Tribute
2010

Impacting lives in
Northeast Wisconsin

Our Annual Report to the Community

Unity
LEADERS IN HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE
A caring not-for-profit partnership of Bellin Health, St. Mary’s and St. Vincent Hospitals
Unity cared for 2,245 patients through hospice and palliative services in 2010. Additionally, 6,556 caregivers and members of the community received support through our bereavement services. This is more than a 13% increase, compared to 2009.

Of those receiving hospice and palliative care, two-thirds were cared for at home, while almost one-third were cared for at nursing homes and assisted living facilities in our 12-county service area. Unity’s hospice residence was home to 143 patients. In 2011, we anticipate caring for even more people.

Nicole Curran
Executive Director
Helping Your Community

**Growth in Charity Care**

Nearly $1.4 million in charity care was provided in 2010—almost an 11% increase over 2009. As the baby boomer generation ages, we anticipate Unity’s patient census continuing to increase, as will the coinciding need for charity care.

The reimbursement structure for the Medicare hospice benefit does not cover the full cost of care: labor, supplies, medication and bereavement services for loved ones. Unity further supports the community through its palliative care program, room and board assistance at the hospice residence and bereavement care for the general public, all of which are not reimbursed by Medicare. We look to you to ensure these care programs reach everyone in need, wherever they reside.

**Charity Care Allocation in 2010**

In 2010, 266 volunteers provided 25,125 hours of service. Volunteers are a part of the patient’s care team and contribute in a variety of ways to carry out Unity’s mission.
Your Gift to the Community

Unity relies on the support of the community to carry out its mission. Please consider how you can lend support. Call Unity at 800.990.9249 or visit www.unityhospice.org/donations.aspx to make a donation or learn how contributions support our mission.

- Make a gift to support annual needs
- Support our future with a gift to our endowment fund
- Share your passion and skills as a volunteer
- Sponsor a brick or garden area in Unity’s Gardens
- Become an advocate of Unity’s mission

Honorariums/Memorials

Evidence of the quality care provided by Unity’s staff is seen in the donations made to Unity’s programs in patients’ names. In 2010, Unity received gifts honoring and memorializing 1,051 individuals, couples and groups of people. Gifts were directed to the hospice and palliative care programs, bereavement, the hospice residence and Unity’s Gardens. A full listing of honorariums/memorials in 2010 can be found at www.unityhospice.org/donations.aspx. To request a printed copy, please call 800.990.9249.

Did You Know?

In 2010, the employees and volunteers of Unity . . .

- numbered 238 and 266, respectively.
- served patients in all or parts of 12 counties in Northeast Wisconsin, admitting the largest number of patients in Brown, Marinette, Oconto and Door counties.
- logged nearly 1.7 million miles in providing care to patients at private homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals throughout Northeast Wisconsin. This is equivalent to traveling to the moon and back 2 ½ times!
- boarded the Washington Island Ferry for 193 trips from Door County’s mainland to care for Island residents, year round.
- cared for patients of all ages and with all diagnoses. Of new admissions, 90% were patients age 60 and over and 1% were under 20. The main five diagnoses were cancer, heart disease, debility, Alzheimer’s/dementia and Parkinson’s/ALS.

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