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A $2.1 Million Capital Campaign to Build the Hospice Center at Union Hospital
The Blueprint for Compassion and Care
Dear Friends of Hospice of the Wabash Valley,

I am proud to serve an organization whose purpose is to help those on their final journey in life and to prepare family members for the loss of their loved one. We use our expertise to ease the symptoms that cause pain and suffering at the end of life. We also comfort and support family members through their loss and time of bereavement.

In 2013, the Board of Directors embarked on a project that will enhance and expand the care provided to citizens of the Wabash Valley who need hospice services. We plan to bring a new dimension to the health care spectrum of services in this area; a dimension not offered within 60 miles of Terre Haute. Our desire is to build a Hospice Center within the walls of Union Hospital to assure that those on life’s final journey have the medical resources at hand when their disease process is causing symptoms that cannot be managed in other settings. This Hospice Center and our team of professionals will provide compassion and care that will assure a safe haven for those we serve.

To accomplish this, I ask for your help in our $2.1 million “Legacy Lives Here. Expanding the Vision.” capital campaign to bring a Hospice Center to the Wabash Valley. This campaign allows us to realize our vision of creating a homelike space that is inviting yet peaceful, private but not isolating, and supportive of the needs of the entire family facing the end of life of a loved one.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Hospice of the Wabash Valley, please accept my appreciation for your willingness to support our endeavor. We have an opportunity to change how we care for others in our community now and in the future. Together, we can be part of expanding the legacy of hospice care brought to the Wabash Valley by this organization more than 30 years ago.

Sincerely,

Trudy Rupska, CEO
VNA/Hospice of the Wabash Valley
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The legacy of Hospice of the Wabash Valley is and will continue to be providing the highest level of service and care as the area’s first and most respected hospice care agency.

Traditionally, the goal of our gifted and compassionate caregivers has been to help each patient remain comfortable and able to participate in life as fully as possible in his or her home environment. Through the years, we have come to provide hospice care in nursing homes, hospitals and assisted living facilities.

As we have worked toward expanding the vision of Hospice, we have long understood that there are times when staying at home isn’t an option for some patients, and that some families are unable to provide adequate care at home for their loved one’s last days.

Now, Hospice of the Wabash Valley is excited to announce that, in partnership with Union Hospital Foundation, and with your help, we will build a dedicated hospital-based hospice care facility, the Hospice Center at Union Hospital.

As the first and only such facility within a 60-mile radius of Terre Haute, the Hospice Center will be a place where many generations can come together in a peaceful and unique homelike setting that promotes comfort, dignity and quality of life and where patients will receive the highest level of around-the-clock care.

By participating in the “Capital Campaign to Build the Hospice Center at Union Hospital,” you can share in making this blueprint for compassion and care a reality.
Robin Royce, BSN, RN, Hospice Manager

“The Hospice Center at Union Hospital will complete the continuum of care for our community. The tranquil and private environment will allow the focus to be on the patient’s wishes and goals for this time in their life.

Often when the focus of care shifts from cure to comfort, both the patient and family experience many emotions. The Hospice Center staff, specially trained in the delivery of end-of-life care, will be there to provide the support needed.

The Hospice Center care will focus on patient pain management and symptom control. Time will be provided to teach comforting techniques. The Hospice Center staff will help both the patient and family meet their physical, psycho-social and spiritual needs so that the focus can be on a peaceful dying experience.”

“If we had been left at home to deal with the overwhelming, life-altering event, I don’t know that we would have gotten through it in the same manner. A hospice facility for terminally ill patients and their families to go to, rely on and call home for the time that they have left would be a gift they all deserve.”

- Karen Waldrop whose husband Tim received Hospice care in a traditional hospital setting in 2011
The Hospice Center

Our Inpatient Committee’s study to identify hospice inpatient need and size determined support for an eight-bed center within Union Hospital, with the potential for program and center expansion. We anticipate that most patients will be admitted to the Center from Union Hospital acute care, but they may also be admitted from our home-based program or other hospice programs.

The Hospice Center will be on the 5th floor of Union West. The space will feature a warm, welcoming environment that encourages family and friends to visit any time, for as long as they wish. It will have eight homelike, private patient suites, a quiet room, a family room with kitchen/dining and children’s areas, a laundry room, a nurses’ station and a conference room.

In this peaceful setting that feels like home, family members will be relieved of caregiving duties and able to focus on enjoying meaningful time with loved ones. Within reach will be the essential resources to care for patients with comfort and compassion. And always nearby, our interdisciplinary team of nurses, social workers, chaplains, aides, community volunteers and physicians – all specially trained in end-of-life care – will provide compassionate, state-of-the-art symptom relief and emotional support to both patients and families.

“Over 30 years ago, the legacy of service to the community in our five-county service area began for Hospice of the Wabash Valley. It started with the vision of our founder, Jackie Fox, who gathered a group of community leaders to establish a hospice program in the Wabash Valley. This program was among the first 50 in the United States. This vision continues today with our plans to build for tomorrow’s end-of-life needs by constructing a Hospice Center at Union Hospital.

I have served on the Board of Directors of Hospice of the Wabash Valley for 20 years because I knew the organization was about serving patients in a compassionate, caring manner in the final moments of life. By building the Hospice Center at Union Hospital we are expanding the level of care to heights not available in the Wabash Valley today. I urge you to become part of this legacy of compassion and caring.”

Don Ireland
Vice President, Board of Directors
Hospice of the Wabash Valley
Hospice by the Numbers

- 2,749 patients served, 2003-2013
- 27 staff members*
- 33 volunteers
- 2,532 volunteer hours, January-August 2014
- 4 of 5 counties served by Hospice exceed the national average in hospice use
- 4,450 sq. ft. dedicated to the Hospice Center at Union Hospital
- 8 private patient rooms in the Hospice Center
- $2.1 million - Capital Campaign goal

* Hospice manager, RNs, home health aids, Master’s-prepared social workers, chaplain, bereavement coordinator, dietician, massage therapist, music therapist, volunteer coordinator

Jackie’s Story

Described as “the pioneer who started it all,” Jacquelyn (Jackie) Fox was the inspiration and the driving force behind hospice care for the Wabash Valley. It is because of Jackie and a group of dedicated community leaders that Hospice of the Wabash Valley became the area’s original hospice organization.

Jackie’s vision for hospice began when she was only 12 years old and witnessed the loving way her mother and grandmother cared for her great-grandmother in her last days. As a nurse, Jackie came to believe that an element was missing in our community’s health care system – the compassionate and sensitive care that needed to be delivered during a patient’s last days.

With community support, Jackie was able to work toward developing a hospice program of care for the dying. Hospice of the Wabash Valley was born in July 1982, and Jackie served as its director until 2004.

Jackie’s belief that “hospice care affirms life,” is reflected in Hospice of the Wabash Valley’s mission and values. “Hospice care helps patients to focus on living, on what they want to accomplish with the rest of their time,” she explained. “It’s about living and about...”
Hospice Compassion and Care

Serving Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties, Hospice of the Wabash Valley’s Compassion and Care includes:

• Pharmaceutical and clinical management of pain and other symptoms.
• 24-hour response by nursing staff.
• Case management and advocacy.
• Spiritual care.
• Grief and loss counseling.
• Trained volunteers for companionship and respite.
• Equipment and supplies related to a hospice diagnosis.
• Services provided in the home, in nursing facilities, hospitals, assisted living communities and soon at the Hospice Center at Union Hospital.

Jackie believes strongly that providing inpatient hospice care is also a vital part of the Hospice mission. “It’s the piece that has been missing in the Wabash Valley. Not every patient is able to or wants to be cared for at home in their final days,” she said. “The comfort that can be provided in an inpatient setting brings a peacefulness for both patients and families. It is the piece that will now complete our continuum of care. I’m so pleased and confident that our leadership can provide this opportunity for the Wabash Valley.”

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Gift Opportunities

Gifts of Cash
The simplest and most immediate way to contribute to the Capital Campaign is with cash, check or credit card. Gifts are accepted by mail, phone or online at unionhospitalfoundation.org. In most cases, you can benefit from a charitable income tax deduction for the full value of the gift.

Gifts of Securities
With a gift of securities, you can help Hospice while realizing many important benefits for yourself. Giving appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds, may allow you to bypass capital gains taxes on long-term holdings, strengthening the impact of your gift.

Gifts of Real Estate
Qualified gifts of real estate, such as your second home, undeveloped land or other real estate asset, can be given outright to support the Capital Campaign, and you receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of the property. You can also give other valuable assets such as artwork or jewelry.

Gifts of Retirement Assets
By making Hospice a retirement plan beneficiary, your gift will be transferred after your death, or you can directly assign your annual IRA distribution to benefit Hospice. You can also make Hospice the irrevocable owner and beneficiary of a paid-up whole life insurance policy.

Memorial Gifts
Memorial and tribute gifts designated for the Hospice Center are welcome. These may be given to honor a special relative, friend or associate.

Naming Opportunities
Several opportunities are available for naming various rooms or areas of the Hospice Center. Please contact Union Hospital Foundation for information on minimum contribution levels and the corresponding spaces that may be named.

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Donna “Scotty” Scott
Treasurer, Board of Directors,
Hospice of the Wabash Valley

“Hospice of the Wabash Valley can only achieve its goals with the assistance of generous donations from members of our community. Please help us build a place where families can gather, remember and say goodbye to their loved ones.

Our Hospice Center at Union Hospital will be dedicated to providing a more peaceful ending for those patients and families facing a terminal illness. The Center will allow them space and time to grieve with assistance from a team of caring Hospice professionals. We have waited 30 years to make inpatient hospice services a reality, and the time to embark on this goal is now! Thank you for your support.”
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Each space in the Hospice Center will be beautifully furnished for the comfort of the patient and family.

Patient Rooms
The oversized private rooms will feature specialty beds designed for patient comfort. Traditional medical equipment will be secured behind artwork to give the room a more homelike, less threatening environment, and curtains will provide privacy for the patients or families. A hide-a-bed sofa, recliner, bistro table and chairs will be featured in the family space of each room to accommodate family needs. Wireless Internet will be provided. Rooms include a private bath for patient and family use.

Nurses’ Station
Conveniently located amid the patient rooms, this area will serve the clinical needs of staff members. The space will feature beautiful cabinetry, solid surface counter and pendent lighting.

Children’s Area
Located in the Family Room, this unique child-size space will feature a reading loft and space for children to focus on play.

Kitchen/Dining Area
Part of the open area with the Family Room, this area will have beautiful wood cabinetry with solid surface countertops and backsplash. It will be equipped with a full-size refrigerator and microwave, a dining table for families to gather and eat together, and a computer station.

Family Room
This warm, inviting space will open to the kitchen, dining and seating areas and will feature an elegant stone fireplace, which will be adorned with a flat screen television above the mantle. Décor in soothing colors with comfortable sofas and chairs will complete this area.

Quiet Room
Located on the west end of the corridor with a view of the sunset, this peaceful space is provided for spiritual/religious or personal reflection by an individual or a small group.

Hallways
Laminate wood flooring will give the illusion of a winding hallway, and the walls will feature wainscoting and inviting decor.

Medical Office
This office will provide a private workspace for our social workers, chaplain and Clinical Supervisor.

Conference Room/Volunteer Area
This consultation area for families and the Hospice Team can provide workspace for volunteers, as well as an additional space for families to gather.

Laundry Room
A stackable washer and dryer will be provided in this area for families to do personal laundry for themselves and their loved one.
The Board of Directors of VNA and Hospice of the Wabash Valley guides the strategic direction and raises philanthropic support for the organization. We are honored and grateful to have such respected leaders from the Wabash Valley’s medical, business and volunteer communities help serve our mission. We rely greatly upon their expertise, insights and support.

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Thank you for your guidance through the death process of my mother. I wish now that I had called upon you weeks before I did. Your service was short but strong. I don’t know what I would have done without you.

- Janet Fulkerson

whose mother Imogene Hansen received Hospice care in a traditional hospital setting in 2013
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