



HopeWest
30 YEARS OF exceptional CARE

News to Friends

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Cassie Mitchell,
HopeWest
President & CEO

A Message from Cassie

Dear Friends—It is often said that *caring for others* is one of the most meaningful experiences we can have that truly matters. It provides us purpose, which in turn wraps around everything we do. When we recognize the needs of others and then take action to help, we are not only making the world a better place; we are improving our own lives.

Without thoughtful supporters like you, who appreciate the extraordinary work of HopeWest, families would face the anguish and uncertainty of end-of-life challenges alone. But instead, here on the Western Slope, we are blessed to witness a community of caring hearts joining together to lift each other every day. It is truly inspiring.

Throughout our 30-year history, we have been fortunate to experience tremendous collaboration from the caring communities we serve. When HopeWest was established, it was the vision of our founding partners who recognized the need for specialized end-of-life care. Their dedication and unwavering commitment laid the foundation for what has become an organization renowned for its excellence in hospice care.

The care we see through volunteerism, philanthropy, and partnership is truly an example of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts and, this care profoundly changes the experience of aging, illness, and grief – one family at a time.

As we celebrate 30 years of exceptional care, we reflect on the accomplishments we have made together, and we are excited about the future as we continue to innovate and adapt to meet the evolving needs of our community.

As a nonprofit built by our community to serve our community, HopeWest would not be able to fulfill our mission without our dedicated volunteers, collaborative clinical partnerships, and the generosity of donors who believe in our work.

With warm appreciation,

Cassie Mitchell

“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.”

- Margaret Mead



Together, we change lives

IT TAKES EACH OF US TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR ALL OF US



As we look back over 30 years of exceptional care, we see a community that consistently and enthusiastically endorses the philosophy of HopeWest. The support is truly humbling. Through this collective experience, we reaffirm the values we all hold dear. Values that ground us and inspire us. Values that will help us create the future we all want.

Every gift carries meaning in profoundly changing the lives of our patients and their loved ones. Thank you for your generosity, your trust, and your commitment to our mission.

Thanks to our generous donors, \$5.2 million was raised in 2022 to support our programs.



How Philanthropic Dollars were Raised

- 52% Memorial & General Donations
- 18% Events
- 1% Grants
- 21% Planned Giving & Circle of Hope Monthly Giving
- 8% Heirlooms for Hospice

The whole is greater than
the sum of its parts.



Thanks to countless community partners— hospitals, physicians, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, physical therapists, and health care professionals— HopeWest is able to provide personalized care for our patients and families.

“As a provider in a smaller community, we have to accept that some services won’t be available to our patients, but hospice and palliative care is not one of them. I continue to comfortably recommend HopeWest programs time and time again because of the strong reputation they have in our communities.” –Ryan Wisler, M.D.

The word “hospice” comes from the Latin word “hospes,” which means both guest and host, symbolizing how we care for one another. This is the essence of HopeWest and HopeWest volunteers.

When asked why he gives of his time, one of our volunteers said, “Volunteering with patients is my calling. It’s my firm belief that this is what I came to earth to do.”

Whether it is patient companionship, helping with events or Heirlooms, or assisting with administrative tasks, volunteers are at the heart of HopeWest. We are immensely grateful to the kind, compassionate people who choose to volunteer with us.

**961 volunteers gave
69,213 hours to HopeWest
programs in 2022!**





A Labor of Love

HOPEWEST VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Linda Lloyd

Patient Support Volunteer

With the support of local florist Delta Floral, Linda Lloyd delivers birthday cards, cheery balloons, and special treats to HopeWest hospice and palliative care patients on their birthdays. Linda finds meaning and purpose by spending time with each person on their special day.

Hope

HopeWest Meeker Mascot

Hope is a miniature horse who makes patient visits and participates in HopeWest Kids grief groups. Owned by Meeker Board member Billy Goedert, Hope provides improved self-esteem, companionship, and emotional awareness.



Learn more about the various volunteer opportunities at HopeWest by visiting HopeWestCO.org.



Karen Barrix

Bereavement Support Volunteer

Karen sews memory bears for HopeWest bereaved families who have lost loved ones. The stuffed animals, usually sewn from a shirt or other clothing item from the person who has passed away, provides comfort and companionship during this difficult time.

Bill and Lin Moore

Patient Support Volunteers

Our stellar volunteer duo, Bill & Lin Moore, were honored by the Community Impact Council for their exceptional volunteer contribution and outstanding commitment to our HopeWest Plateau Valley community. They believe the bounty received from volunteering is more plentiful than that which is given.



Joan Williams

HopeWest Montrose & Heirlooms for Hospice Volunteer

Joan has been a HopeWest volunteer for 7 years and has given more than 1,795 volunteer hours to both HopeWest Montrose and Heirlooms! Joan delights in meeting new people while working alongside profoundly caring team members.





OF COMMUNITY GENEROSITY

SUSTAINABILITY • EXTRAORDINARY CARE

Caring Through Generosity

The Circle of Hope monthly giving club is a simple way to make a profound difference. Your monthly gift allows HopeWest to provide exceptional care to patients and families facing serious illness and grief.

It is more than a monthly gift, it builds a community of caring. Together we complete the 360° Circle of Hope making it possible to provide extraordinary care to families and ensuring that HopeWest will be here for years to come.

Monthly donations add up.

The Circle of Hope monthly giving club is a simple way to make a big difference.

\$30

A monthly donation of \$30 will add up to \$360 each year — a perfect circle of care and support.

\$60

A monthly donation of \$60 ensures a HopeWest care team can meet patients wherever they call home.

\$90

A monthly donation of \$90 helps HopeWest provide comprehensive care to our patients and their families.



Scan to sign up now and learn more
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"The Circle of Hope monthly giving program gives us the opportunity to support the programs of HopeWest. It's easy, and shows our gratitude towards this wonderful organization while honoring the memory of a loved one."

-Todd & Kelly Landen

More Ways to Give

Stock, DAF & Crypto

HopeWest is accelerating our fundraising and empowering our donors by giving you new ways to make a difference through stocks, Donor-Advised Funds (DAF), and cryptocurrency.

HopeWest is an Enterprise Zone organization and gifts may be eligible for a 25% Colorado Tax Credit. Call for more information.

Learn more about donating stock, crypto or via DAF, visit [HopeWestCO.org/donate-crypto](https://www.HopeWestCO.org/donate-crypto)



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2022 Annual Report

..... GENEROUS COMMUNITIES MAKE OUR CARE POSSIBLE

1,856

Hospice Patients

584

Ferris Care Center Patients

279

Palliative Care Patients

83

PACE Participants

477

Adults in Our Communities Received Grief Support

Our adult grief support program offers an array of grief education and support groups as well as individual counseling.

With the support of HopeWest Kids, children and teens learn how to express or cope with their grief.

588

Children & Teens Received Grief Support

See the full report at [HopeWestCO.org](https://www.HopeWestCO.org)

