Making the Vision a Reality

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Imagine. A place. It feels like home. It’s comfortable, warm and inviting, filled with love and support. This is no ordinary home, however. In this home, hospital-level care is available, to relieve intense pain, or to manage other symptoms. And to provide compassionate, supportive care. In this place, family and close friends can gather to visit, offer comfort, and even spend the night.

Now imagine that place is here, in Northern Colorado, and it’s ready to provide hospice support for you, your family member or friend in a place that feels like home.

Imagine no more. This will soon become a reality as Pathways builds a 12-bed, stand-alone Inpatient Care Center to provide the highest level of care in a tranquil, beautiful space intentionally built for this purpose. The Center will feel like an intimate Colorado mountain lodge where outdoors and indoors come together seamlessly with natural light, stone facades, lush Rocky Mountain landscaping, and work by local artists that reflect the beauty and diversity of the communities we serve.

Each of the 12 rooms will be large enough to accommodate groups of visitors and one or two family members who can choose to stay overnight. Even bedbound patients will be able to enjoy the outdoors from the comfort of their bed. Two of these rooms will be equipped with negative pressure ventilation, allowing us to safely care for patients with COVID-19 and other highly infectious illnesses.

The Care Center will feature a spacious lobby to welcome visitors; a non-denominational chapel and other areas for quiet reflection; a large communal kitchen allowing families to prepare meals and eat together; and gardens and walkways throughout the property that will blend indoor and outdoor spaces. Skylights and ample windows will allow enjoyment of Northern Colorado’s 300 days of sunshine.

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Join us for a tour

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THE NEED

Hospice is not a place. Rather, it is a service, a holistic approach to providing physical, emotional and spiritual care and support to wherever a person is, be it their home, a skilled nursing facility or elsewhere. But there are times when a patient needs more support than family or other caregivers can give at home. An inpatient care center meets this need, offering a comfortable, home-like atmosphere with medical support to manage pain and other symptoms.

Throughout our history, Pathways has fulfilled our mission by continually assessing the community’s need for our services and then rising to meet those needs. Now, the need for dedicated inpatient hospice beds stands as mission-critical and our highest priority.

COMMUNITY NEED IS GREAT, AND GROWING

While we are proud of everything we accomplished with our six-bed Pathways Hospice Care Center at McKee Medical Center, it is too small to meet our community’s growing need for dedicated hospice beds. During 2020 every bed was full one out of every four days, often with patients queued up in area hospitals waiting for a hospice bed to become available. We believe the words “hospice” and “waiting list” should never appear in the same sentence.

The Colorado State Demographer predicts that the population in Northern Colorado will more than double by 2050. Over the next 20 years, in Larimer County alone, the population of those 65 and older will grow by 140 percent. We are already experiencing the impact of that growth with a 10–15% annual increase in demand for our services. Medicare data indicates the current need for up to 10 inpatient hospice beds in Larimer County and another four in Weld County. The need is here. The need is now. The need is growing.
We believe our patients deserve a more homelike setting. The new Pathways Inpatient Care Center ensures this vital community need will be met for generations to come.

Vital Service for Generations to Come

Pathways has long, deep roots in Northern Colorado. In 1978, a Larimer County resident dying of cancer requested hospice care. A small group of volunteers rallied together and established Hospice of Larimer County. Ever since, the organization now known as Pathways has continued to grow, fully living our mission by providing the highest quality hospice care, palliative care and grief support in Northern Colorado.

Tens of thousands of families have trusted us to care for and support them through serious illness and loss by means of a wide array of programs and services. Pathways is known for …

• Being the most experienced and trusted hospice care provider in Northern Colorado.
• Ensuring that the hospice patients entrusted to our care each year (more than 1,200 in 2020) make the most of every moment, live as pain free and comfortably as possible, and make cherished memories that will last a lifetime for their loved ones.
• Operating the Pathways Hospice Care Center at McKee Medical Center, the only hospice inpatient unit in Northern Colorado, for 20 years.
• Providing grief and loss counseling to anyone in the community who can benefit.
• Creating an innovative Children’s Healing Garden to support the grief and loss work we do with children and teens.
• Serving the nation’s veterans in our care as a member of the national We Honor Veterans program.
• Benefitting from the invaluable contributions of more than 200 dedicated, caring volunteers.
• Sharing our expertise in end-of-life care with healthcare professionals across Northern Colorado.
• Maintaining a fiscally strong, sustainable nonprofit organization to serve our community far into the future.
• And soon we will be known for our beautiful, state-of-the-art Pathways Inpatient Care Center.

“... My friends and I are in the process of watching our parents die. This will be a huge opportunity to change my generation’s attitudes about hospice, and increase awareness of end-of-life care. It’s a huge educational opportunity.”

—Katrina Einhellig, Member, Pathways Board of Directors
To me having an Inpatient Care Center completes Pathways. ... In a capital campaign like this, everybody knows somebody who’s had hospice care. It’s an emotional ask. Because people know the value of what Pathways brings to their family.

Earl Sethre
Former Member, Pathways Board of Directors

MORE THAN AN INPATIENT CARE CENTER

A stand-alone, intentionally built Inpatient Care Center will accomplish more than the capability to provide high quality, compassionate hospice care in a homelike setting to patients needing hospital-level treatment.

It will also:

• Transform our Carpenter Road property into a comprehensive campus with the full continuum of our services in one beautiful, intentionally designed location.

• Give families a place to visit where they can remember their loved one while enjoying the natural beauty and solitude of our gardens and walkways.

• Provide our grief and loss counselors greater opportunities to meet families and work with them as they prepare for and work through their personal journeys.

• Further our ability to work with local colleges and universities to educate the next generation of healthcare professionals—nurses, physicians, social workers, therapists, counselors and more.

• Attract and welcome even more volunteers to support our patients, families and the communities we are privileged to serve.

• Serve as a magnet to recruit and retain the best hospice staff in the West, as we continue to grow to meet the need for our services across the expanding Northern Colorado community.

• Offer physicians in training, nursing students, and Certified Nursing Assistant trainees with valuable experiential learning about how to care for patients and families coping with life-limiting illness.

Get Involved!

We invite you to schedule a virtual or in-person meeting, or a tour of Pathways to find out more about us and the Inpatient Care Center. Please contact:

Nate Lamkin, President: 970-292-1078 or Nate.Lamkin@pathways-care.org
In the mid-2000s our Board of Directors had the foresight to purchase the land east of our Carpenter Road property to be the future site of an Inpatient Care Center. That group of dedicated volunteer leaders knew that the need and time would come to expand to meet the community’s growth. Now we ask you to join us in making their vision a reality.

Pathways has served our community for more than four decades, becoming a treasured community institution that continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of a rapidly growing community.

We have built a model program that demonstrates what a mission-driven, not-for-profit hospice can be. Now we are undertaking an $8 million campaign to design and build a 12-bed Inpatient Care Center adjacent to our existing administrative offices and grief and loss center on our Carpenter Road campus.

We are immensely proud of what Pathways has accomplished, and profoundly grateful for the generous support from the communities we are privileged to serve. Our significant growth in the number of patients and families cared for each year, broader footprint in Weld County, the opening of our beautiful and inspiring Children’s Healing Garden and more, have paved the way for this next step in the evolution of Pathways and compassionate, end-of-life care in our community.

We know the community is eager for this. We are confident we can achieve this. On behalf of the Pathways Board of Directors, we invite you to join us, to commit now to making this vision a reality.

Nate Lamkin, President

Karen Dawson, Chair, Pathways Board of Directors

A Message from Our Board
Thank you in advance for your support!

As we embark on our $8 million campaign to design and build the Pathways Inpatient Care Center, we invite everyone in the community whose lives we have touched, or who might need our services in the future, to join us in this effort.

This is not merely about a building; this is a long-term investment in our community to ensure that the growing need for this level of care is sustainably met for generations to come. You built Pathways over the last four decades. We invite you to invest in this critical community resource.

About Your Gift

- Gifts can be made in the form of two-to-three-year pledges with payments made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, or on a schedule built to suit your circumstances.
- Gifts can also be made through cash, check, credit card, securities or real estate.
- Bequests received through 2022 will be credited toward the capital campaign unless otherwise designated.

JoAnn Lovins, Member, Pathways Board of Directors

Making the Vision Real

There’s a gap here with there not being a freestanding hospice—particularly in younger patients, who just do not want to go to a skilled nursing facility, even if they no longer can be cared for comfortably at home.

JoAnn Lovins, Member, Pathways Board of Directors

Thank you in advance for your support!
OUR MISSION:
Honoring every moment of life, Pathways provides compassionate, excellent, comprehensive care for those who have an advanced medical condition and those who are grieving.

OUR VISION:
Pathways is committed to being Northern Colorado’s preferred provider of hospice and palliative care services through excellent patient care in all settings, as well as comprehensive grief support. We educate about end-of-life care, partner with caregivers, remain good financial stewards, grow to meet our community’s needs, and strive to be an employer of choice.

OUR VALUES:
We honor life through compassion, respect, integrity, excellence and stewardship.