

## Specialized care for all ages.



Bereavement Support for children, adults and families.



Symptom Management and support for those receiving treatment.



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## Dear Friends:

You may have heard about Our Hospice or had a personal experience with the care we provided for a loved one or a friend. Therefore, you may already know how very important our hospice, grief support and palliative care programs are to those we serve. We want to share with you some of the needs you may not be aware of:

- We provide specialized care to patients of all ages from newborns to the eldest. In fact, we currently have in our care a patient who is five months old and one who just celebrated their 106<sup>th</sup> birthday. Each patient is assigned a care team that includes a hospice physician, nurse practitioner, nurse case manager, home health aide and if desired the services of a chaplain and social worker. The team works together to make every moment count for the patient and their family. Reimbursement for care, especially for our youngest patients, often falls short of what is needed to provide the best care possible.
- Our newest bereavement program, *Transformers*, a virtual grief support group for children ages 5-12 and their families, meets on the second Thursday of every month via Zoom. Participants have a chance to meet other children/families going through some of the same things they are. All of our Bereavement programs are free to anyone in our service area who is coping with loss. Although they are mandated by Medicare/Medicaid, these services are not reimbursed.
- In 2020, our new Palliative Care program, working in partnership with the patient's treating physician, helped manage symptoms and provide relief to over 150 patients with chronic illnesses such as cancer, COPD and heart disease. The value of Palliative Care lies in the improved quality of life for the patient through reduced pain, anxiety and debilitating disease symptoms, yet it is only reimbursed at the rate of 17 cents for every dollar spent.

As a community member, past donor, or as a family member whose loved one has been in our care, you can help support the specialized care that Our Hospice and Palliative Care provides for patients of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. Please make a gift today. You can mail a check in the enclosed envelope, give online at www.crh.org/ hospice-donate, or call 812.314.8097

Sincerely,

Laura Leonard

Laura Leonard, President

## Palliative Care

Symptom Management Specialists