



Pathways 

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2023 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

PATHWAYS HOSPICE NAMES EVAN HYATT AS PRESIDENT

Pathways recently welcomed back Evan Hyatt as the new President for the organization.

Hyatt was the CEO/President of Pathways from 2008 to the end of 2016 and is re-joining the organization following a role as the Vice President of Marketing and Development at Care Synergy.



Hyatt began his career with Pathways as its Marketing Manager in 2001 when the organization was known as Hospice of Larimer County. At the end of 2016, he left Pathways to become the Executive Director of Operations for Kaiser Permanente in northern Colorado. Then, following a brief stint with Banner Hospice, Hyatt joined Care Synergy in 2019. Altogether, he has more than 18 years of experience in hospice and palliative care with Pathways and Care Synergy.

“Pathways is excited to add Hyatt as the President of the organization”, stated Tim Bowen, President and CEO for Care Synergy. “He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in care for individuals with advanced illnesses that will benefit the patients and loved ones Pathways serves”.

In the role of President, Hyatt will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of Pathways as well as collaborating with the Board of Directors to guide the mission, strategic objectives and growth of the organization.

“Returning to Pathways after being gone for more than six years, I am both excited and humbled to return in the role of President,” states Hyatt. “I am looking forward to working along-side the excellent teams of caregivers and support staff here at Pathways to fulfill our mission to the community. I am honored to be asked to return.”

OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Pathways Inpatient Care Center Serving More Patients – Opens All Rooms to Provide Care

The Pathways Hospice Inpatient Care Center (PICC) celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony in July of 2022, to serve the most acute needs of patients and their loved ones at end of life.

When the 15,000-square-foot facility first opened, six beds were available to the community. As the need for additional beds has grown, Pathways has now opened all 12 beds within the facility and will operate going forward at full capacity.

The PICC was constructed on the east end of the Pathways campus along Carpenter Road between Fort Collins and Loveland. The new facility is built in a semi-circle facing north to simulate the circle of life. Included in the building, to care for patients and families, is also a large, communal kitchen for families to prepare and eat meals together,

gardens and walkways to blend the indoor and outdoor spaces, skylights and ample windows, a non-denominational chapel and other areas for quiet reflection – including an outdoor, walking Labyrinth and two rooms especially equipped with negative pressure ventilation allowing for safe care of patients with COVID and other infectious respiratory diseases.

Each of the twelve rooms is large enough to accommodate groups of visitors and allows up to three guests to stay overnight and use a communal kitchen. The facility is a replacement for the previous six-bed hospice center at McKee Medical Center, which had limited space with one out of every four days totally full in 2020. The PICC is the only stand-alone, inpatient hospice facility in northern Colorado and, will serve not only local residents but will welcome patients from the State's eastern plains, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Kansas.

Pathways Celebrates the Contributions of Volunteers



Volunteers are the heart and soul of any organization. They give their time, energy, and skills to make a difference in the lives of others. Without volunteers, many organizations would not be able to function.

During her address, Thieman spoke about the importance of volunteering and giving back to the community. She also shared stories of her own experiences as a volunteer, including her work with Hospice and her experience as a court-appointed special advocate for foster children. Following her remarks, Pathways presented awards to several of its volunteers in recognition of their outstanding service.

Pathways is fortunate to have such a passionate and committed group of volunteers. They are making a difference, and changing lives for the better, one interaction at a time. Thank you for your dedication to Pathways and the patients and families we serve.

On April 28, 2023, Pathways recognized its volunteers with a breakfast ceremony. The event, which was held at the Pathways offices in Fort Collins, featured a keynote address by guest speaker LeAnn Thieman, a nationally-renowned speaker on the topics of volunteerism and work-life balance. With her captivating storytelling prowess, she ignited a spark in each volunteer's heart that left them feeling empowered and ready to take on any challenge. Her words were not just mere anecdotes but real-life experiences that reminded everyone why they embarked on this journey of serving humanity.





Lawrence Cecil – Navy Veteran Reached 100 Years of Age

U.S. Navy veteran Lawrence (Larry) Cecil celebrated his 100th birthday on March 6 with family and friends and a party at Centre Avenue Health and Rehab in Fort Collins.

A Lieutenant Commander and pilot near the end of WWII, Larry made 103 aircraft carrier landings during his time in the Navy while hunting down German submarines. Larry continued to fly in the reserves after the war.

A resident at Centre Avenue and a patient also under the care of Pathways, Larry received special recognition through the We Honor Veterans program at Pathways. Bart Bartholomew, a veteran of the Vietnam war and volunteer for Pathways presented Larry with the Pathways Veteran Recognition award.

Larry passed peacefully on April 7 surrounded by family. He kept many small books in which he recorded what he called “Pringles” – unexplainable or serendipitous everyday events. In his last few years, Larry would often say – “When I reach 100, I’m going to march out of here!”

Thank you for your ongoing support

We believe hospice is not a place, but a best-practice model of personalized care to support mind, body and spirit. This approach gives our patients and their families control over their lives with dignity, joy, compassion and unparalleled experience and support.

Many years ago the Board of Directors at Pathways, recognizing the population growth in Northern Colorado, made a long-term investment and purchased land adjacent to Pathways on Carpenter Road with the intention of building a dedicated hospice facility. Those dreams have come to fruition with the opening of Pathway’s Inpatient Care Center.

Now in our fifth decade, Pathways has been a cornerstone of end-of-life care in Northern Colorado. We are grateful to the community for their belief in our mission and philanthropic support and our Capital Campaign is no exception. Our friends and donors gave 7,741 gifts totaling \$3,878,416 to provide our community with a rare jewel.

Opened in Summer 2022, this 12-bed, stand-alone facility is unique in Northern Colorado. Stone façades, Rocky Mountain landscaping and work by local artists greet patients and visitors in this sacred space. Behind the scenes, teams of doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers provide hospital level care 24/7 to manage pain and other symptoms and provide on-site support for families.

If you would like to get more involved with Pathways, either through giving or our volunteer program, please reach out to us at 970.663.3500 or giving@pathways-care.org





21st A Vintage Affair Scheduled for September 10

The 21st A Vintage Affair (AVA) wine, beer and whiskey tasting event, presented by Wilbur's Total Beverage, will be held Sunday, September 10 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Grays Peak Building on the campus of Front Range Community College in Fort Collins.

Join us at the 21st A Vintage Affair, featuring whiskey, wine, and beer, entertainment, and fun for all who attend. Wilbur's provides more than 200 varieties of the best libations from around the world. Guests are encouraged to try their favorite varieties and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and camaraderie all while engaging in the exceptional silent and live auctions.

This year's event will raise money for Pathways Grief and Loss program which provides counseling (individual and group) and creative therapies (art and music) to assist children, teens, and adults before and after loss, regardless of age or financial situation.

For tickets and more information, please visit www.pathways-care.org/AVA



Grief Support Groups

Support groups provide a safe place to explore and express your grief in a comfortable setting and connect with others who have experienced loss.

We offer daytime and evening grief support. All our groups are led by our professional grief counselors and are free to attend unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact Pathways for Grief and Loss at 970-663-3500 or bereavement@pathways-care.org

Registration is required for all support groups.

Living With Loss

This support group is for anyone coping with the loss of a loved one. Attendance at all four sessions is required. The cost is \$60. A new group begins every month.

Men's Support Group

This discussion group is for men who have experienced loss and will address the issues that men experience while grieving.

On Our Own

A widowed person's discussion group. This ongoing group offers an opportunity to find practical guidance and hope after experiencing the death of a spouse or life-partner.

Virtual Caregiver Support Group

Caring for an ill loved one is one of the hardest jobs in the world. This group is designed to help you build strength through support and connection with others in similar situations.

Yoga for Grief

Join us as we come together in community to share our stories, support one another, move together and explore mindful ways to process through grief emotions. This is an all-levels practice that will incorporate breath work, yoga movement, and guided meditation.



SUMMER EVENTS

SUMMER MEMORIAL SERVICE & BUTTERFLY RELEASE

Saturday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.

Pathways Main Campus, 305 Carpenter Road

We are excited to gather for a special day in remembrance of those who have passed. Memorial service includes music, a message from our hospice staff, and releasing butterflies in honor of lost loved ones. Reception and opportunity for support and sharing will follow.

Butterflies can be purchased on our website for \$20 each.

Proceeds benefit the Pathways' Grief & Loss program.

Purchase your butterflies by June 30th at
pathways-care.org/butterflymemorial

**No butterfly purchase is necessary to attend the event. **
Registration is required by June 30th.*

FAST FORWARD DOCUMENTARY

Thursday, June 22, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Pathways McKee Room, 305 Carpenter Road

Follow four millennials and their parents as they travel through time wearing an MIT-produced "aging empathy suit" and work with professional make-up artists to navigate the realizations, conversations and mindset required to age successfully.

Discussion after the film, light refreshments will be provided.

This FREE Community Event is sponsored by Sharing the Care Campaign of Northern Colorado and the rights to the documentary are provided in thanks to the Health District of Northern Larimer County. Thank you to Pathways for hosting us and to AmazingCare for providing light refreshments for this event!!

OUR MISSION

Honoring every moment of life with compassion, dignity and expertise.

OUR VISION

Pathways is committed to be the region's preferred provider of hospice services through excellent patient care in all settings and 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.

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