



2021

# ANNUAL REPORT



HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE  
CARE FOUNDATION

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# LETTER FROM OUR BOARD



Photo: Todd Picou (Left) and J. David Niday (right) are presented the The Order of the Silver Crescent Award by Governor Henry McMaster (middle). This is the State of South Carolina's most prestigious service award. It was specifically established to recognize a remarkable single achievement or action or an individual's community service and volunteerism on the local level.

The new year is a wonderful time to reflect on the successes of the past year and look forward to what is to come in 2022. The supporters of the Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation contribute so much to our success. In 2021, \$0.81 cents of every dollar donated went back into programs and services provided by the Foundation, allowing us to serve more hospice and palliative care patients across South Carolina. In total, we provided grief support resources to over 3,000 South Carolina residents, including our well known all inclusive grief retreat for children and their families, Camp Hands of Hope. We were also able to assist 208 hospice and palliative care patients with a variety of needs including, but not limited to rental payment assistance, utility bill assistance, gift cards for groceries and fingerprint charms.

Everyday we see the impact of our donor's generosity. As you can conclude from these results and the numerous other successes detailed in this year's Annual Report we have much to be thankful for at the Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation. Thank you for the role you play in our efforts to continue providing our services to hospice and palliative care patients across the State and our grief programs to South Carolina families after the loss of a loved one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Niday".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John David Niday".

Todd Picou & J. David Niday

# LETTER FROM OUR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

I would like to thank all of you who have contributed time, funds, and insight to support our mission in 2021. Like many agencies in the nonprofit sector, we have had to make adjustments as we grappled with the impact of a pandemic. We adapted some of our programs and rescheduled planned fundraisers to make sure we provided a safe environment for participants and staff.

Over the past year, maintaining regular communication with agencies and healthcare professionals across the state has been key. In order to better assist individuals and families facing end of life issues we revised and streamlined our application process for several of our programs based on recommendations from those who utilize the services provided by the Foundation.

As always we remain committed to providing financial resources in areas Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance coverage cannot. In addition, we continue to provide both education and bereavement materials to both South Carolina Schools and residents. Applications for our Adult Small Gift Program, added in 2020, in response to the pandemic, increased by 40 percent in 2021. Hospice patients received items such as Ensure, gift cards for groceries, bedding, household cleaning supplies, and even a sound machine to help soothe an individual with Alzheimer's.

As a nation, the impact of grief is more noticeable than ever. In September, I participated in a work group for the National Alliance for Children's Grief (NACG) to design materials for students and schools across the nation to incorporate in their curriculum. At the Foundation, we are working to grow our grief education programs in underserved areas throughout the state. This year we put over 3,000 grief support booklets in the hands of educators across South Carolina and we are returning to present grief education at the 2022 Palmetto State School Counselor Conference.

We believe we are in a great position to move forward on many fronts and hired a full-time marketing and development coordinator to expand our reach. Your gifts and support are making a true impact across South Carolina, and I look forward to sharing the journey with all of you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

*Diane Carlson*

Diane Carlson, LMSW, CGCS-CA





# PROGRAMS



## Adult Gift & Relief Fund

For individuals receiving hospice or palliative care services

- Small gifts up to \$100
- Relief funds up to \$500



## Pediatric Care Programs

For children receiving hospice or palliative care services

- Small gifts up to \$100
- Relief funds up to \$500
- Fingerprint charms
- Photography sessions
- Technology for Hope
- Holiday Gift Program (October - December)



## Education

Available to any South Carolina resident

- Community bereavement resources
- School Counselor bereavement resources
- Resources to support seriously ill veterans



## Camp Hands of Hope

Available to any South Carolina resident

- Child centered & family focused weekend long bereavement retreat
- Serving children and teens ages 5 - 18 as well as their immediate family after the loss of a loved one



As the Co-Director of Camp Hands of Hope and a certified Child Life Specialist with Agape Care Group's pediatric program, Hands of Hope, I have a unique perspective on how the relationship between the Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation (HPCF) and Hands of Hope benefit the children and families who attend Camp.

Child Life Specialists receive advanced training on how to properly support grieving children and their families. By utilizing the grief education programs of HPCF and the knowledge of the Hands of Hope Child Life Specialists, the Camp Hands of Hope Curriculum is one of a kind. The partnership between both entities is vital in ensuring the Camp experience is both worth while and meaningful to the grieving families who attend.

The Covid-19 Pandemic brought new challenges to the way Camp Hands of Hope is done. Instead of three in person camps a year, we adapted the curriculum and activities to allow for camp to take place virtually. The pandemic has had a profound impact on grief leaving families unable to gather and hold service to properly mourn the loss of their loved ones. Now more than ever Camp Hands of Hope is a vital asset to South Carolina families and children who have experienced a loss. It the goal of both the HPCF and the Hands of Hope Child Life Specialists that we remain a resource to grief stricken children and their families for years to come.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Mishoe*

Stephanie Mishoe  
Certified Child Life Specialist  
Hands of Hope



Photo: Stephanie working with children for an activity during our Nov. 2021 Virtual Camp

# DONOR STATISTICS

100% funded by donations and grants

In 2021, **711** Donors helped us bring in a total of **\$233,225.50**

We received **14** grants totaling **\$54,000**

Over **375** Volunteer Hours saving over **\$10,800**

**81%**

of every dollar goes back into funding our programs

**25%**

increase for average online giving amount

**In the past 10 years our donors have helped us achieve:**

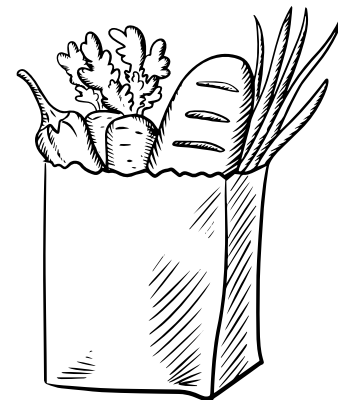
- \$1.7 million spent in support of SC hospice & palliative care patients
- 8,500 booklets and grief resources provided to SC residents
- 400 families served by Camp Hands of Hope

# 2021 BY THE NUMBERS



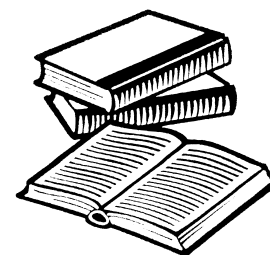
## 75 adult patients received relief funds and/or small gifts:

- 23 relief funds
- 52 small gifts



## 132 pediatric patients benefitted from our programs:

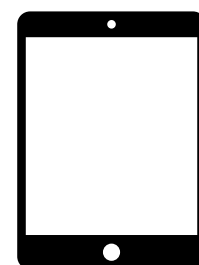
- 44 fingerprint charms
- 43 small gifts
- 38 holiday gifts
- 7 relief fund



## Camp Hands of Hope

- 78 children and their family members benefitted from attending Camp Hands of Hope

\*\* numbers reduced due to COVID-19 Pandemic.



## Education

- 3,000 booklets and other grief resources were sent to SC school counselors and community members

## Technology

- 1 pediatric patients received an iPad to assist in her care program.

\*\* Please note this program was not reintroduced to our provided list of resources until October of 2021.



# LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Continue to reduce financial barriers to hospice & palliative care patients, and provide tools to avoid further financial crisis

Continue to enhance patients' quality of life through special activities and items that promote positive feelings and build memories

Continue support for grieving children and their families through Camp Hands of Hope and build awareness around the issue of childhood grief

Expand our grief education program, including Camp Hands of Hope, to reach underserved areas across the State of South Carolina

Leverage support to maximize our impact through strategic partnerships with other organizations vested in hospice and palliative care and grief education

Help Veterans at end-of-life navigate their unique financial needs through education, relief funding, and partnerships

Continue to build awareness about the Foundation and the work we do across the State of South Carolina



# WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

## Helping Hospice & Palliative Care Patients

- Estimated 25,000 SC residents on Hospice Care Services
- 10,000 children in SC with life-limiting or life-threatening condition
- 52% of these families are below the poverty limit. National Average is 44%
- 15% lack either private or public health insurance
- Only 5 hospice agencies in the state serve pediatric patients

For more info about SC Hospice Data visit the Carolinas Center at  
[cchospice.org/state-and-data-trends-reports/](http://cchospice.org/state-and-data-trends-reports/)

\*\* Data does not include Palliative Care patients

## Helping Grieving Children

- 1 in 11 SC Children will lose a parent or sibling by the age of 18
- This is 9.2% of SC children, higher than the national average of 7.3%
- SC ranks 9th overall for number of bereaved children nationally

For more info about the CBEM and additional national and state data visit [judishouse.org/CBEM](http://judishouse.org/CBEM)

\*\* Data is based off 2019, pre COVID-19

## Veterans

- Higher rate of mental health disorders, post-traumatic stress, and brain injury at than civilian population
- 405,000 Veterans in South Carolina
- 182,000 are age 65+

For more info about Veterans in SC visit [va.gov/vetdata](http://va.gov/vetdata) or the article used for the purpose of this report at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4671760/>

# TESTIMONIALS

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"Seeing Sanaleah smiling to her dad after setting up her iPad today was an awesome feeling. We appreciate the gift as it will certainly help her to bond with her dad and most importantly it will aid in her development as she's a quick and smart learner. We truly receive this gift and we are grateful of the opportunity. Thank you to the Hospice & Palliative Care foundation. Receiving this gift is a living testimony that the foundation is touching hearts. Please continue to make a difference in the lives that matters."

Kind regards ,  
- Agape Pediatric Hospice Patient's Mother

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"The Foundation has been a significant support to best serve our patients and families while under the hospice benefit. The assistance granted for the above patient/family provided assistance in partial coverage of cremation expenses. Due to family circumstances, neither the patient or his wife had current income- relying on their savings and children to cover monthly expenses. Their unemployment both stemmed from medical disability and/or losing employment due to COVID-19. The \$500 assistance granted by the foundation was able to provide the family much relief with finalizing funeral costs. They have expressed gratitude for all involved in care, voicing that without hospice support (local and through the foundation) they would have substantially struggled more mentally, emotionally and physically. Your assistance, kindness and compassion means more than words."

Best Regards,  
Licensed Social Worker  
Intrepid Hospice

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"Thank you so much for providing handheld hearing amplifiers for our hospice patient. She was unable to understand much conversation due to hearing loss and as a result felt isolated in her room. The amplifiers allowed her family and our hospice team to communicate with her more effectively, and to provide much needed words of comfort and encouragement to her in her last days. We are grateful for your role in helping to improve her quality of life and giving her such a special gift!"

Thank you,  
Licensed Social Worker  
Agape Care Group

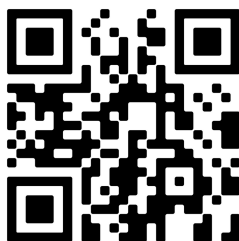
# HOW TO HELP

## Spread the Word

- Tell your friends and family about us
- Ask us to present to your group, organization etc.

## Donate

Online at [hpcfoundation.org/online](https://hpcfoundation.org/online)



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