support that Hospice Savannah can continue to do the important work of helping our families, friends and neighbors on their caregiving journey... of managing the symptoms of their serious, progressive illness... of being with them through their end of life...and of strengthening and comforting them during bereavement.

Our 2019 Annual Report shows that Hospice Savannah is so much more than hospice. While being mindful stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us, we have broadened our continuum of care to fulfill our **vision of providing the right care in the right place at the right time.**

Thank you for all you do in support of Hospice Savannah, the Steward Center for Palliative Care, and the Hospice Savannah Foundation.



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Dr. Kathleen Benton,
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Hospice Savannah, Inc.

"Everyone was great. The whole team. *Professional, kind, caring, and loving.*

The entire staff was there any time we needed something or had a question.

Thanks again for everything." Grateful family member





During 2019, our team of physicians, nurses, nursing assistants, *volunteers, social workers, allied therapists* and chaplains had the privilege of caring for **1,031** patients, including *four babies and young children helped through* our pediatric hospice Butterfly Team.



Our **Steward Center for Palliative Care** team helped 1,286 patients at St. Joseph's/ Candler Hospital Health System in the inpatient setting, 324 in our outpatient clinic and 75 patients living at home or in a skilled or assisted living setting to achieve a better quality of life through proper symptom management.

As of June 2019, the Steward Center also partnered with St. Joseph's/ Candler to address the need for **community-based palliative care** within their emergency departments through an innovative Serious Illness Management Program. Three Serious Illness Specialists saw **552** patients, providing resources and education to help them avoid unnecessary, costly hospital visits by offering a clear path to early palliative intervention.

Your support enabled **117** patients to receive the **gift of music** through **731** individualized sessions. Additionally, through a grant from the Johanna Anderson Trueblood Foundation, **140** pediatric music therapy sessions were provided at the Dwayne & Cynthia Children's Hospital of Savannah.



It was our honor to thank and recognize **199** patients who served our country.

You helped give the **gift of healing massage** to **174** Hospice House and Homecare patients during **609** sessions.



Thanks to you,

348 family caregivers were given support & encouragement through our **Edel Caregiver Institute**. Of those, **71** received individual one-on-one consultations, **126** attended dementia-related workshops, **23** learned hands-on caregiving skills, **129** attended caregiver support groups in one of **12** locations throughout our four-county coverage area and **29** benefited from *deep relaxation yoga classes.*



Your financial support enabled our **Storykeeper** and Memory Keeper volunteers to gather life stories from **34** patients through **109** sessions. They will live on through Story.

Your generosity enabled **68** children to attend **Camp Aloha** and provided **1,217** group counseling sessions and **491** individual counseling sessions for both our hospice families and members of the community.

Full Circle's outreach stretched far beyond the walls of the Demere Center for Living, encompassing school children struggling to cope as they adapted to the loss of family or friends through death or by murder, communities shaken by tragedies of all kinds, and houses of worship and businesses seeking leadership training in bereavement support.

We are indebted to more than **175 selfless volunteers** who work in all areas of our organization throughout our continuum of care. Together, they provided almost **14,000** volunteer hours in 2019, which included over **1,100** hours of service in our Hospice Savannah Thrift Shoppe in Pooler.

Pictured right is a home-care patient enjoying a relaxing Virtual Reality experience - a new offering available due to the expertise of our volunteer Teri Yarbrow, SCAD Professor of Digital Media & Immersive Reality.



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Special thanks to Bill Keightley, Bud Robertson, Maura Sovchen, Marjorie Young and Clay Ratterree who are rotating off the board. Our condolences to the family of Craig Harney, who died under our care late last year.

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Children's Grief 101

A seven-week structured educational support group for children ages 6-17

Provided by generous funding from



We are indebted to the following donors who contributed to our ongoing Art of Living Initiative:

Sustainers: Mr. & Mrs. Philip and Cathy Solomons, Jr.

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Caregiving Skills 101

Learn the importance of completing an Advance Directive and gain practical skills such as how to safely move, perform personal care and improve mobility for your loved one

This class is provided by generous funding from the law firm of





Restorative Yoga Classes

Offering relaxation and renewal

Provided in honor
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I welcome the opportunity to meet with you should you be interested in learning more about the Art of Living Initiative and supporting a program or area of our organization that is especially meaningful to you.

Jamey Espina,
*Vice President,
Development & Community Services*



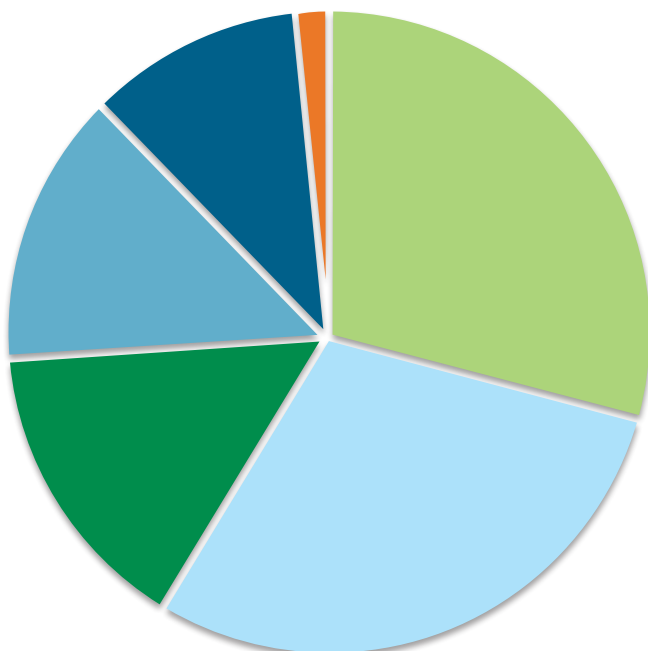
Adult Grief 101

A seven-week adult education group offering support and tools for learning to live with loss.

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Because of your *generous support*, our Foundation allocated **\$784,508** to ensure the following important uncompensated services could be provided during 2019:



Full Circle Grief & Loss - \$229,814

Edel Caregiver Institute - \$229,311

Steward Center for Palliative Care - \$118,828

Complementary Therapies - \$107,896

Indigent Care - \$85,425

Community Education - \$13,234

Some of our 2019 highlights include

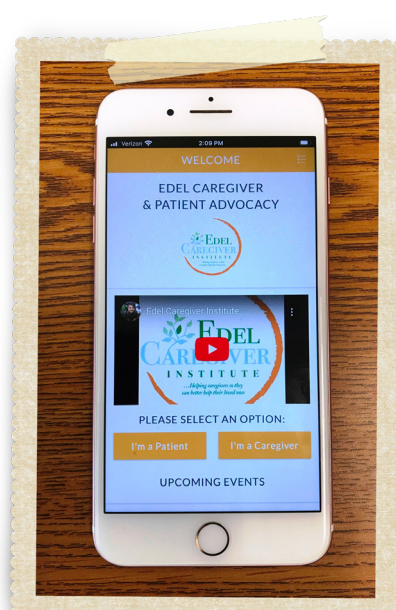
...welcoming Dr. Kathleen Benton as our President and CEO

...welcoming Sandy Gordon-Kolb, MD, MMM, CPE, FAAHPM as our Hospice Medical Director

...launching the Edel Caregiver and Patient Advocacy app to access educational help and local resources

...and announcing a new Mission Statement:

"Founded by our community, we help people live"



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