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**A Decade of Healing
2024 Annual Report**

Telling Thomas' Story

GRIEF CENTER ALLOWS FATHER TO BEGIN HEALING



You may not have heard of Greg Hevel, but you may have heard of his antics: Every year, he dresses as Elvis and climbs on the roof of Heritage Park, where he serves as the administrator of the assisted living community, to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association.

What you may not know about Greg is that for the past four years, he has been mourning the accidental death of his 19-year-old son, Thomas. Thomas had just started to step into adulthood. And then, suddenly, he was gone.

In the weeks that followed, Greg found himself in a fog of grief. The pain of losing a child was more than Greg knew how to carry.

telehealth counseling services, making it easier for people like Greg to access care from the comfort and privacy of one's home or office. Individual and group grief counseling is provided at no charge to any adult in the region suffering from the death of a loved one.

"It's really pretty mind blowing," he said, "There's no cost ... my mind couldn't process that. You don't get anything for free these days, not anything worthwhile or beneficial," he said.

That accessibility helped Greg take his first steps toward healing. Through individual virtual sessions with the center's grief counselors, Greg found a safe, compassionate space to share memories of Thomas and begin to process the weight of his grief. Some sessions were quiet. Others were emotional.

["You don't get anything for free these days."](#)

"They were very relatable, skilled, compassionate and kind," he said. "I was able to tell the story of Thomas."

The Grief Center's telehealth services began during the COVID epidemic, and are part of its mission to provide meaningful, accessible support to any adult navigating the death of a loved one—regardless of the circumstances of the death, background, or ability to pay. Services are open to the entire community, not just those served by Stillwater Hospice.

Greg feels it's important to tell his story and give back to Stillwater and the Grief Center. He encourages others who are grieving to review the Grief Center's offerings and shares books that have helped him to find comfort and understand how differently people can grieve – a favorite being *It's OK That You're Not OK* by Megan Devine.



"I just knew I was going to need help right away," he shared. Someone – he can't remember who – told him to look at Stillwater Hospice's website to learn about the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center, which offers professional grief counseling, support groups, and educational resources to any adult in the community who has experienced loss due to death. Importantly, the center also provides



Thomas' family also knew he wanted to be an organ donor. The Indiana Donor Network walked with them hand-in-hand to navigate the organ donation process and honor Thomas as a Donor Hero. Greg also shares

Thomas' story to encourage others to sign up to become organ donors. It's his way of giving back some of the support he received from the grief center.

"No one can relate unless they have lost a child," he said. "Everybody is different. But if I go to talk to friends, ... no one can relate. They just can't unless it's happened to them, and in a lot of the people who have had a child that died, they don't want to talk about it. I really feel like at this point when I meet with Barb, it's counseling but it's also somebody for me to talk to who understands."

KNOW US BEFORE YOU NEED US



THE PEGGY F. MURPHY

Community Grief Center

The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center offers telehealth and in-person counseling, support groups, and grief education programs for adults in 13 counties in northeast Indiana at no charge to the participant.

To learn more or schedule an appointment:

260-435-3261

stillwater-hospice.org/grief-support

You don't have to face grief alone.

LET US WALK WITH YOU.



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It is hard to believe that it has been 10 years since the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center opened its doors. That's a whole decade of healing and

walking alongside people through some of life's hardest moments. Whether you've been part of that journey as a client, a supporter, or a volunteer—thank you. You've helped make it a place where people feel safe, seen, and supported.

This issue of Stillwater Stories includes our 2024 Annual Report, which gives a look at what we've accomplished together this past year. You'll also meet Greg Hevel, a supporter whose story shows how personal giving can be, and Ardis Behrendt, a volunteer whose kindness makes a real difference bi-weekly.

Stillwater is built on stories like theirs—and yours. We're proud of what we've done together, and even more excited about what's ahead. So here's to the next chapter, and to the people who make it all possible.

Thanks for being part of Stillwater.

Serving with you,

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Betsy Waterfield Chapman Scholarship Recipients



The 2025 recipients of the Betsy Waterfield Chapman scholarship with supporters Howard and Stephen Chapman.

In 2019, we recognized a growing challenge in healthcare: the urgent need to retain and attract compassionate, skilled team members. Long before the pandemic intensified staffing shortages, we began envisioning a way to support our employees' professional growth while strengthening our care team. That vision became the Betsy Waterfield Chapman Employee Education Fund—named in honor of a beloved supporter whose family's gift helped bring this initiative to life.

Thanks to the generosity of those who believe in this mission, we are thrilled to share that this year,

we awarded forgivable loans to six exceptional team members. These caregivers are now pursuing advanced degrees, additional degrees, and certifications — empowering them to grow in their careers while continuing to serve at Stillwater Hospice.

Their dedication ensures that our patients receive care that is not only clinically excellent but also deeply compassionate. Congratulations to these dedicated employees!



THE PEGGY F. MURPHY
Community
Grief Center

SAVE THE DATE

GRIEFSGIVING

NOVEMBER 1, 2025
10:30AM-2:00PM
RSVP required by October 24
Online registration opens September 26th

A half-day event to help navigate all the holiday seasons alongside grief.
A BOXED LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

WINTERLUDE

DECEMBER 6, 2023
10:30AM-1:30PM
RSVP required by November 28th
Online registration opens October 31st

A half-day event to find ways to navigate grief through the winter season.
LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE SERVED

Due to limited space, online registration is required for both events.
GriefCenter@stillwater-hospice.org



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Staff Spotlight
Barbara Schultz
MSW, LCSW
GRIEF COUNSELOR



1. What inspired you to become a grief counselor?

I've been a licensed clinical social worker for 25 years working in various settings counseling people of all ages. When I applied for a position at Stillwater Hospice, (at the time Visiting Nurse) the mission statement was posted in the lobby. It spoke about treating and caring for all people with compassion throughout the entirety of one's life. This really moved me, and I have had the privilege of working for this organization for the past 14 years.

2. What does it mean for northeast Indiana to have a Grief Center?

The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center is an invaluable asset to this community. Loss is a part of all of our lives in some way, but our society does not deal with grief well. Our society wants to avoid, dismiss or minimize grief which often leaves people feeling lonely and isolated. Having a safe place where anyone can come to receive help, understanding, community, and guidance is priceless.

3. In your experience, what is one thing people often misunderstand about grief?

Grief is a lifelong journey. It does change in ways with time and healing, but it becomes a part of who we are. When a significant

person in our life dies, a void is left in our lives. Healing is not about forgetting or "moving on" but learning how to go on living and finding ways to continue to connect with and honor our loved one.

4. What does the first conversation with someone who is grieving usually look like?

People are usually somewhat hesitant about coming in for counseling and rightly so. Navigating the grief journey is one of the hardest aspects of life we ever have to face. It's not easy to open up that painful part and share this with someone else. My role as a grief counselor is to provide a welcoming, supportive, safe space in which people are able to share their loss.

5. What are some healthy ways to cope with the loss in everyday life?

Because stress and often trauma are a part of grief and loss, anything that people can do to help lower their stress level is helpful. Any kind of movement, whether this is walking, stretching, dancing or any physical activity a person enjoys, is particularly helpful as our bodies tend to hold stress. Movement helps to release this. There are many other coping skills such as listening to music, being in nature, meditation, reading, talking with others, crafts, word puzzles, adult coloring, and so forth.

Plan for the Future. Write Your Will Today.

Monday,
October 20
10am-12pm

Tuesday,
October 21
2-4pm

Wednesday,
October 22
5:30-7:30pm

LOCATED IN THE PEGGY F. MURPHY COMMUNITY GRIEF CENTER

**Appointments are limited—secure yours today
and provide your survivors with lasting peace of mind.**

Join us for Write a Will Week, hosted at Stillwater Hospice Oct. 20-22, and take the meaningful step of securing your legacy—while supporting a cause close to your heart.

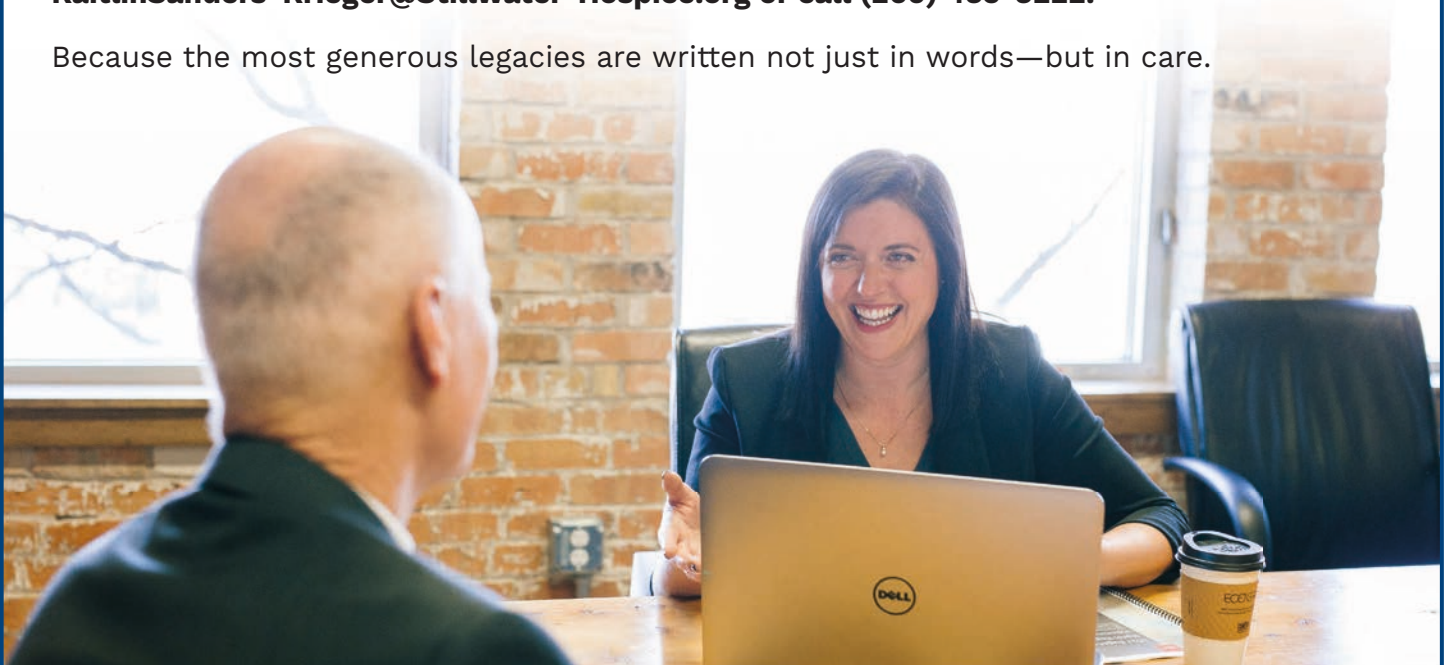
During Write a Will Week, local attorneys volunteer their time to help individuals create or update a basic will, free of charge. In return, participants include a charitable gift to a nonprofit dear to them in their will.

By doing so, you can create a lasting impact that reflects your values and supports causes you care about—ensuring your compassion lives on. Every legacy gift, no matter the size, helps nonprofit agencies like Stillwater Hospice care for the community.

For 137 years, Stillwater Hospice has stood by our community in life's most tender moments. Your planned gift helps us continue that mission for generations to come.

To learn more or schedule a 30-minute will-writing appointment, please email KaitlinSanders-Krieger@Stillwater-Hospice.org or call (260) 435-3222.

Because the most generous legacies are written not just in words—but in care.



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40TH ANNUAL

Holiday Memorial Service & Tree Lighting

Sunday, November 23, 2025 • 5-6 p.m.

Baker Street Train Station • 221 W. Baker Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

This season, remember someone special by adding a light to the Holiday Memorial Tree, and join us for the inspirational lighting ceremony. Please reserve your symbolic memorial light by November 1.

RSVP required by Nov. 1. Attendees this year will receive a gift to take home and commemorate this event. Please RSVP to the event and reserve your memorial light online at Stillwater-Hospice.org/HMT, or call the Stillwater Foundation at (260) 435-3252.



Reserve Your Memorial Light and RSVP Online at stillwater-hospice.org/HMT



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CHARITY PARTNER

We encourage you to choose **Stillwater Hospice** on your registration form as your charity of choice when you sign up for a Fort4Fitness event!

Winter Wonder Dash | Nov. 14 & 15, 2025

Unlocking Strategic Giving:

UNDERSTANDING DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS (DAFS)

If you're seeking a creative, more flexible way to support the causes you care about, a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) may be the perfect tool. Whether planning a major gift, navigating a high-income year, or aiming for more strategic giving, DAFs offer compelling advantages.

What Is a Donor-Advised Fund?

A DAF is a charitable giving account established through a sponsoring organization like a community foundation, financial institution, or nonprofit. You contribute assets, receive an immediate tax deduction, and recommend grants to your favorite charities over time.

This approach separates the timing of your tax-deductible gift from decisions about which nonprofits to support, giving you flexibility and long-term impact. While Stillwater Hospice does not sponsor DAFs, we're happy to offer guidance and encourage you to consult a financial or tax advisor.

How DAFs Work

- 1. Contribute** – Make a tax-deductible donation to your DAF.
- 2. Grow** – Your assets may be invested and grow tax-free under your provider's options.
- 3. Grant** – Recommend grants to IRS-qualified charities like Stillwater Hospice.

Key Benefits of Donor-Advised Funds*

- 1. Immediate Tax Deduction** – Receive a tax deduction in the year you contribute, even if you distribute grants later.
- 2. Flexibility & Simplicity** – Decide which charities to support over time and enjoy streamlined record-keeping with a single statement.
- 3. Diverse Asset Contributions** – Depending on your provider, you can donate cash, stocks, real estate, and more.

**Always consult a financial or tax advisor for personalized guidance.*

New: Recommend a Grant Using Our DAF Widget

Already have a DAF? Our new online widget makes it easy to recommend a grant to Stillwater Hospice. Simply:

- Search for your DAF provider (e.g., Fidelity Charitable, Schwab, Vanguard)
- Start a grant recommendation from our site
- Save time while making an impact

Try it at: www.stillwater-hospice.org/daf

Support Stillwater Hospice Through Your DAF

Recommending a grant is simple via our DAF widget or your provider's portal using our legal details below.

Many of our supporters are also choosing to extend their impact by naming Stillwater Hospice as a DAF beneficiary. This is a simple, flexible way to ensure your commitment to our mission continues to thrive into the future, and we would be honored to carry your legacy forward in this way!

Since donor details may not accompany grants, please notify us about your incoming gift so we can thank you and share your gift's impact.

Questions?

Call (260) 435-3222 or (800) 288-4111

Email: donations@stillwater-hospice.org

Giving should be joyful. Using a donor-advised fund to support Stillwater Hospice is a thoughtful way to make a lasting difference.

Legal Name:

Visiting Nurse dba Stillwater Hospice

EIN: 35-1687026

Address: 5910 Homestead Road,
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2024 Annual Report

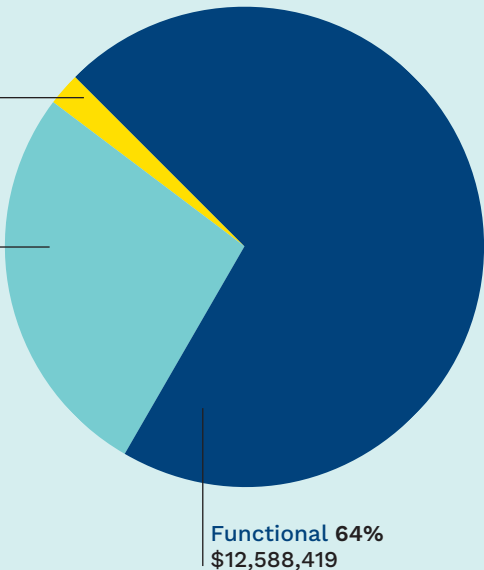
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Expenses

Total: \$19,647,994

Fundraising 2%
\$488,399

Administrative 33%
\$6,571,176



Patient Services Revenue

Total: \$21,785,216

Individuals and others 1%
\$235,375

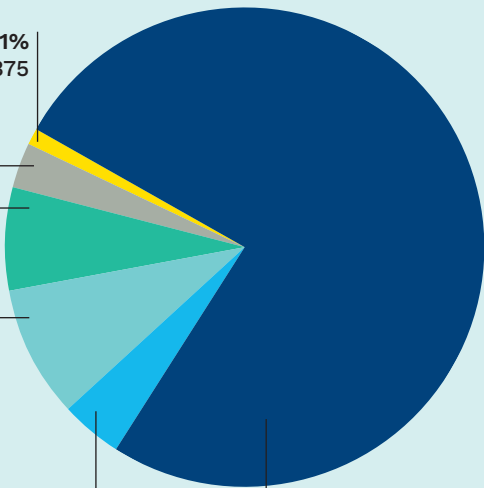
Medicaid 2%
\$455,658

Charity and contractual allowances 7%
\$1,497,400

Investment gains, contributions and others 10%
\$2,203,330

Insurance 5%
\$1,033,392

Medicare 75%
\$16,360,061



Assets

Cash:..... \$2,403,832

Investments: \$17,680,080

Accounts Receivable: \$2,285,608

Prepaid Expenses:..... \$86,559

Contributions Receivable: \$117,050

Property & Equipment: \$5,432,095

Goodwill:..... \$152,046

Total Assets \$28,157,270

Liabilities

Accounts Payable:..... \$1,749,491

Provider Relief Fund Refundable: \$0

Accrued Expenses: \$601,942

Total Liabilities..... \$2,351,433

Net Assets

Unrestricted:..... \$24,819,337

Donor Restricted:..... \$986,500

Total Net Assets \$25,805,837

Functional Expenses

Hospice at Home:..... \$9,405,313

Inpatient Facilities: \$1,793,143

Palliative Care:..... \$1,389,963

Total..... \$12,588,419

** Goodwill is an intangible asset that accounts for the excess purchase price of another company. Items included in goodwill are proprietary or intellectual property and brand recognition, which are not easily quantifiable.*

Our Mission:
Stillwater Hospice provides compassion, comfort, and guidance through life’s journey.

2024 Patient Data



1,392

RECEIVED

Hospice Care



1,088

RECEIVED

**Palliative
Care**



54,800

TOTAL NUMBER OF

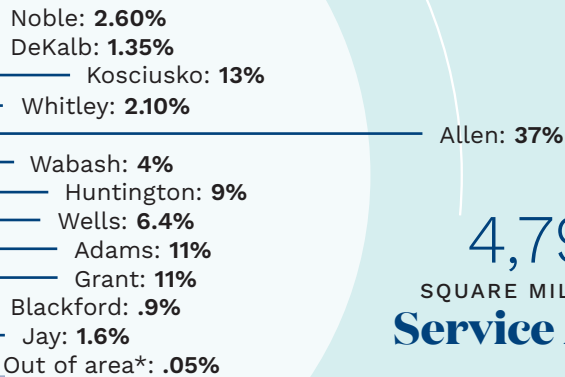
**Patient
Visits**



2,136

**Grief
Counseling
Sessions**

Stillwater Hospice Patients by County



**At Hospice Home, we care for patients that travel to us that do not have a primary residence in our current service area.*

4,791
SQUARE MILES OF
Service Area



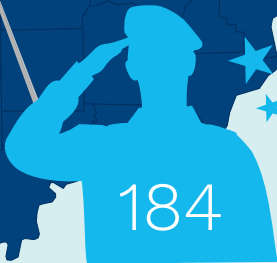
Volunteers

146

TOTAL NUMBER OF
Volunteers

7,417

TOTAL NUMBER OF
Volunteer hours



184

Veterans

WERE HONORED WITH AN
American flag blanket



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‘Everybody understands’

ARDIS AND POLLY A COMFORTING PRESENCE

Every second and fourth Wednesday afternoon, Ardis Behrendt and her dog Polly make their way to the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center, where they join a community of women who have lost a spouse and are grieving together. As volunteer facilitators of the Women’s Afternoon Grief Support Group (along with volunteer Joyce Smith), the pair provides a comforting presence that helps those grieving the death of a loved one.

“I think the greatest blessing about a grief group is that we can talk about our loss and everybody understands.”

“You know, you might go out to lunch with a group of friends, but they’re not going to understand if you start talking about your grief. I think it opens doors that you get in no other place other than a grief group. When you have a group, you have other perspectives that are coming out.”

Like many first-timers, Ardis struggled to say more than her name and that of her late husband, John, who died the day after Thanksgiving 2016, when she went to her first group in February 2017. But she kept coming back and eventually, Dar Richardson, the group’s facilitator at the time, suggested that she consider becoming a volunteer grief group facilitator and run the women’s group.

When she first began facilitating the group, she brought her therapy dog, Sassy. After Sassy passed away in March 2023, Ardis decided to get another puppy, the delightful sheepdog/poodle mix named Polly. Both dogs won over countless mourners who felt more comfortable sharing their stories, thanks to the dogs’ sweet nature.

“Both Sassy and Polly, they’re just so full of love. And even though, as a therapy dog, you want to have them trained and under control, they have that love for people that just propels them to go to somebody. And one of the places I take Polly, besides grief group, is (a nursing) community, and many of the residents will say, ‘Oh, she’s so happy when she comes in, her tail’s wagging and she has a smile on her face.’ And that’s true, she is.”

Polly’s fuzzy smile and wagging tail puts people at ease.

“And to this day, when we have a first timer in our group, we always tell them, if you can’t talk, we understand. We’ve all been a first timer. So, if you can get your name out, sometimes that’s all you can say,” she said.

“But to be in a group like that where you could sit and cry and cry and cry and not feel ostracized, or nobody is saying, ‘Oh, don’t. Don’t cry. Don’t cry!’ That’s all you want to do is cry for a while, you know? And like I said, it’s such a gift to be in a group where you can really let it all hang out, and everybody in the group understands.”



“For those considering attending a grief support group, you are going to find the support there that you will find nowhere else, because everyone who is sitting in that group is experiencing the same journey that you are on.”

For those considering attending a grief support group, Ardis says, “you are going to find the support there that you will find nowhere else, because everyone who is sitting in that group is experiencing the same journey that you are on. Now, we’re not the same person. We’re not grieving the same person. All our walks are different, but we can understand where you are coming from. I can’t feel exactly how you feel, but I can tell you what feelings I’ve had, and you’ll find, oh, I have those same feelings too.”

The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center, a service of Stillwater Hospice, provides more than a dozen monthly grief support groups for adults who have suffered a loss due to death. Hospice involvement is not required to receive grief services. More than 1,300 people receive individual or group grief support or participate in complementary grief programs each year. To begin your healing journey, call (260) 435-3261 or email GriefCenter@stillwater-hospice.org.



More Than Groceries: Elsa’s Gift of Comfort



There’s a small black notebook that holds two notepads sitting on a desk. Inside are meticulous records kept by the late volunteer Elsa Wagner.

Every day, from the first day she became a fully-fledged Stillwater Hospice volunteer in 2008, until the world shut down because of COVID in 2020, Elsa wrote down what she did to help care for Stillwater Hospice (then Visiting Nurse).

And what she did most was go grocery shopping for Hospice Home.

“Elsa would clip coupons and kept track of sales and specials,” said Volunteer Director Sarah Plasterer. “She’d come in with all of her reusable bags, go through the list and pull out her coupons and sales flyers to get the absolute best value.”

Special treats like Jell-O parfaits were always a hit.

“Every week she would bring something special we could offer off the menu” at Hospice Home, Plasterer said. “She was so sweet and kind.”

Elsa volunteered with our agency until COVID, and sadly, Elsa passed away Sept. 16, 2023. Her husband Bob shared Elsa’s journal as a testament to the dedication Elsa represented in all Stillwater’s volunteers.



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A DECADE OF HEALING:

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center

Ten years ago, Stillwater Hospice opened the doors of the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center with a simple yet profound mission: to offer hope and healing to those navigating the difficult journey of grief. What began as a vision has grown into a trusted community resource that has touched thousands of lives in northeast Indiana.

This year, we celebrate the Grief Center's 10th anniversary with deep gratitude—for the courageous individuals who have walked through our doors, the compassionate counselors and volunteers who have listened and guided, and the generous supporters who have made this work possible.

As we honor this milestone, we are reminded of the thousands of lives touched by the Grief Center's care—a place where loss meets love and healing begins. Now, as we celebrate 10 years of providing hope, we are called to secure the future of this vital work. With your help, we will expand our programs and enhance our Center to continue meeting the growing needs of our community.

Filling a Critical Need

Grief is one of life's great equalizers—no one is immune. It reaches across every boundary of age, culture, and background. Every year in

Allen County alone, over 3,700 families experience the loss of a loved one, leaving thousands in need of support, understanding, and guidance. We also serve grieving individuals in 12 surrounding counties.

Hospice involvement is not required to receive services at the Grief Center; in fact, nearly two-thirds of the mourners we serve had no hospice connection. They may have experienced the death of a loved one due to accidents, suicide, homicide, overdose or sudden illness. Their grief can be complicated, and our grief counselors continue to train on all aspects of grief care.

Unique in the region, the Grief Center is the only free-standing grief support center for adults in northeast Indiana. It offers individual counseling, support groups, workshops, and remembrance events—all designed to help people honor their grief and begin to heal. Over the past decade, thousands have found solace here, whether after the loss of a spouse, parent, child, sibling, or friend.

Grief affects every aspect of life, leaving many feeling isolated and overwhelmed, especially in a society that often misunderstands or avoids mourning. Without support, unresolved grief can lead to serious mental and physical health



challenges, including depression, substance abuse, and increased hospitalizations. Compassionate education and support are essential to help individuals heal, particularly for those facing complicated grief from traumatic losses like overdose, suicide, or homicide. By addressing grief in healthy ways, individuals can regain their well-being, reduce medical burdens, and find the strength to move forward.

In the past decade, the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center has seen a 268% increase in demand for its services. Grief doesn't wait, and neither can we. Our community deserves a space where healing can take root and grow, and that is why we must act now.

By enhancing our facility and expanding our programs, we can ensure that no one faces grief alone.

Stories of Impact

Every story that begins with heartbreak also reveals resilience. One participant shared, "I didn't know how to keep going after my husband died. The Grief Center helped me realize I wasn't alone. Just sitting with others who understood gave me hope."

Another attendee reflected, "I was hesitant to seek support, but the counselors made me feel safe. They listened without judgment and helped me find ways to honor my loved one while moving forward."

These stories highlight the Center's unique role in our community—creating a compassionate space where grief is acknowledged, and healing is nurtured.

Marking 10 Years with the "Give 10, Tell 10" Campaign

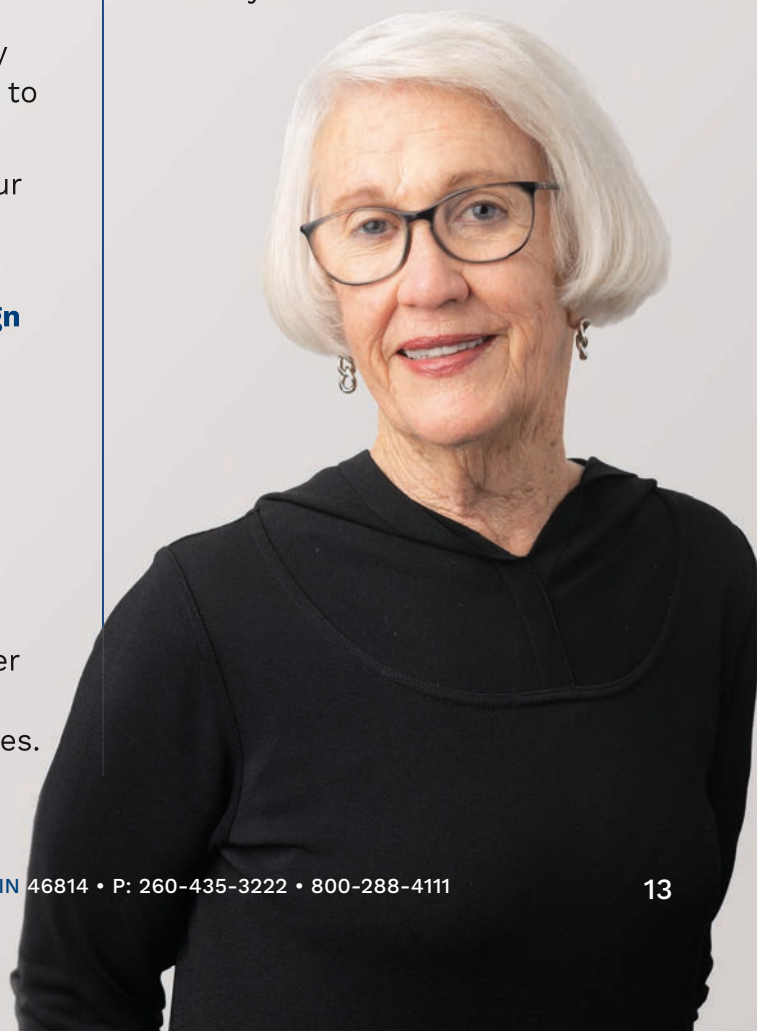
To honor this anniversary, Stillwater Hospice has launched the "Give 10, Tell 10" campaign. The idea is simple but powerful: give \$10 to support the Grief Center and tell 10 friends about its life-changing services.

This grassroots campaign reflects the spirit of the Grief Center itself—community members supporting one another through connection. Every gift, no matter the size, ensures that the Grief Center remains accessible to all, regardless of financial circumstances.

Why I Give

Nancy Stewart

I consider it a privilege to donate to the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center, so everyone will be able to have access to grief counseling and compassionate support. We will all experience grief and what a blessing to know we don't have to grieve alone! A friend recently said to me, "The Grief Center is one of the 'best-kept' secrets in town"! Let's change that to the "best-known"! Please join me in supporting those that go on living with a contribution to the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center. Thank you!



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By spreading the word, supporters help raise awareness so that no one has to walk through grief alone.

Why Your Support Matters

As a nonprofit, Stillwater Hospice relies on the generosity of donors to sustain and expand services. The need is greater than ever. With rising rates of complicated grief, mental health challenges, and isolation, the Center’s role has never been more critical.



Your gift helps fund counseling sessions, group programs, and community events that bring light into dark moments, while also refreshing the building itself. It provides the resources for trained grief counselors to sit

alongside someone in pain, helping them take one more step toward healing.

Looking Ahead

While we celebrate the past 10 years, our focus is also on the future. The vision for the next decade includes expanding programs, reaching more underserved populations, and creating new ways to support individuals as they grieve. With continued community partnership, we can ensure the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center remains a beacon of hope for generations to come.

Join the Celebration

Ten years ago, the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center was just a dream. Today, it stands as a testament to what compassion and community can build together. With your help, the next decade will be filled with even more stories of resilience, love, and healing.



THE PEGGY F. MURPHY
Community Grief Center

Ten years ago, Stillwater Hospice established the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center for those who go on living after the death of a loved one.

Now, as we celebrate 10 years of providing hope, we are called to secure the future of this vital work. With your help, we will expand our programs and enhance our Center to continue meeting the growing needs of our community.

Campaign Goal:
\$1,265,600

Paint and Carpet Replacement.....	\$205,000
Lower-Level Conference Video and Audio System	\$50,000
Community Room Audio System	\$20,000
Concrete Leveling	\$3,500
Future Facility Maintenance Funds	\$250,000
Grief Center Endowment Fund.....	\$250,000
FULLY FUNDED:	
Labyrinth Construction.....	\$41,600
Pond Rock Landscaping.....	\$15,000
Shrub Replacement.....	\$5,500



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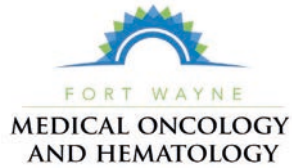
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