



Partners In Care

Dear friends of Partners In Care:

As President and CEO of Partners In Care, I am truly honored to announce and present you with our plans for a new home for hospice. The new 14,600-square-foot Hospice House on our campus in Bend features twelve suites in a homelike environment, creating an oasis of tranquility, comfort, and specialized care. It is a place where families can be together and focus on one another without the extra responsibility for the personal care of their loved one.

Nearly twenty years ago, a six-bed inpatient unit was constructed within the clinical administrative building on our four-acre campus. While it has served Partners In Care well, it is inadequate to meet the needs of our growing region and limits our ability to provide all three levels of care. The new facility will address these limitations while setting us on a course of financial sustainability and flexibility to meet the needs of patients at the end of their lives.

The new Hospice House is the centerpiece of a master plan for the expansion of our Bend campus. A new surface parking lot will accommodate over 70 vehicles, and the remodeling of the clinical administration building will provide more space for staff, volunteers, and community groups to gather. These three projects are estimated to cost \$12 million—half coming from our financial reserves and the balance raised through a capital campaign.

Hospice House is not a residential care facility—patients are admitted from home hospice care or directly from the hospital. The average length of stay at Hospice House is five days. Approximately 70 percent will die there while others return home after their symptoms have been managed or their families have received some respite from caregiving responsibilities.

There is no other specialty hospital like Hospice House east of the Cascades, and there are only three in the entire state. When we open in late 2021, hundreds of people a year will be served at Hospice House with the cost of their care covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance providers.

We will be ready for that day when our mission of compassionate healthcare will continue to be fulfilled at our new Hospice House. Let's build it together!

With gratitude,

Eric Alexander