



Community Impact Report

Fiscal Year 2024

Our Mission

Brighten the lives of the patients, families,
and residents of communities served by
Tidewell Hospice and its affiliated companies by
increasing awareness, funds, engagement, and
advocacy to sustain and expand the exceptional
programs and services offered.



4

Florida Counties Served

4,808

Total Donors

\$5,201,000

Grants to Tidewell Hospice
and Empath Health Affiliates

\$10,985,000

Total Revenue

Dear Friends and Supporters

We are deeply grateful for the countless heartwarming moments that have showcased the strength of our community this year. Amidst the recovery from multiple hurricanes, we continued to serve patients across the Florida region. Individuals benefited from the impactful programs and services the Foundation funds because of generous donors and community partners. It is truly an honor to contribute to enhancing the lives of patients, families, and communities served in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto counties.

Looking forward, we are preparing for the expanded needs for counseling within the Community Grief and Blue Butterfly Family Grief Programs. We are hiring additional Grief Counselors to meet the need in our four-county region. Recently we hosted the first ever Grief Care Art Show at the Lakewood Ranch Library funded by donors. The art show featured creations from participants of the Tidewell's Grief Support Program. Participants use art to process their grief, to help them heal, and to move forward.

The new Empath Life Center opened in March 2025 in Bradenton. The center will serve aging seniors in Sarasota and Manatee Counties in need of primary and specialty medical services, nutrition, therapies medication monitoring, and personal and supportive care delivered through an activity-rich, adult day care environment.

Beyond hospice care, the Tidewell Foundation is helping fund Full Life Care for all through the many new programs and services offered by Empath Health in our community. We are profoundly grateful to all supporters, whose generosity and compassion make a difference. Together, we are creating brighter days for those facing life's most challenging moments.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Delesa Morris".

Delesa Morris, MS, CFRE
President, Tidewell Foundation

Tidewell Foundation

The Tidewell Foundation supports Tidewell Hospice, providing compassionate care through therapies, grief counseling, and veteran recognition. Donor contributions fund these programs, bringing comfort to families, children, and veterans in need.



Brightening Lives and Lifting Hearts

Compassion, comfort, and care are at the heart of the Tidewell Foundation, which provides philanthropic support for Tidewell Hospice and affiliates of Empath Health. When life brings its most difficult challenges, the Tidewell Foundation ensures no one faces them alone. Through the generosity of donors, it transforms lives—advancing care that soothes and uplifts during times of serious illness, loss, and grief – regardless of a patient’s ability to pay.

Through the advancement of innovative programs, the Tidewell Foundation extends hospice care beyond traditional medical services. Music, art, and massage therapies soothe the mind, body, and spirit. The Blue Butterfly Family Grief Center, grief counseling, and outreach programs nurture resilience and healing. Veterans receive special honors, in recognition of their sacrifices for their country.

Community initiatives including the Tidewell Treasures resale stores and events like the Annual Signature Luncheon and Tidewell Remembrance Walk generate vital funds for programs. Contributions also come from planned giving, corporate partnerships, and memorial gifts that honor loved ones. Donors and volunteers are celebrated year-round, with their impact highlighted through stories of lives touched.



Every dollar raised transforms lives—bringing peace to families in crisis, helping children navigate grief, and honoring veterans with dignity. Donors to the Tidewell Foundation ensure access to compassionate care and emotional support when it matters most.

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Community Impact



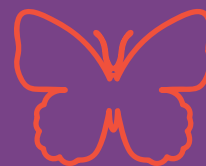
\$1,797,857

Charity Care
and Hospice Houses



\$23,279

Tidewell Honors
Veterans



\$679,126

Tidewell Blue
Butterfly Program



\$1,319,882

Community Grief and
Hospice Grief



\$144,398

Cardiac Care
Program



\$457,551

Nurse Residency
Program



\$455,506

Complementary
Services



\$279,658

Palliative Care



\$43,673

Pediatric
Hospice Care

Signature Events



The Tidewell Foundation not only raises funds for critical programs, but it raises awareness of the ongoing need for support. Throughout the year, community events provide an opportunity to highlight the impact and accomplishments made possible with generous donations. Thank you to everyone who supported the Tidewell Foundation events this year. Your generosity ensures vital programs and services are available for the community.

Inaugural Remembrance Walk

On Saturday, November 4, 2023, more than 300 Tidewell friends gathered at Nathan Benderson Park to honor memories of loved ones and raise money to support the free services Tidewell Hospice provides at the inaugural Tidewell Foundation Remembrance Walk, presented by AllTrust Insurance.

15th Annual Signature Luncheon

Continuing the tradition of inspiring and informative speakers, over 575 people attended the Signature Luncheon's crystal anniversary event at the Ritz-Carlton Sarasota on March 1, 2024.

Featured speaker Marilu Henner dazzled the audience with her energetic storytelling. Henner is a health advocate, famed movie, TV, and Broadway actress, author, and memory expert. In 2019, she became a spokesperson for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

Special thanks to Exclusive Signature Sponsor, Caldwell Trust Company, and all the sponsors and guests who made the Luncheon a huge success!

Linens and Love

In March 2024, Tidewell Foundation's fourth annual Linens and Love drive set records for the collection of new sheets, towels and other linens, which are provided to patients in need. In partnership with Dignity Memorial, generous donors gave more than 1,400 individual linen items and another \$10,000 in monetary donations!

Featured Sponsor

Caldwell Trust



Caldwell Trust Company has proudly been a corporate sponsor of Tidewell Hospice since 2004, demonstrating its commitment to giving back to the community. Over the years, it has supported numerous initiatives, including serving as the long-time luncheon sponsor for more than 18 years. Recently, the company celebrated its 30th anniversary in Venice and Sarasota, FL. Caldwell Trust remains a valued partner of the Tidewell Foundation.

Blue Butterfly 6th Anniversary Celebration

In recognition of the Blue Butterfly Family Grief Program's 6-year anniversary, Tom & Sherry Koski hosted an inspiring evening at Café BarBosso on April 10, 2024. Guests dined among artwork created by the program's children and heard their stories of healing and hope.

Red, White, & Brave

On April 16, 2024, women Veterans were honored at the Robert Toale and Sons Celebration of Life Center. Women in the armed forces do not always receive the same recognition as their male counterparts, yet their sacrifices are just as meaningful. C.J. Bannister, Linda Collins, Aretha Gipson, Linda Gould, Stephanie Petersen, Kendra Simpkins, and Rose Witters were honored.

Thanksgiving Meal Drive

Tidewell Foundation staff and 35 volunteers delivered smiles and warm wishes with 513 ready-to-heat Thanksgiving dinners for hospice patients and their families. The goal was to ensure they could enjoy quality time together without the stress of shopping and cooking. Thank you to Morton's Gourmet Market and The Grove/Pier 22 for preparing the nourishing meals!

Other Events

Events hosted by supporters in the community are also appreciated! The 6th Annual Chad Day Memorial Fishing Tournament, held April 20-21, 2024, raised much-needed funds while honoring Chad's memory. Other events included parties to collect items and donations for families in the Blue Butterfly program.



Photos ID; Caldwell Trust Founder, Roland George Caldwell (passed away on April 24, 2023) along with his son and President & CEO, R.G. "Kelly" Caldwell, Jr.

Charity Care

The Tidewell Foundation ensures no patient is turned away due to financial hardship, covering essential hospice services not fully reimbursed by insurance. Donations provide medical care, equipment, and therapies that ease pain and anxiety for patients of all ages. Your support helps families focus on their loved ones, making each day count without financial stress.



957

Number of Hospice Patients Served

479

Complementary Therapy Visits

2,206

Spiritual Counselor Visits

2,977

Social Worker Visits

2,397

Physician Visits

5

Bereavement Counselor Visits

7,136

Skilled Nursing Visits

What We Do

Thanks to generous Tidewell Foundation donors, patients and families in the community who need care are never turned away due to an inability to pay.

Many important hospice services are not covered or fully reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance. The Foundation steps in to fill the gap, ensuring that patients receive support—including medical care, equipment, and counseling—at a time when they need it most.

Your Donations At Work

Donors like you brighten the lives of patients and lighten the load for caregivers, so they can focus on making each day count. Because of your support:

- Patients can receive hospice services, even if they are ineligible for Medicare coverage.
- Parents of terminally ill children can devote time to their child without worrying about finances.
- Elderly patients can feel relief from pain and anxiety through services not covered by insurance or reimbursed by Medicare/Medicaid, such as music, art, or pet therapy.
- Children who need hospice services can receive it, even if their caregiver loses insurance because they are unable to work while caring for their child.

Why Your Support Matters

In the difficult days or months of a terminal illness, families should not bear the additional financial burden of their loved one's care. Thanks to your compassion and generosity, patients and families can receive services that bring comfort, ease pain, and brighten each day.

*The total amount for charitable hospice care includes contributions by both not-for-profit Tidewell Hospice and the Tidewell Foundation.



Compassion and Dignity for All

The hurricanes of 2024 wreaked havoc on southwest Florida, destroying homes, businesses, and possessions. This, in addition to increased costs of living, has left many hospice patients and their families struggling with the financial burden of essential care not covered by insurance. Even basic necessities, like fresh linens for a hospital bed, can become an unexpected hardship.

The Tidewell Foundation recognizes the added strain these challenges place on individuals already facing the end of life. Thanks to generous donors, patients can enjoy the simple comfort of new linens, in addition to the variety of complementary services that help bring them peace. Tidewell's dedicated staff offers steadfast support and guidance to patients and families navigating this difficult journey.

Grief Support

The Tidewell Foundation funds grief support services, offering counseling and support groups across four counties. Available to all, these programs help individuals process loss, cope with illness, and find hope. Donations ensure free access to specialized counseling and expand services to meet growing needs.



3,554

Hospice Grief
Support Sessions

591

Hospice Grief
Individuals Served

What We Do

Grief is a universal experience, yet many lack the support needed during this challenging time. The Tidewell Foundation provides funding for services to help individuals navigate grief and find hope. As the region's largest grief care program, counseling and numerous support groups are available across four counties.

Your Donations At Work

Tidewell's grief support services are available to all community members, regardless of whether their loved one was a Tidewell patient. Through the generosity of donors and community partners:

- **Support groups and counseling bring together individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one in similar ways.**
- **Dedicated grief centers and community locations accommodate therapeutic services in groups or one-on-one.**
- **Individuals gain a variety of strategies to process a serious illness diagnosis, cope with the death of their loved one, and find hope.**
- **Licensed Counselors receive training in specialties including Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART), to guide people through the trauma of sudden loss.**

Why Your Support Matters

Grief support is essential to combat the feelings of depression and hopelessness that can cast a dark shadow over life. The Tidewell Foundation is dedicated to ensuring these services are free for everyone in need. Your generosity enables the Grief Support Program to meet the growing demand, providing advanced training for counselors and expanding support groups. Together, we can light a path forward for those who are grieving, offering hope and healing in their darkest moments.



The Healing Booth

After reading about an innovative "wind phone," Tidewell grief counselor and certified art therapist, Lore Caldwell, suggested installing one at the Tidewell Family Grief Center in Ellenton. Originating from Japan, the phone is a tool to support individuals on their journey through grief. It is essentially a telephone booth with a non-working phone that people can use to have one more conversation with a loved one who has died.

Staff from multiple departments within the organization worked together to bring this vision to life. Thanks to donors and a grant from Manatee County Government, a special booth was constructed, complete with a light and a fan. Volunteers painted the booth, and a bench inside accommodates supportive family members or friends, ensuring no one has to grieve alone.

Blue Butterfly

The Tidewell Blue Butterfly program supports children and teens grieving the loss of a loved one, providing a safe space to heal. Through evidence-based therapy, kids develop healthy coping skills, connect with peers, and process emotions with their families. Donor support ensures these vital services remain free, helping young people build resilience for the future.



404

Children

681

Individuals
Served

277

Caregivers

7

Number of
Schools
Trained

56

Number of
Children
Served
in Schools

What We Do

The Tidewell Blue Butterfly program provides critical grief support services to children and teens ages 5-18 who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives. This program provides a safe space for sharing feelings, developing coping strategies, and honoring the memory of their loved one. The program also equips caregivers with tools and strategies to support their grieving child and themselves.

Your Donations At Work

Specially trained staff tailor program activities to meet the unique needs of children and teens, helping them navigate their grief and build resilience for the future. Through evidence-based therapy in a safe and supportive environment, children learn to:

- **Develop healthy coping mechanisms and prevent harmful behaviors like drug abuse, self-harm, or suicide.**
- **Connect with peers who have also experienced loss.**
- **Process emotions and work towards healing with the entire family.**

Why Your Support Matters

Children and teens experience and express grief differently than adults. They often struggle to understand and manage their emotions, which can lead to challenges at home, in school, and with their peers. Without proper support, grief can have long-lasting negative effects. Thanks to donor support, families can receive the vital services the Blue Butterfly Program provides at no cost.



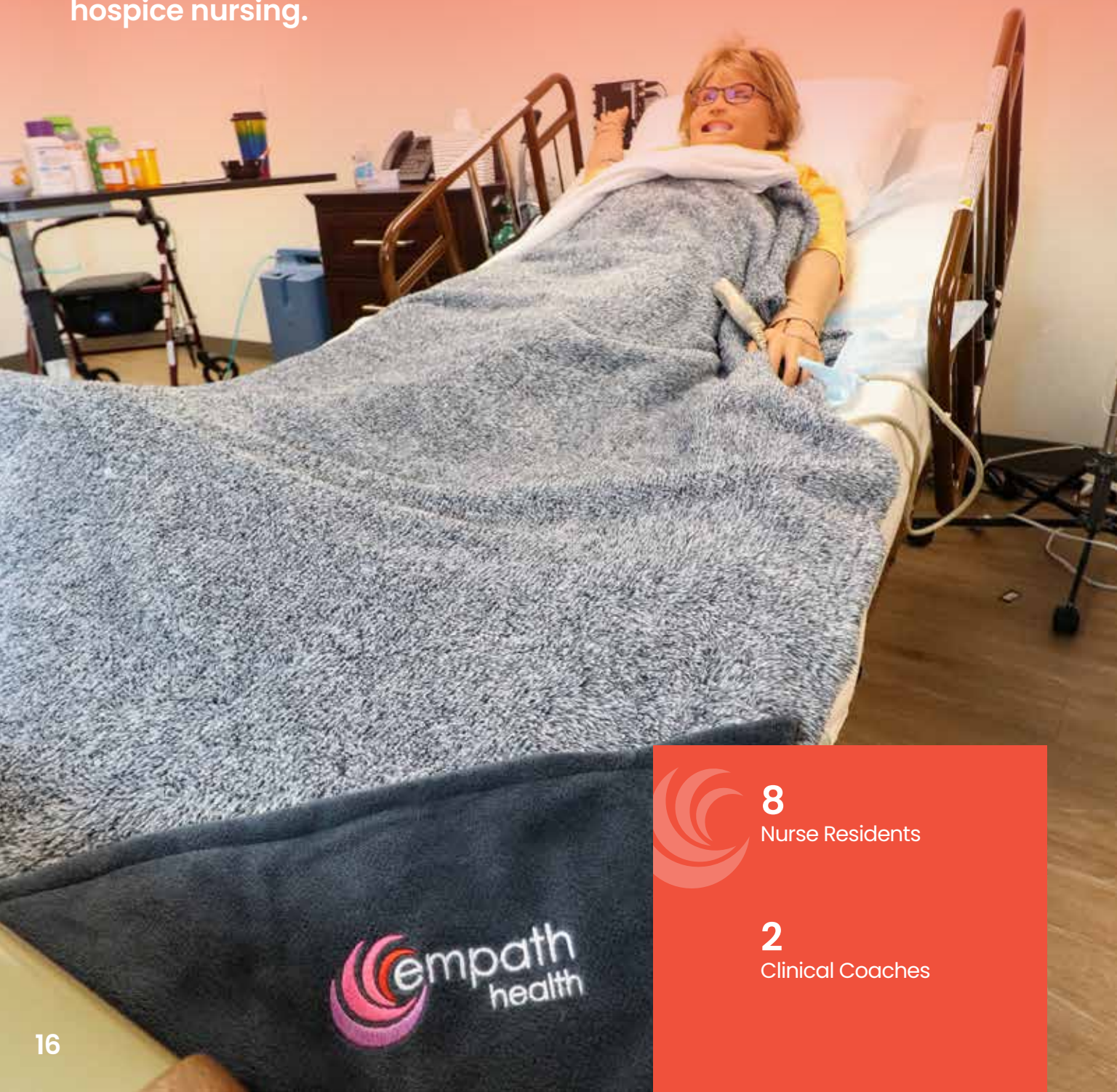
Empowering Children

The first Superhero Day at Blue Butterfly Family Grief Center was a huge success! Created by program manager, Danielle Wondrak, the goal is to help children cope with their grief by drawing on their own strengths. They manage their feelings through activities like writing uplifting words on a mirror.

Recognizing the need for grief support in educational settings, the Blue Butterfly program also provides specialized training for school mental health counselors. Following a successful pilot in 2023, the number of participating schools has grown to six in Manatee County and one in Sarasota County, serving a total of 56 children.

Nurse Residency

The Tidewell Nurse Residency Program trains new nurses in hospice care through hands-on experience and mentorship. Donor support ensures expert training strengthens the future of hospice nursing.



8

Nurse Residents

2

Clinical Coaches

What We Do

The Nurse Residency Program plays an integral role in the future of hospice care. Experienced preceptors train newly licensed registered nurses over 12 months in a hospice house setting, through classroom education, and with instruction in a state-of-the-art simulation lab. Nurses graduate from the program with valuable skills and guaranteed placement on a Tidewell Hospice team.

Your Donations At Work

The Tidewell Nurse Residency Program is shining a light on hospice nursing as a career specialty. In addition to administering nursing care, hospice nurses manage symptoms at end-of-life which may also involve facilitation of complimentary services such as music, art, or pet therapy. Nurse residents gain experience including:

- **Managing realistic scenarios through Tidewell's simulation lab, which resembles situations a nurse may encounter in a patient's home or care facility.**
- **Educating families to prepare them for their loved one's journey.**
- **Blending the clinical and social-emotional skills necessary to provide comprehensive care.**

Why Your Support Matters

Your support is vital to the Nurse Residency Program's success, enabling skilled preceptors to mentor residents while they gain hands-on experience. In 2024, donor contributions helped the program achieve a historic milestone as the first hospice-only nurse residency accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Commission! This prestigious recognition strengthens the profession, inspires future hospice nurses, and ensures dedicated preceptors continue guiding the next generation of care providers.



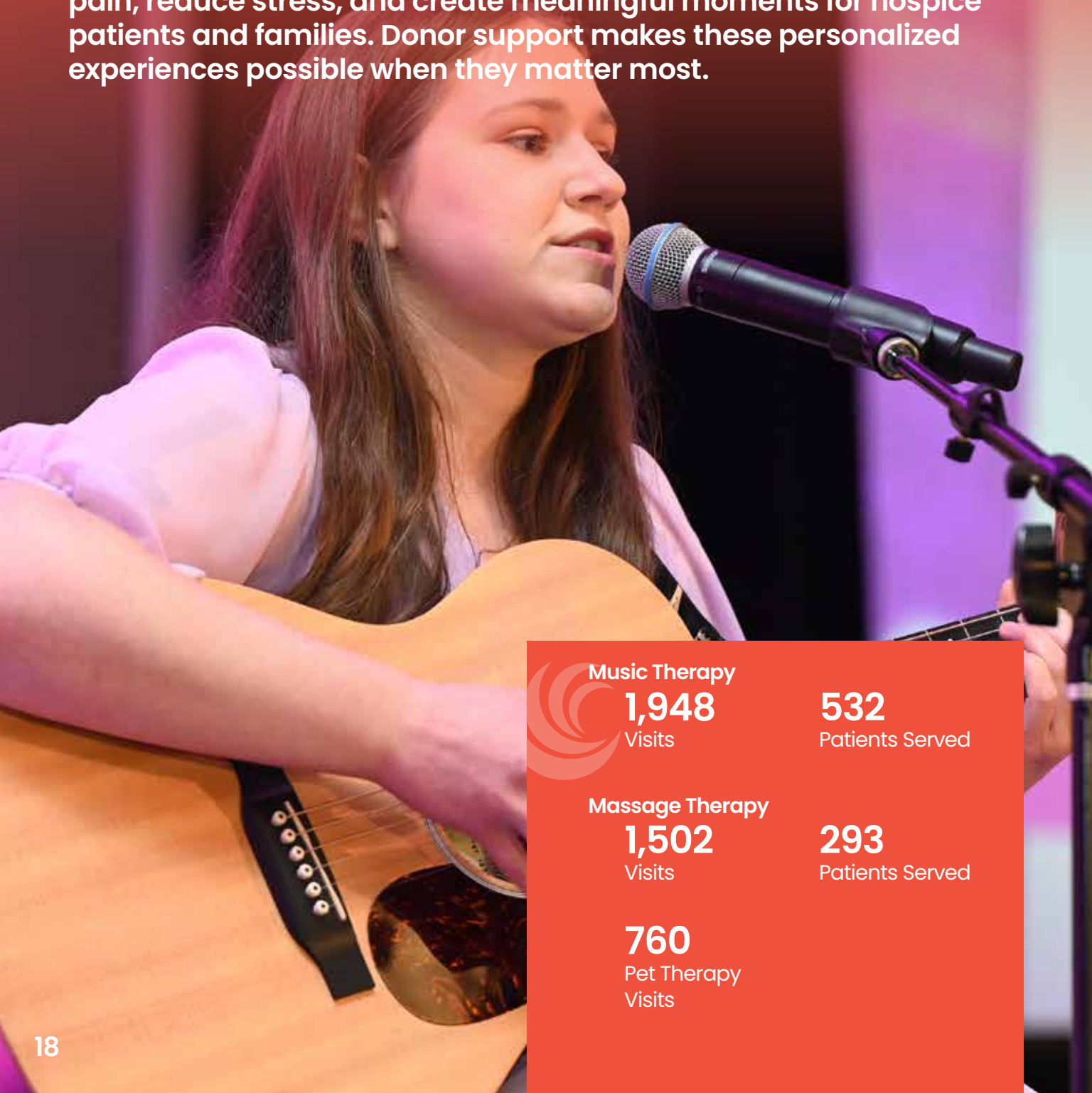
Nurturing Compassion, Transforming Care

Registered nurse, Emma Smolek, has been a driving force behind the Nurse Residency Program since its 2018 inception. Through this experience, she has turned her passion for mentorship into lasting impact. As the program's first clinical coach, Emma described her role, saying, "We transform fledgling nurses into compassionate hospice caregivers, providing comfort during life's most challenging moments."

Her dedication ensured the program's growth while maintaining excellence, culminating in a prestigious ANCC accreditation. For Emma, this national recognition is a career highlight and a testament to the power of nurturing talent to create meaningful change for patients, families, and the nursing profession.

Complementary Services

The Tidewell Foundation funds therapies like music, art, and pet therapy to bring comfort beyond medicine. These services ease pain, reduce stress, and create meaningful moments for hospice patients and families. Donor support makes these personalized experiences possible when they matter most.



Music Therapy

1,948

Visits

532

Patients Served

Massage Therapy

1,502

Visits

293

Patients Served

760

Pet Therapy
Visits

What We Do

A variety of clinically-proven treatments enhance the quality of life for hospice patients and their families. These services go beyond traditional medical care, offering integrative therapies that address the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of patients with advanced illnesses. Certified therapists assess each patient's needs and capabilities to determine which therapeutic activities will be most effective. Patients can access a wide variety of services, such as pet therapy, massage therapy, expressive arts, and music therapy.

Your Donations At Work

Your support brings comfort beyond medicine, easing pain and anxiety while creating meaningful experiences. Thanks to your generosity, patients can:

- **Create a personalized song with their heartbeat or lyrics for loved ones.**
- **Express emotions through art projects like memory boxes, quilts, or paintings.**
- **Experience the companionship of a therapy animal, reducing stress and boosting well-being.**

These personalized moments bring light to patients and families during difficult times.

Why Your Support Matters

Your generosity makes these therapies possible, providing comfort and peace when it matters most. With your support, hospice patients and their families can access services that ease stress, enhance well-being, and create meaningful moments during their journey. Every donation helps bring warmth, connection, and care to those in need.



Easing Pain and Brightening Lives

"They didn't just sing," Mike said, of the time his sister, Tabby, spent with music therapist, Maddie. "They talked, and they laughed."

Five certified music therapists serve the four-county region the Tidewell Foundation supports, combining their passion for music with a love of helping people. They assist with symptom management, offer emotional support, and often create legacy projects with patients to produce personalized music the family can keep forever.

When Tabby entered Tidewell Hospice care, she opted for music therapy. She gained a renewed sense of purpose and customized lyrics of a favorite song to reflect her life. Maddie sang the new lyrics to music that incorporated the rhythm of Tabby's heartbeat. The recording was played at her celebration of life.

Cardiac Care

The Advanced Cardiac Care Program helps patients with end-stage heart disease stay at home with loved ones. Donor support provides specialized care, comfort kits, and family education, reducing hospital visits. Your generosity ensures patients receive compassionate, dignified care in familiar surroundings.



1,009
Patients
Served

What We Do

The Advanced Cardiac Care Program at Tidewell Hospice provides specialized care that allows patients with end-stage heart diseases to remain in their homes, surrounded by loved ones. Skilled nurses work closely with patients' private physicians and Empath Palliative Care physicians. This collaborative approach ensures that patients receive the advanced therapies they need, minimizing disruptive hospital visits and allowing them to find solace at home.

Your Donations At Work

Donor contributions to the Tidewell Foundation are truly meaningful to Tidewell Hospice's Advanced Cardiac Care Program. Here are just a few examples of how your compassion is making a difference:

- The clinical staff's "high-touch" approach means they can quickly respond to any changes in a patient's health, preventing unnecessary pain and suffering or hospitalizations.
- One-on-one education for families and caregivers equips them with the knowledge and resources they need to navigate their loved one's health journey with confidence.
- Cardiac care comfort kits include essential medications that can help keep patients comfortable and safe at home.

Why Your Support Matters

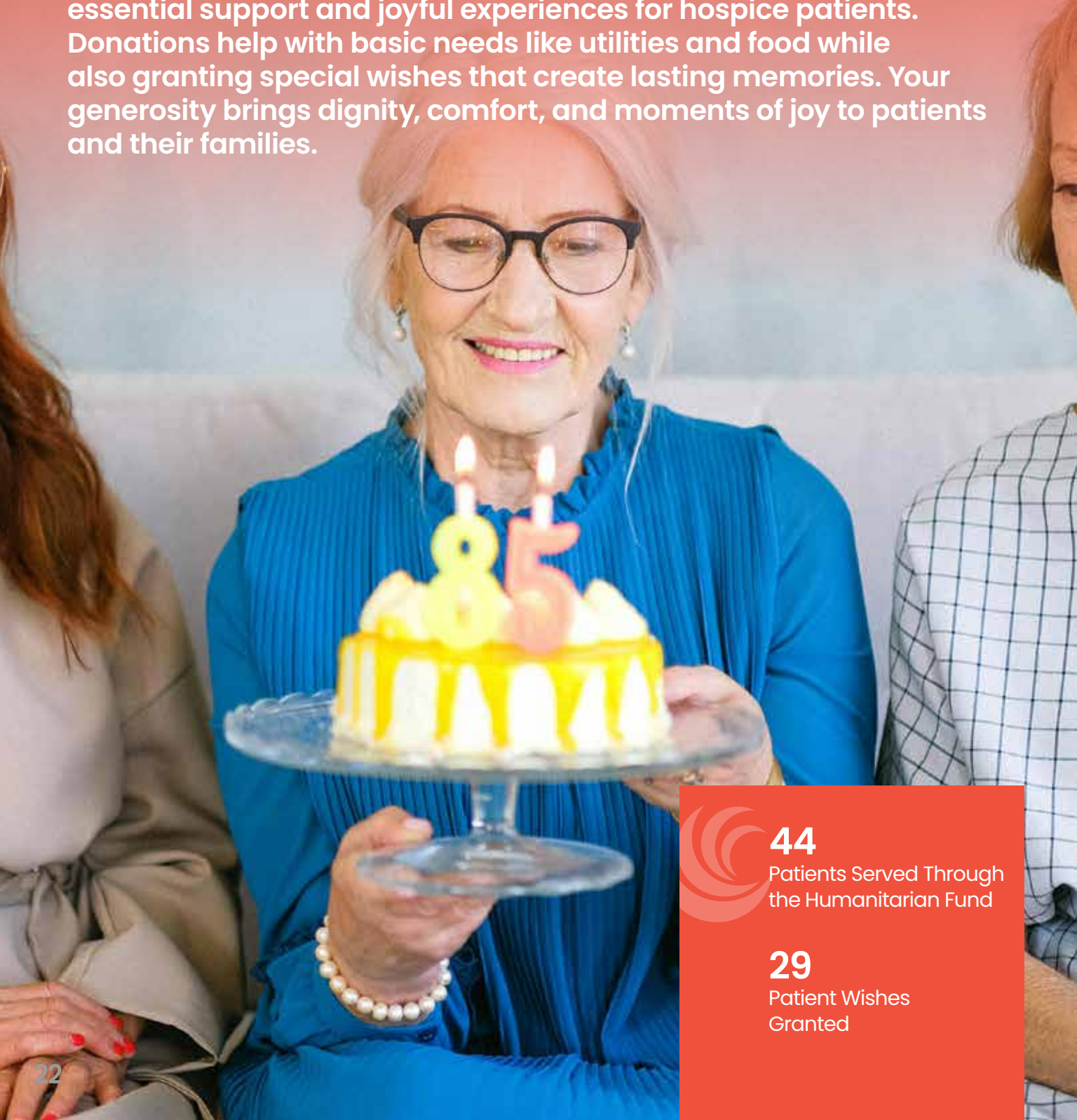
The Advanced Cardiac Care Program is a testament to the power of collective compassion. By supporting this program, donors ensure patients with complicated diagnoses can remain in their homes as long as possible. Extending far beyond medical care, the Tidewell team offers the reassurance of a familiar touch and the dignity of remaining at home.

Thank you for being a part of the Tidewell Foundation's mission to provide heartfelt care for all.



Humanitarian and Wishes Funds

The Tidewell Foundation's Humanitarian and Wishes Funds provide essential support and joyful experiences for hospice patients. Donations help with basic needs like utilities and food while also granting special wishes that create lasting memories. Your generosity brings dignity, comfort, and moments of joy to patients and their families.



44

Patients Served Through
the Humanitarian Fund

29

Patient Wishes
Granted

What We Do

From fulfilling basic needs to making dreams come true, the Tidewell Foundation brightens lives through the Humanitarian and Wishes Funds. Caring for someone with a terminal illness can be overwhelming, so the Humanitarian Fund helps with emergency assistance for essentials like food or utilities. Because support for the soul is also important, the Wishes Fund ensures hospice patients can celebrate special moments with loved ones or have a dream become a reality.

Your Donations At Work

The Humanitarian Fund has helped numerous families throughout the year, including a young patient and her father who needed temporary housing. Funds covered a short hotel stay until they found a permanent home. Wishes were granted for patients, including the following:

- **A 14-year-old patient received a kit to make a cast of her hand for her mother and three sisters as a keepsake.**
- **A 48-year-old was provided medical transport to the beach for one last sunset with her husband.**
- **A patient celebrated her 102nd birthday with visiting family members at a local restaurant, enjoying all her favorite foods.**

Why Your Support Matters

The Humanitarian and Wishes Funds are integral components of the Tidewell Foundation's mission to brighten lives. Donors make it possible for patients to experience dignity, comfort, and joyous moments, creating lasting memories for their families. Continued support of these funds will ensure patients' basic needs are met and meaningful wishes are granted.



Cherished Moments Over Tea

Molly, a Tidewell hospice patient at a long-term care facility, celebrated her 98th birthday in style, thanks to the Tidewell Foundation Wishes Fund. Her wish to experience high tea was granted, made even better with her granddaughter who flew in for a surprise visit! She accompanied Molly and three friends to a local café for a tea party. The ladies donned matching accessories and enjoyed an elegant afternoon sipping from beautiful teacups and indulging in sweet treats. It is such a privilege to help create experiences like this, that delight patients and provide cherished memories for their families.

Tidewell Treasures

Tidewell Treasures resale shops fund Tidewell Hospice programs through community donations and purchases. Volunteers create a welcoming space where every item sold supports critical hospice services like music and expressive art therapy. Your support helps provide comfort, dignity, and care to those in need.



Sarasota Location

5441 Palmer Crossing Circle
Sarasota, FL 34238
(941) 552-7555

Venice Location

523 Venice Bypass #41
Venice, FL 34285
In the Bird Bay Plaza
(941) 882-4467

82

Volunteers
at Sarasota
Tidewell
Treasures
location

120

Volunteers at
Venice
Tidewell
Treasures
location

TidewellTreasures.org

What We Do

Tidewell Treasures is more than a resale shop—it's a bridge of compassion connecting the community to Tidewell Hospice's vital mission. Each carefully displayed piece of furniture, every strand of jewelry, and even the simplest accessory holds a story, waiting to be shared while giving back to a cause that brightens lives.

The stores offer quality items at affordable prices and provide a way for the community to support Tidewell Hospice's free programs and services, such as music or art therapy. Volunteers, the heart and soul of Tidewell Treasures, greet customers with warmth, sort and price donated treasures, and create an inviting shopping experience.

Your Donations At Work

In fiscal year 2024, the Tidewell Treasures stores generated \$1,300,000 in revenue! These funds directly support Tidewell Hospice services, ensuring that individuals in need can access critical care, regardless of their financial situation. Each item donated or purchased helps sustain programs that bring comfort, joy, and dignity to patients and their families.

Why Your Support Matters

By donating gently used items or shopping at Tidewell Treasures, you contribute directly to a circle of giving. Beloved items have new life and serve as a reminder of the services each purchase makes possible. One shopper shared, "It really felt special to be able to repurpose some items that were special to those who experienced your organization's services. We found a nice China set and a jewelry dish. On the way home, we tried to think of the beautiful stories behind the previous owners."



Volunteer Brings Valuable Experience

Serving as a volunteer at the Tidewell Treasures store in Sarasota was the perfect opportunity for Grace, a local teenager, to gain work experience while earning community service hours for college. She'd had family members in hospice care, so she knew how much the program impacted lives. It was also meaningful to her that all the donated items had a story – they were extra special.

Eager to learn, Grace began helping at checkout and assisting customers. It wasn't long until she felt right at home, working alongside volunteers of all different ages. "Everyone was just so nice," Grace said. "I gained a lot more confidence and I hope to continue volunteering at Treasures."

Tidewell Honors Veterans

The Tidewell Honors Veterans program provides specialized hospice care and recognition for those who served. Donor support enables pinning ceremonies, support groups, and personal visits that honor veterans with dignity. Your generosity ensures they feel valued, connected, and at peace in their final days.



1,376

Number of Veterans served

506

Number of Veterans pinning ceremonies



What We Do

The Tidewell Honors Veterans program is dedicated to celebrating the service of veterans and addressing their unique needs in hospice care. With a Level 5 Certification – the highest standard – from the national “We Honor Veterans” organization, the Tidewell team is specifically trained to recognize the challenges faced by military members and their families. Services include tailored support groups and special pinning ceremonies to honor veterans for their sacrifices.

Your Donations At Work

Thanks to donor contributions, hundreds of area veterans experienced meaningful pinning ceremonies that provided recognition and dignity. Every ceremony and care interaction reflects our commitment to ensuring veterans feel valued and supported. From special events at assisted living or long-term care facilities to personal visits to veterans’ homes, staff and volunteers work hard to make heartfelt connections. Tidewell Honors Veterans also celebrated women veterans specifically, with a Red, White, and Brave Luncheon. Without caring donors, these impactful moments of gratitude and healing would not be possible.

Why Your Support Matters

Veterans have given so much to our nation, and many face specific end-of-life challenges rooted in their service. The Tidewell Foundation links veterans in hospice care with veteran volunteers who have the shared experience of military service. Your generosity ensures that no veteran is forgotten, offering them a sense of pride, peace, and connection during their final days.

A Program of Respect and Care

Linda Collins came to Tidewell specifically to join the Tidewell Honors Veterans program, as a veteran herself. She evolved from helping with patient pinning ceremonies to leading large community events at nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

Linda sought additional training to expand her role at Tidewell, contributing more than 2,400 hours as a volunteer who impacts countless lives. Linda inspires others to bring joy and respect to patients and families, regardless of whether they were a Veteran or not.

Linda shared, “To hear their stories is the best gift given to me. She takes enormous pride in presenting certificates of appreciation to Veterans in hospice care. To show her respect, she always wears her dress blues (even in the hot Florida sun).

Planned Giving

The Tidewell Foundation honors donors who make a lasting impact through planned gifts, ensuring compassionate care for future generations. Their support sustains hospice programs and grief counseling services. By including the Tidewell Foundation in their estate plans, donors receive tax benefits while helping thousands receive comfort, dignity, and essential care.



Your Legacy is Ours

When donors leave a planned gift to the Tidewell Foundation, they join a four-decade tradition of ensuring compassionate care for future generations. The Legacy Society honors individuals who make a lasting impact through estate and financial planning, helping sustain vital hospice programs.

By including the Tidewell Foundation in their estate plans, donors can receive immediate tax benefits while making a meaningful contribution that touches thousands of lives. Their generosity guarantees continued access to expert hospice care, grief support, and integrative therapies—ensuring that patients, families, and communities receive comfort and dignity for years to come.

Gift Your Life Insurance

A gift of life insurance allows you to make a large gift with little cost to yourself. You can contribute a life insurance policy you no longer need or purchase a new one and name the Tidewell Foundation as a full or partial beneficiary. Tax advantages can be realized.

Gift Annuities

Creating a Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Trust, or Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust allows for a donation to the Tidewell Foundation that pays you income for life while minimizing your income tax.

Gift Stocks

Donate long term highly appreciated stocks to the Tidewell Foundation, receiving a tax donation and avoiding capital gains tax.

Gift Your IRA

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a qualified charitable deduction (QCD) from your IRA directly to the Tidewell Foundation up to \$100,000. Since it goes straight to charity, you will be donating pre-tax dollars and avoiding income tax.

Gift A Vehicle

Gifts of tangible personal property such as a car, boat, or motorcycle can be gifted to be picked up and sold at auction. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.



Our Generous Donors

October 1, 2023–September 30, 2024



The 1980 Society

\$1,000,000+ Donors

Anonymous

Estate of Patricia Heffron

Monarch Circle

\$500,000–999,999 Donors

The Community Foundation of
Sarasota County, Inc.

Estate of Thomas F. McGuire

Leaders Circle

\$250,000–499,999 Donors

Estate of Roslyn P. Haney

President's Circle

\$100,000–249,999 Donors

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Walter C. and Renee W. Eppard

Eileen V. Gilbert Trust

Estate of Marilyn J. Hauser

Dorcas Life Hunt Estate

Schiffman, Sumiko Admin Trust

Estate of John Wallace

Advocate Circle

\$50,000–99,999 Donors

Claude C. Gerding TUA

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Hospice care plays a crucial role in providing support, dignity, and comfort to those at the end of life. At Tidewell Hospice, compassionate care is a core mission, reflected daily in the meaningful impact on patients and their families.



Tidewell Hospice's staff embodies dedication and compassion. Tina, a Wound Care and Ostomy Certified RN, has spent nearly four decades in hospice, including 17 years at Tidewell. Starting as a CNA, she now ensures patients receive expert wound care—an often-overlooked aspect of hospice. She also trains 240 nurses annually, instilling both skill and compassion. "Dying is a science," she reflects. "We're trained to walk people through the journey with grace and dignity."

For social worker Lisa, hospice became personal after her own experiences. When her husband was diagnosed with cancer, Tidewell provided care and emotional support. Now, Lisa helps ease fears and create meaningful experiences for patients. Whether arranging a seafood boil or offering a listening ear, she ensures every individual feels valued. "Tidewell is a warm hug, reassurance, and everything you need in a crisis," she explains.

A common misconception is that hospice means giving up, but Tidewell focuses on full-life care. From music therapy to pet therapy, services enhance quality of life. Tina stresses the importance of early referrals: "Hospice helps you live well until you die. Patients can enjoy the rest of their lives without suffering."



At Tidewell, dignity at life's end is a priority. Whether serving a homeless individual or a corporate executive, the goal remains the same: a peaceful passing. The holistic approach extends beyond patients to embrace families and communities. Every Tidewell story reflects a commitment to connection, dignity, and peace—ensuring no one walks this journey alone.

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4,389
Patients Served in
Sarasota County



2,412
Patients Served in
Charlotte County



3,386
Patients Served in
Manatee County



294
Patients Served in
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641
Total Number
of Employees



33
Volunteers Equal To
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\$2,558,375
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2024 Empath Health Highlights

In 2024, We continued to extend our Full Life Care mission, ensuring that every individual we served received comprehensive support addressing not just their physical needs but also emotional and spiritual well-being.

- **Opening of Empath LIFE in Tampa:** We successfully launched Empath LIFE in Tampa, expanding our commitment to providing comprehensive care to seniors through the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). At Empath LIFE we take a holistic approach to care, focusing on the whole person—mind, body, and spirit. Our team works together to create personalized care plans that address medical, emotional, and social needs, helping participants live full and meaningful lives. From healthcare and therapy to social activities and support services, we provide comprehensive care that nurtures independence and well-being.
- **Launch of Dementia GUIDE Programs:** Empath GUIDE distinguishes itself through its commitment to Full Life Care, addressing not only the medical needs of those with dementia but also providing a holistic approach that supports every aspect of life—physical, emotional, and spiritual. Empath Health launched Empath GUIDE, a transformative program supporting individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. Aligned with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model, the program emphasizes person-centered care through services such as care planning, 24/7 access to specialists, caregiver education, and respite care. The first patients have been accepted in the program at Hospice of Marion County, and Trustbridge in Palm Beach and Broward counties is set to launch Empath GUIDE in early 2025.
- **Nurse Residency Accreditation:** Empath Health's Tidewell Hospice Nurse Residency Program became the country's first hospice-only residency program to receive accreditation from the ANCC Practice Transition Accreditation Program (PTAP). This program sets the standard for transitioning registered nurses (RNs) into new practice settings.
- **Colleague Assistance Fund:** At Empath Health, our colleagues are the heart of our mission, and we understand that life can sometimes throw unexpected challenges their way. In 2024, we demonstrated our steadfast commitment to supporting Empath colleagues by providing over \$300,000 in direct financial assistance through the Colleague Assistance Fund. This fund serves as a lifeline for colleagues facing emergencies, helping them navigate unforeseen hardships without the added burden of financial stress. Your investment in the Colleague Assistance Fund directly impacts the lives of our dedicated team members. By supporting this fund, you contribute to fostering a compassionate, supportive work environment that enables our colleagues to deliver the highest standard of care to patients and families. When we care for our colleagues, we amplify our collective ability to serve with empathy and excellence.

Dear Supporters,

As we reflect on 2024, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for all Empath and Tidewell Foundation accomplished together. This has been a transformative year for Empath, marked by our continued commitment to compassionate care and innovative growth. One of the most significant milestones was the addition of Trustbridge to the Empath Health network of integrated care, making us the largest not-for-profit hospice provider in Florida. Today, 1 in 5 hospice patients in the state are served by an Empath hospice program.

Our mission of Full Life Care has served 76,000 individuals across 20 counties with \$17 million in uncompensated care provided to those in need. We have been able to achieve so much, thanks to the 4,300 colleagues and 3,700 volunteers who dedicated 355,000 hours of service, with a time value of \$11 million. Thank you one and all.

Looking ahead to 2025, our focus remains on expanding access to high quality care, investing in colleagues, enhancing operational excellence and fostering partnerships. Your philanthropic support allows us to serve even more Floridians and continue to transform lives through empathy, care, dignity and compassion.

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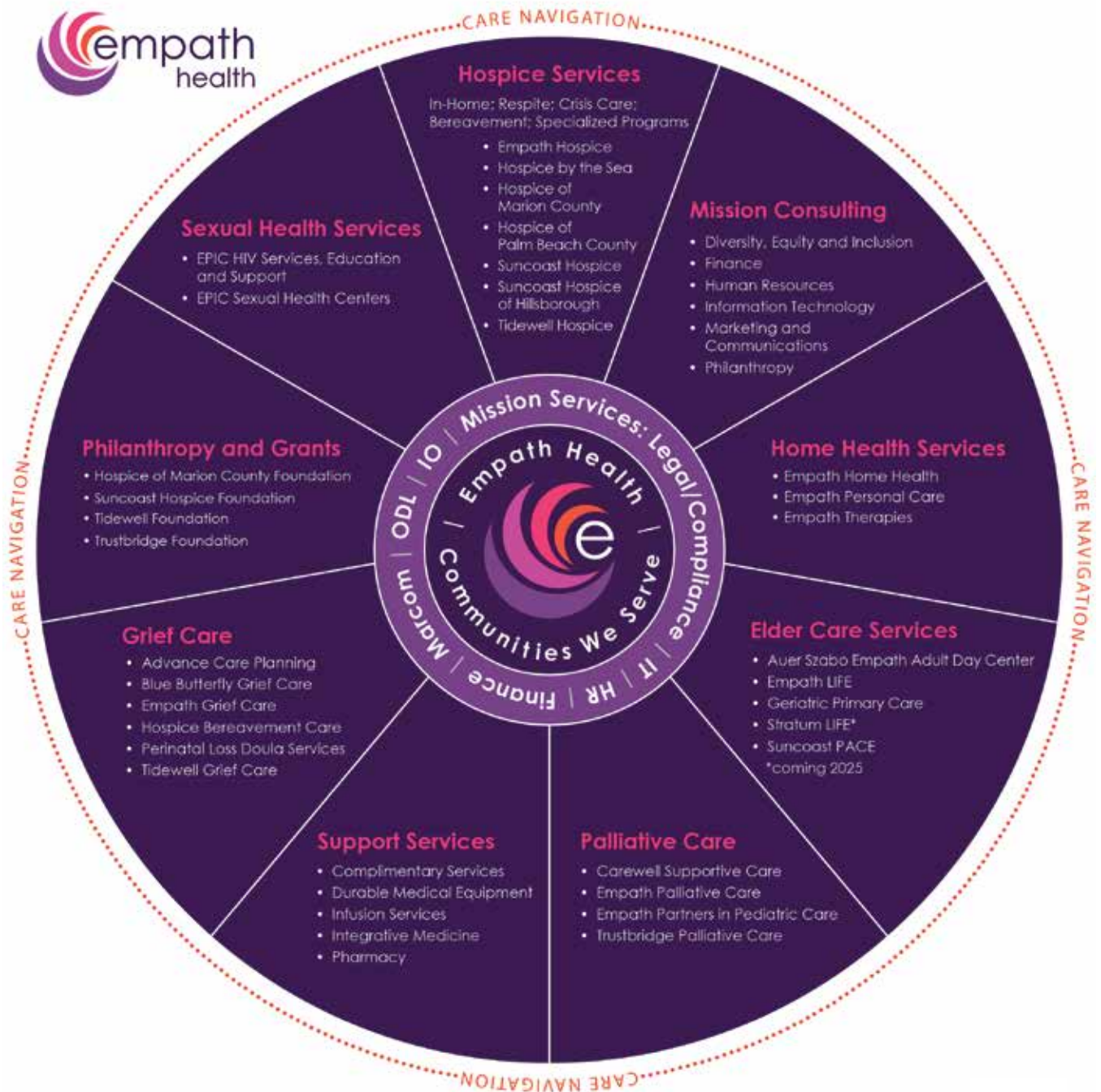
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