



Home Health & Hospice Care

Your Partner in Life's Journey...

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A Personal Story

Dear Friends:

Several years ago I was telling a group of our supporters about a patient that had recently been in the Community Hospice House and I used the phrase “life can turn on a dime”. The old adage aptly described the story of a young person, happily poised on the brink of adulthood, and then tragically diagnosed with a brain tumor. As an employee of a healthcare organization, I know that illness and accident has its own agenda, knows no boundaries and strikes when least expected.

As it did with me in April of this year when I found out rather suddenly that I would need heart surgery. I never, in all my wildest dreams, thought that I would come to use the very services that I had so proudly touted in the community. After five days in a Boston hospital, I took the long ride home, sitting in the back seat, a heart shaped pillow pressed to my chest, protecting a very long incision. The painful, exhausting walk upstairs to my bedroom seemed to take a good half hour and despite my longing to be positive, I confess that I despaired of having a normal, working life again.

And then I received my first visit from Home Health & Hospice Care. I felt as though hope and sunshine had walked through the door in the guise of a very cheerful and confident RN. After a thorough examination, my questions and concerns were thoughtfully addressed and a plan of care, in concert with my Cardiologist, was formulated. Only a few short hours later, another clinician arrived with a Telehealth machine so a staff nurse could monitor my vital signs from the office each morning. The terror of wondering if I was really okay was put to rest and I began to understand that I had a strong ally in my recovery.

The staff of Home Health & Hospice Care provided a critical combination of skill and compassion, encouragement and professionalism. The agency was a lifesaver for me as it has been for thousands of people in our community. By early June I was back at my desk, full of energy and eager to tackle the job of securing funding for this incredible non-profit. I am so proud to be working for an organization that has built its reputation on trusted relationships that help people through all the seasons of their lives...as it helped me. Isn't it a comfort to know that HHHC is here to help you or your loved ones should a need ever arise.

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Although I thankfully have great medical insurance, many in our community are not so fortunate. Today, more than ever, Home Health & Hospice Care is faced with caring for an increasing number of patients without any insurance or resources, both at home and in the Community Hospice House. The financial challenges are great and we rely on the contributions of a caring community to continue our essential work. This holiday season, I urge you to support our Annual Fund drive with a tax-deductible contribution..... truly a gift that will make a difference.

With warmest wishes for health and happiness in the New Year!

Tina Andrade
Director of Development
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Community Hospice House

P.S. Every donation received directly supports programs and services that help the most fragile and vulnerable in our community. We hope that you will give as generously as you can. Thank you.