

2025

Annual Report



HopeWest



A PERSONAL MISSION TO INSPIRE OTHERS



CELEBRATIONS FILLED WITH PURPOSE



CARE, COMMUNITY & A SENSE OF BELONGING

TURNING A SIMPLE WISH INTO A SPECIAL MOMENT



WHEN LIFE GETS HARD, LOOK TO A WILLOW TREE



A LASTING MEMORY, A LASTING GIFT

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It's inspiring to see what our community can achieve when we come together to care for one another in the most meaningful ways.

Throughout this report, you'll see the many ways your investment has made a difference, impacting lives right here in your community.

You'll learn how our newest program, **HopeWest Dementia Support**, is helping families face the daily challenges of caregiving with guidance, compassion, and hope. You'll see how gifts of time, talent, and heart bring comfort and moments of joy to those in our care. And you'll read how families, supported by carefully coordinated care, are able to focus on what matters most, being present with their loved ones, rather than worrying about what comes next.

Each of these stories is a testament to the HopeWest Way, a commitment that extends across every area of our organization. HopeWest and its people remain true to our values, demonstrating the dependability of our mission and the exceptional care delivered every day, **all because of you.**

As an organization that has stood the test of time, HopeWest will continue to be here for you and your family, providing exceptional care for many years to come. This work is possible because of a shared commitment to creatively meeting the needs of our friends and neighbors.

Thank you for being an essential part of this community of care.

Deneen Silva,
President & CEO

Breeana Gumpert,
Chief Development
Officer



OUR MISSION

Through creativity,
volunteerism, and philanthropy,
we profoundly change the
experiences of aging, illness,
and grief - one family at a time.



A Personal Mission to Inspire Others

As a nonprofit organization where no one is ever turned away for care, we understand the importance of our volunteers and value each of them. Volunteers are at the heart of what we do.

"It doesn't matter if you sit behind a computer or in active combat, what matters is that you made the choice to serve. That alone is enough." Amanda applies this same belief to volunteering at HopeWest where she primarily helps with administrative work rather than direct patient care and as she states, "we all matter in our own ways."

For Amanda Smith, HopeWest volunteer and advisory board member, serving in the U.S. Navy was inspired partly by her father's love of the ocean, and partly by her own desire to see the world beyond her hometown.

At 18 years old, Amanda took a 13-hour flight from Colorado, landing in Sasebo, Japan. Until then, her only travel experience had been an eighth-grade school trip to Washington, D.C. When she arrived on base, the culture shock hit. She stood out, tall, light hair, with blue

eyes and the language was both difficult to understand and nearly impossible to read. She remembers calling her mom the day she arrived, overwhelmed, and questioning whether she had made the right decision.

"My mom told me, 'Pull yourself together. You're a Navy sailor. You can do this,'" said Amanda. "Later my mom told me it was the hardest phone call she had ever taken. She had to be strong for me, because there was nothing she could do."

Adjusting to life in a new country was just the beginning. Amanda became the fifth female sailor to ever board the USS Belleau Wood. Prior to this, enlisted women had not been allowed to serve on ships.

"I was tough, but I had to get tougher. I had to prove to the boys that I was just as strong and



Amanda Smith (left), HopeWest volunteer and advisory board member

just as capable," said Amanda. "I had to show them that we all had to work together—we were brothers and sisters."

Amanda says her years of service taught her irreplaceable lessons, many of which she carries into her roles as a HopeWest volunteer and board member, as well as in her efforts to revive the Meeker VFW. Part of her personal mission is to inspire others to recognize the value and importance of service, whether to our country or as community members.

Amanda likens her volunteer work at HopeWest to a lesson she learned in the Navy.

"Individuality is great, but it's not what keeps you safe or happy. When we realize we're all going through similar struggles and choose to work together to help each other, that's how we get through it."

Although Amanda was honorably discharged from the Navy in 2004, her commitment to service is far from over as she continues serving others right here at home, in Meeker.

As part of the We Honor Veterans program at HopeWest, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to Amanda and to all veterans. Thank you for your service, in every capacity, and for choosing to serve our country. ❤️💙💜

VOLUNTEER IMPACT

1,085
Active
Volunteers

Delta County 167
Grand Valley 651
Meeker 58
Montrose & Ouray Counties 192
Plateau Valley 17

80,417
Volunteer
Hours

Delta County 13,415
Grand Valley 49,385
Meeker 2,746
Montrose & Ouray Counties 14,538
Plateau Valley 333

39
Full-Time
Employee
Equivalent

\$2.8M
Value of Time &
Savings for
HopeWest

Celebrations Filled with Purpose

Thank you to our many underwriters, partners, auction donors and volunteers who all contributed to making each event a success! It's because of our community and your generosity we are able to provide the level of care we do each day.

These special events raise funds for the essential, extraordinary care provided to your family, friends, and neighbors across the Western Slope.



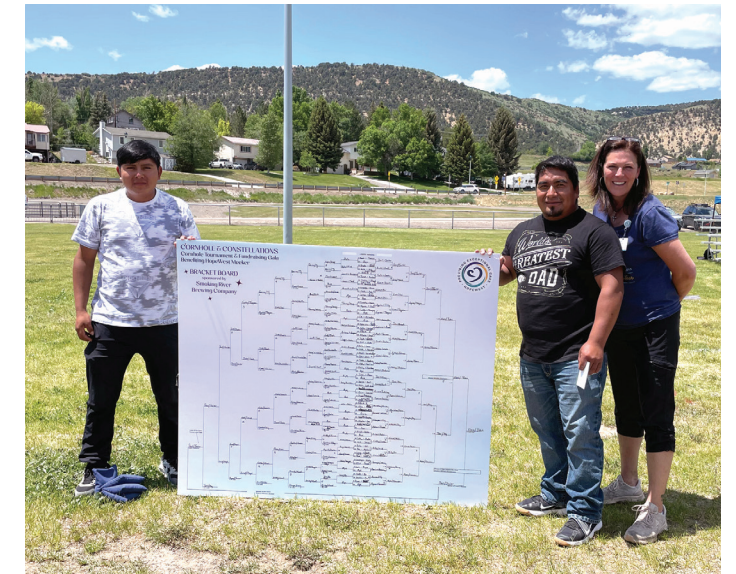
FEBRUARY 22

Grand Junction Gala
Grand Junction Convention Center
 528 Attendees
 50 Underwriters & Partners



MARCH 14 & 15

Montrose Gala
Montrose Pavilion
 433 Attendees
 45 Underwriters & Partners



JUNE 7

Meeker Cornhole & Constellations
Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds
 48 Tournament Teams + 236 Gala Attendees
 21 Underwriters & Partners

\$941,286
 Raised by
 Community
 Events

30¢
 Cost to Raise
 a Dollar
 Compared to
 National Avg.
 50¢

2025 Gala Theme
**ASTRA
 LUMINA**

APRIL 12

Plateau Valley Spring Swing
Mesa Community Center
 223 Attendees
 25 Underwriters & Partners



JUNE 14

Spoons Under the Moon
Ferris Hospice Care Center Campus
 Hosted by the HopeWest NextGen Board
 209 Attendees + 29 Underwriters & Partners





JUNE 21

Montrose Golf Tournament
Cobble Creek Golf Club
 111 Golfers
 28 Underwriters & Partners



OCTOBER 11 & 12

Calcutta for a Cause
Tiara Rado Golf Course
 Even though the weather kept us from playing golf, supporters joined us for dinner to raise funds for grieving children in our community, and honor a beloved HopeWest volunteer and golfer.



Plateau Valley Spring Swing

Our special event volunteers are the heart and soul of HopeWest fundraising event décor. Bringing creativity, energy, and magic to every gala.

This year, at our Astra Lumina galas, volunteers outdid themselves by building a stunning 15-foot rocket. Crafted entirely from recycled materials from past events, this one-of-a-kind creation traveled across our communities, making stops in Grand Junction, Montrose, Plateau Valley, Meeker, and taking its final flight at the Delta gala.

We're endlessly grateful for these imaginative and dedicated volunteers who turn ideas into unforgettable experiences, making every event interactive, meaningful, and uniquely local.

236
 Event
 Volunteers

SEPTEMBER 20

Delta Gala
Bill Heddles Recreation Center
 322 Attendees
 63 Underwriters & Partners

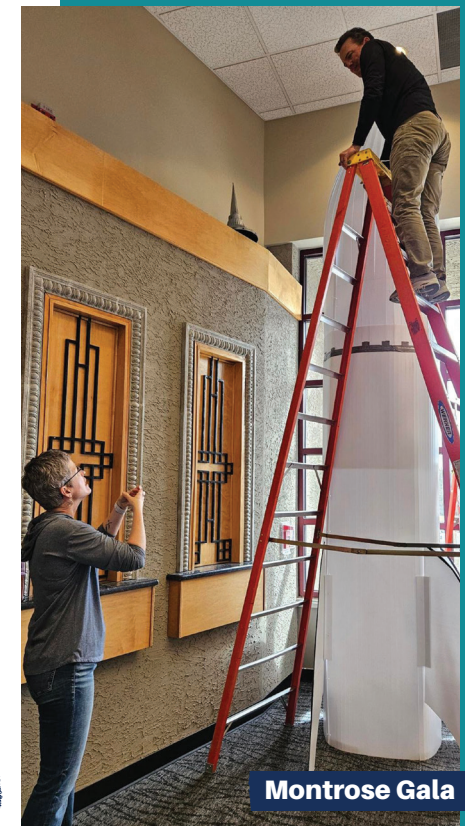


NOVEMBER 22 & 23

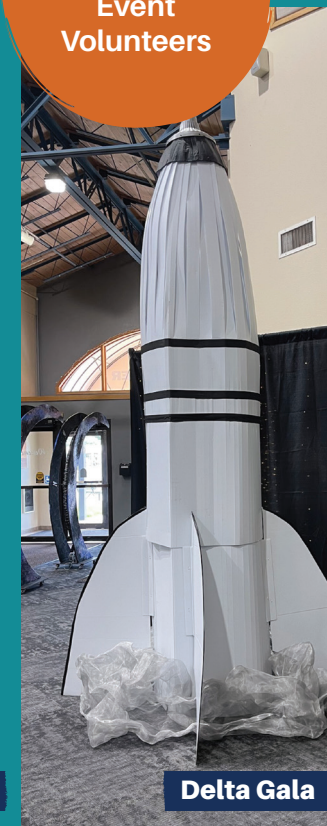
Holiday Show & Luncheon
Colorado Mesa University
 818 Attendees
 22 Underwriters, VIP & Table Hostesses



Grand Junction Gala



Montrose Gala



Delta Gala

Your Support Makes Exceptional Care Possible

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Dementia Support

Navigating Dementia Together

One in ten adults over 65 will develop some form of dementia, and that number rises to one in four over age 85. While there is no cure, there can be comfort. That's exactly what our newest program, HopeWest Dementia Support, launched in July 2025, is designed to provide. Thanks to your shared commitment to meeting community needs, families now have access to guidance, education, and practical tools to help them plan, cope, and find peace.

47
Dementia Support Clients

Delta County 2
Grand Valley 43
Montrose & Ouray Counties 2

\$2,312
Actual Cost of Care for One Dementia Support Client

PACE

Age Happy & Healthy

In October of 2025, we celebrated the start of our fourth year of HopeWest PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly), a program that helps seniors age safely at home. In 2025, HopeWest provided more than 25,000 rides, nearly 10,000 day center visits, more than 12,000 day-center-based clinical visits, and over 16,000 home visits. These numbers reflect how your investment in HopeWest impacts people whose lives are brighter, fuller, and more independent because of what you've made possible.

265
PACE Participants

HopeWest PACE is available in service areas within Mesa County.



Care, Community, and a Sense of Belonging

Thanks to our community, the HopeWest PACE program has made a difference in Sharon's life. In this letter, she shares her gratitude for the care, community, and sense of belonging she has found through PACE.

"I am writing this letter in hopes of showing my gratitude and appreciation to the PACE program and the staff members who provide quality care to me and my peers.

When I first started the PACE program, I felt right at home. Now, before I have even left the Day Center for the day, I am excited to return. PACE feels like a big family to me - one I get to see all the time. The Day Center feels like a home and not just a care center or an organization. When I come into the Day Center, it feels homey, warm, and welcoming. I have the opportunity to socialize with my peers, but also to have the space to relax if needed.

My soul feels restful with PACE. Each PACE staff member has a role to play and you all play it well. Even with the professional role, I still feel at home and get cared for. The PACE program has also begun to make a big difference in my home life. The staff has proven to be sweet spirited, warm, gentle and kind." 🍷💙💜

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SHARON,
HOPEWEST PACE
PARTICIPANT

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Hospice & Palliative Care

Physical, emotional, & spiritual care

Because of you, families are not alone during life's most challenging moments. HopeWest, the only nonprofit hospice and palliative care provider in western Colorado serves nearly 2,000 families each year.

Your investment allows us to provide care that goes beyond basic standards, earning the highest satisfaction and quality scores. This commitment to excellence is reflected in the 94% of families who completed our hospice survey last year and said they would strongly recommend HopeWest.

Located in Grand Junction, the Hospice Care Center is available for patients from all HopeWest service areas.

2128

Hospice Patients

Unduplicated Numbers

Delta County 308
Grand Valley 1,080
Montrose & Ouray Counties 399
Plateau Valley 51

Duplicated Numbers

\$194

Daily Cost of Care for One Hospice Patient

228

Palliative Care Patients

Unduplicated Numbers

Delta County 20
Grand Valley 136
Meeker 23
Montrose & Ouray Counties 48
Plateau Valley 5

Duplicated Numbers

\$2,578

Actual Cost of Care for One Palliative Care Patient

640

Hospice Care Center Patients

HopeWest Ferris Hospice Care Center

The Hospice Care Center, located in Grand Junction, is the only one of its kind on the Western Slope. The Hospice Care Center focuses on intensive end-of-life care for patients who can no longer be at home, but would rather not be hospitalized. It provides short-term care for patients and their families in a comfortable, home-like environment.

\$1,131
Daily Cost of Care for One Hospice Care Center Patient

Turning a Simple Wish into a Special Moment

One local business helped turn a simple wish into a special moment for a HopeWest hospice patient by preparing a meal reminiscent of his favorite dish, Cracker Barrel's roast beef.

In her conversations with Louis, HopeWest Chaplain Stephanie noticed that he often mentioned Cracker Barrel and how much he missed their roast beef. With the nearest Cracker Barrel five hours away, the HopeWest team enlisted the help of Cassie Bees at The Grove. Owner Cassie immediately jumped at the opportunity to make the meal for Louis. Determined to get every detail just right, she even called a friend who manages a Cracker Barrel to ensure the dish was as authentic as possible.

Cassie prepared a perfect Cracker Barrel-inspired meal, and the HopeWest team added one more touch to complete the experience—the iconic pegboard game found on Cracker Barrel tables. When the meal arrived, they brought two full plates which was more than enough for Louis to share.

"I think he was shocked when they brought it out with the Cracker Barrel logo on it," said Alexis, daughter of Louis. "I have a recording of the experience, and I loved hearing his laugh. I'm so grateful to have that recording to cherish forever."

It's stories like this that show how our supportive community comes together to make the most of every moment for patients and families in our care. And a very special thank you to Cassie Bees at The Grove for your creativity and making this possible. 🍷💙💜



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ALEXIS,
DAUGHTER OF
HOSPICE PATIENT

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Grief Support for Adults

Individualized support to discover peace, strength, and purpose

HopeWest Bereavement Services continue to be a source of healing for individuals facing loss. Because of your generosity, adults receive guidance from professional grief counselors as they find their way forward through individual counseling and support groups, many offered at low or no cost. In these moments of connection, when people are not alone in their grief, hope begins to grow again.

471
Adults Received Support
Unduplicated Numbers

Delta County 56
Grand Valley 326
Meeker 10
Montrose & Ouray Counties 97
Duplicated Numbers

\$820
Cost of Support for One Adult Bereavement Client

HopeWest Kids Grief Support

Support in understanding and expressing personal grief experiences

Our HopeWest Kids program continues to inspire healing in the most creative and heartfelt ways. HopeWest Kids is the only program of its kind in western Colorado and is funded entirely through philanthropy. In 2025, the program supported more than 350 children and teens through opportunities like school-based grief groups, equine therapy, expressive art, and movement workshops. Through these experiences, children and teens learn that while grief may change them, it does not define them. And thanks to you, they never have to walk this journey alone.

379
Children & Teens Received Support

Delta County 35
Grand Valley 215
Meeker 42
Montrose & Ouray Counties 84
Plateau Valley 3

\$1,515
Cost of Support for One HopeWest Kids Participant



When Life Gets Hard, Look to a Willow Tree

These cute flamingos, tucked inside silent auction baskets at the HopeWest Holiday Show, have a special story to tell. Adorned in pink, these baskets are a product of a friendship founded in the comfort of being with those who truly understand grief.

Several members of a HopeWest Spouse and Partner Loss group had grown tired of eating dinner alone. What started as just two people sharing a meal, soon grew to a dozen. Their potlucks became a place to celebrate birthdays, get through “yuck” days, and share both hard moments and laughter. They even named a pink flamingo “Kevin,” after the HopeWest chaplain who facilitated their grief group, as a lighthearted reminder of the community that brought them together.

“Someone in the group shared a quote that said, ‘When life gets hard, look to a willow tree,’” said Amy, the first to open her home to the group. “‘No matter how harsh the storm it faces, it has learned it’s better to bend than break.’ We felt this was a better name for us than ‘widows.’ So that’s how we ended up calling ourselves willows rather than widows.”

This year, the Willows found a way to give back. They donated the bright pink gift baskets, including a pink flamingo ornament, for the HopeWest Holiday Show silent auction, sharing their gratitude and showing others in our community that grief should never be faced alone. Thank you, Willows, for sharing your love with HopeWest. ❤️💙💜

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When life gets hard, look to a willow tree. No matter how harsh the storm it faces, it has learned it’s better to bend than break.

AMY,
SPOUSE &
PARTNER LOSS
GROUP PARTICIPANT

Sip, Shop & Dine with a Mission

When you shop, donate, or volunteer at Heirlooms for Hospice or dine at Spoons bistro & bakery, you're helping make exceptional care possible. Thank you for being part of what makes community support so special, and for supporting HopeWest.

Spoons bistro & bakery

Spoons bistro & bakery offers a blend of dining and purpose—all proceeds directly support HopeWest programs. In 2025, Spoons continued its offering of take-home holiday meals, helping to lighten the load of holiday cooking. Daytime tips at the service counter also support HopeWest programs, raising \$114,385 in 2025. Beyond daytime counter service,

Spoons also offers evening dinner service, patio seating, and weekend brunch. It is more than a restaurant, it is a place to gather and connect. From coffee groups and friends meeting for brunch to mahjong on the patio and community events like Lights of Life and Spoons Under the Moon fundraisers, Spoons brings people together in support of HopeWest.

Heirlooms for Hospice

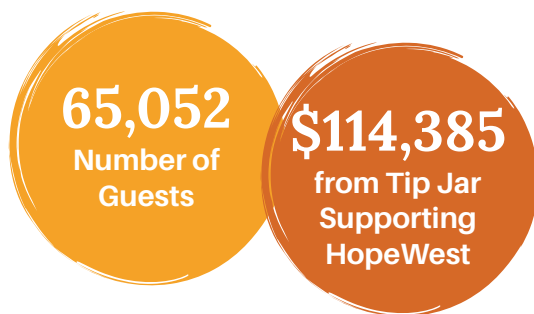
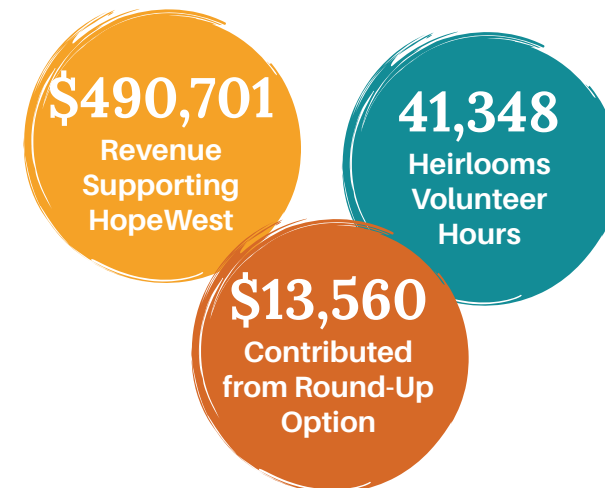
Heirlooms for Hospice, located on Main Street in Delta, Grand Junction, and Montrose, has supported HopeWest's mission for 25 years! During this milestone year, we upgraded our Point-of-Sale system, allowing for an even better shopping experience, including upgraded gift cards, emailed receipts, and a donation

round-up option. Since launching the round-up program in June 2025, shoppers have helped raise an additional \$13,560.64 for HopeWest.

Last year, clothing was the top-selling category, followed by furniture. We continue to make donating to Heirlooms easy by offering complimentary pickup for large items and completed more than 1,500 donation pickups last year.

Our stores wouldn't be possible without our volunteers; 329 volunteers contributed 41,348 hours, sorting, cleaning, & creating an upscale resale experience.

Donations to Heirlooms support HopeWest programs and the families we serve. Thank you to our shoppers, donors, and volunteers for supporting Heirlooms for Hospice - we couldn't do it without you. ❤️💙💜



Every month, Spoons bistro & bakery provides cupcakes to HopeWest PACE to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other meaningful milestones.

Baked with care by the Spoons team, these sweet treats offer participants opportunities to celebrate one another and enjoy the sense of connection that makes PACE so special. This is one more way Spoons supports the mission of HopeWest and a reminder of how food has a special way of bringing people together and adding a little extra sweetness to someone's day! ❤️💙💜





A Lasting Memory. A Lasting Gift

When we lose someone dear to us, finding meaningful ways to honor their legacy becomes an essential part of our healing journey.

There is something comforting about knowing that a loved one's memory continues to bring light to the world. Sometimes meaning finds us in unexpected ways. For Ed, his came in the form of a butterfly. This recurring symbol became especially significant during his family's experience with HopeWest.

Ed often looks back on the life he shared with his wife, Frankie (as most knew her by). Seventy years ago, the newlyweds spent their honeymoon visiting his parents at Sherwood Park in Grand Junction.

"Many would laugh at honeymooning with your parents at a park," Ed said with a smile. "But that's what we did."

Over the years, Ed and Frankie often stopped at Spoons bistro & bakery for lunch after doctor appointments. He would order the mini burger

with beer-battered fries, and she would order a salad or a slice of quiche. These visits are how they first became familiar with HopeWest, well before Frankie ever needed hospice care. When the time came, Ed knew exactly who to call.

With the support of the HopeWest team, providers stepped in offering the kind of care that Ed says exceeded what he and his daughter could manage alone. Nurses and CNAs came promptly when needed. "Thank heavens," Ed said.

When a nurse noticed Frankie's care needs had become more than could be managed at home, the decision was made to admit her to the HopeWest Ferris Hospice Care Center. There, she spent several days receiving what Ed described as "excellent care."



1,600
Memorial
Gifts
Received

WAYS TO HONOR LOVED ONES
Lights of Life Ornaments, Luminaries & Ceremonies
Memorial Gifts and Naming Opportunities
Complimentary Online Obituaries

One afternoon, after Ed and his daughter had gone home to rest, a nurse called to let him know that Frankie had passed away. The two rushed back to the Hospice Care Center. Upon their arrival, the HopeWest Care Team performed a beautiful ceremony as Frankie left the Hospice Care Center for the last time.

After Frankie left, Ed remembered noticing a butterfly on the door of her room. At home, Ed searched for the meaning of the butterfly when he discovered this passage:

*The butterfly is a symbol of hope,
A symbol of new life,
And a symbol for those who are bereaved.
Before it becomes a butterfly,
it must spend time in a cocoon.
We too must grieve, hurt, cry,
and struggle to free ourselves*

*From the cocoon of grief.
And one day we emerge:
A beautiful butterfly,
A stronger person,
A more compassionate and understanding
person.
-Anonymous*

Ed shared that he and his daughter "are still caterpillars, but they hope to become butterflies someday."

While Ed acknowledges the journey of grief that lies ahead, he remains grateful for the care his family received. And soon, two bronze butterflies will be placed on the HopeWest donor wall as a lasting tribute to his beloved Frankie and the beautiful life they shared.



When you provide support to HopeWest through wills, bequests, life insurance, and other planned giving options, you demonstrate your commitment to the HopeWest mission of changing the experiences of aging, illness, and grief. We honor those who share this vision and make planned gifts to HopeWest by adding them to our Legacy Society.

HopeWest Legacy Society as of 12/31/25.

Delta County

Anonymous
Bruce Barnhart
Melody BellCampton
Norma Jean Chartier*
Garry Clampitt*
Claire Dauwe
Mary Fairlamb Dow*
Wilma Erven
Mike & Jan Gage
Robert Gladfelder*
William* & Earlene*Hale
Tom Huerkamp*
Wendy Josephson*
Kim & Cindy Kokesh
Karima Mansour*
Margaret A. Markley*
Roger & Joyce Polfer
Fred & Mary Stahl
Marvin K. Taylor*
Miriam Vogelfanger
Connie Willis*

Mesa County

Anonymous
Cecilia Adamson*
Joseph & Marilyn Aieta
Don & Judy Allerheiligen
Stacy Archuleta
Robert & Louella Armstrong*
Patricia Atencio
Kathy Bankert*
James L. Barlow*
Judy Benns
Anne Schoen Bentley
Barry John Bishop
Roger & Janet Blind
Pamela & Roy* Blythe
John E. Brach*
Jerry Bradley*
Martha Braunig*
Betty Sue Bray*
Joseph & Jill Breman

Mandi Brezonick
Duncan & Beth Brown
Francine Brown
E. Blanche Buescher*
Nick Bullick*
Barbara Burgeson
Janice M. Burtis
Janet Butler*
Don Campbell*
Lisa J. & Robert C.* Case
Barbara Chamberlin
Jacquie Chappell-Reid & Erle* Reid
William Clark*
David Coffman
Dorothy Emma Cooper*
Ed Copley
Thom & Cindy Copp
Anna May Couch*
Caroline Crawford*
Ellen Dailey
Joe & Linda Davidson
Mandy DeCino
Keith & Ladona DeGree
Rose Dickey
Rich & Catherine DiPaola
Jennifer Dunn
Joyce Ensley*
Suzi & Jerry* Evans
Marla A. Ferguson-Leak
Karen Gann*
Elizabeth Ann Gerick*
Robert F. Gillespie*
Kennie Ruth & Gordon* Gimple
Bonnie Glenn*
Rich & Joy Green
Bill & Nancy Grier
Margaret Guns*
Emily Ann Guth*
Pauline Haller*
MJ Hambel
Suzann Hammond
Patricia A. Hare*
Helen E. Hayes

Evelyn L. Haley*
Roger Head*
Peggy Himes
Niki Hunn & Bob Jarvis
Michael & Kathy Hurshman
Karen Hutchison*
William Ivy*
Cecil E. Jackson*
Darleen Welsh Jones*
JoAnn Juelfs*
Judith Lyn Kahle*
May Belle Kanavel*
Dr. Marjorie L. Keely
Rita Kiefer*
Kathleen Anne Killian
Jim Kitchell*
Suzanne Krebs*
Deborah Krug
Margaret Kunz*
Jenny Larson
Al Kreinberg & Kim Last
Mary A. Leach*
Janice & Richard* LeFrancois
Sandra Lindman
Gean F. Lipson*
Dr. William Long*
Janet Loring*
Alan & Alexis Lovato
Bettye J. Luckemeyer*
Shirley Lyons*
Vicki & Victor Macklberg
Hugh* & Shirley* MacLean
Harley Maddock*
Fred H. Marshall*
Bruce & Mary Ann McBride
James McClain*
Neal McKinstry*
Richard McMillen*
Amanda McNutt
Albert J. Merlino*
Jack Merwin*
Rick & Faye Minor
Earl Miracle*
John D. Mitchell*
Rose Moore*

Lisa Morrow
Robert & Juanita Moston
Jerry & Bonnie Mullikin
Anne B. Nichols
Viginia B. Nicholson*
Toni S. Nurnberg
Susanne Carson O'Dell*
Mary Oman*
John Orth
Jim & Kathy O'Shea
Eunice Parker*
Charles H. Paterson*
Verda F. Patterson
Carla Pearson
Tim & Robin Pearson
Sara Pfifer
Cheryl & Harold "Art"* Pickrell
Tressa Tenille Pippenger-Johnson
Father James H. Plough*
Josephine Prinster*
William E.* & Wanda* Wray Putnam
Don & Alison Regan
Peter Robinson*
Ronald E. Roemer*
Ellen Savage*
Rebecca Brielle Scroggins

John Shepherd
Patty Simon
Joyce & Wayne* Smith
Bruce Smith*
Barbara Jean Smith
Kristy Smith & Livis Jaders
Reyes Merlo
Helen R. Smock*
Ruth Greaser Speckman*
Gene & Tish Starbuck
Marsha Streeter
Roger Swingle
Gail Tompkins
Donna Toney*
Marion* & Virginia* Turner
Susan Marie Tyler
Stephen Vaughan*
Dixon J. Vincent*
Ellen Waldeck*
Alan & Susan Wallace
Steve & Lenna Watson
George E. Wheeler
John M. White*
JoAnn Whiting
Lawrence Wild
Robert Williams
Betty N. Wilson*
Maurice* & Ruby* Woodcock

Les & LeAnn Zetmeir
Ashlie Zimmerman
Montrose County
Jo Andrews*
Janet Banicki*
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Ben & Kristin Bye
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Mary Everitt*
Nori Francis
Anne R. Grigutis*
Karl L. Hammond*
Nancy Hannah
Christopher & Carol Harper
Deborah D. Hawk*
Carol Hotchkiss*
Jessica Houser
Harold Johnston*
Sherry Kammerer
Ellen Keely*
Kelvin & Becky Kent
Bertha Belle Keylon*

John R. Kupra*
Dr. Valentina Lert
Lucille Lowry*
Peggy Lyon
Pamela Magee
Ruth E. McClean*
Hank & Lee Mull
Linda Noblett
Anthony Okeeffe
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Herb Spencer
Kathleen Debra Stoddard*
Mary Louis Thomas*
John Troudt*
Jerome Waler*

Rio Blanco County

Christy Whitney Borchard
Gary & Michelle Massie
Michelle Tucker

*Deceased

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A Legacy of Healing

Roy and Pamela Blythe moved to Grand Junction in 1997 and brought with them unique expertise, ambition, and a high caliber of design and construction. Roy and Pamela's architecture careers flourished in the years following, growing roots and a family in their new hometown.

When consulted by HopeWest for an inpatient care unit, the pair immediately shared the vision for a space where patients could find peace and families could find hope. The Hospice Care Center, now known as the HopeWest Mike and Kay Ferris Hospice Care Center, opened its doors in 2008 after a labor of love from Pamela and Roy, and a myriad of community supporters. Roy incorporated "healing architecture," an innovative practice focused on creating an environment that improves patients' psychological and physical well-being. 🍷 🍷 🍷

Roy and Pamela included HopeWest in their estate planning so even after Roy's passing, their legacy gift still provides hope and healing.



Special Funds & Partnerships



The Continuing Education Fund

The Education Fund allows team members to pursue continued education—including training, certifications, and licensing, building upon our belief in continuous improvement and developing our own workforce as best practices in healthcare evolve. By investing in team members of all disciplines, we know we can better fulfill our mission to change the experience of aging, illness, and grief.



In 2025 there were 89 donations toward the Education Fund, totaling \$58,478.

Families often ask how they can show gratitude for their HopeWest care team. The **Shining Star Program** program gives them an opportunity to do just that by recognizing their care team members and including a gift to the Education Fund in their honor.



In 2025, 65 employees were recognized and donations totaled \$29,978.



The Connie & Fred Strothman Endowment Fund

This fund was established in 2023, with a visionary gift designed to support the mission of HopeWest with special emphasis on enhancing employee well-being. The fund's purpose includes bolstering the 403(b) retirement benefit, expanding educational opportunities, and investing in initiatives that uplift the HopeWest team.



Business Partnership Program

The Business Partnership Program exemplifies the power of collaboration in driving positive change and creating shared value for the communities we serve. We are honored to work with our corporate partners, who lend their voices, mobilize their audience, and help raise funds so that together we can change lives in our community.

Current Partners



Financials

Your support ensures exceptional care for our neighbors, friends, and loved ones. Care that meets people exactly where they are, during some of life's hardest moments. Because of you, families facing serious illness, aging, and grief are never alone.

In 2025, HopeWest provided compassionate care to thousands of individuals and families across our community. The true cost of delivering this care exceeded reimbursement rates, creating a critical funding gap that philanthropy helps fill.

At HopeWest, we strive to be fully accountable and transparent to our donors. This report shows how we raised and spent the funds entrusted to us.

\$5,015,639*

million raised in 2025 to support our programs



How Philanthropic Dollars are Raised

- 27.7% Bequests
- 26.6% General Donations
- 20.7% Fundraising Events
- 10.8% Heirlooms Stores
- 9.0% Memorial Gifts
- 2.7% Circle of Hope
- 2.5% Grants



How Philanthropic Dollars are Spent

- 31.6% HopeWest Kids
- 22.2% Connie & Fred Strothman Endowment Fund for Employees
- 15.4% Adult Grief Support
- 9.9% Staff Education from the Education Fund



- 8.6% Ferris Hospice Care Center
- 4.7% Palliative Care
- 4.1% Hospice Care
- 3.5% Dementia Support

*Unaudited financials

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 truly more than a monthly gift, it's a community. Together, we complete the circle of giving, providing care and support to families, and ensuring the sustainability of HopeWest.

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