

# Hospice

*isn't about dying*

*It's about*

# Living

*until you die*



With the partnership and support of a very caring community, Prairie Home Hospice has been providing compassionate, patient-focused hospice care for more than 33 years. Together we have touched the lives of more than 1,700 patients and their families. In 2004, the community came together to provide a Hospice House for hospice patients who are no longer able or choose not to remain at home during their final weeks or months. Since then, the Hospice House has become home to over 300 hospice patients. Unfortunately, due to increasing demand for the Hospice House, we have had to turn away many patients and families seeking admission. While we work closely with those patients and their families to find other accommodations, it is difficult not to be able to accommodate their wish to live out their final weeks or months in the comfort of our Hospice House.

A second Hospice House in the community is needed to better accommodate the growing number of hospice patients who seek the sanctuary, comfort and compassionate care that Prairie Home offers through our Hospice House.

When a home in Marshall came up for sale that offered exceptional potential as a second Hospice House, we could not pass up the unique opportunity to purchase the home. After frustrating delays related to changes in federal building codes for Medicare-certified residential hospice facilities, we anticipate that modifications to the home will be completed early in 2018 and we will be accepting admissions for the new Hospice House by March 2018.

We need your help to transform this opportunity into a reality, so that we can accommodate the growing number of patients who wish to spend their final days in the comfort of a Prairie Home Hospice House.

Why do we need another Hospice House? Our current Hospice House can accommodate 5 hospice residents. Unfortunately, we have had to turn too many people away over the past few years because we did not have room available at our current hospice house when they called us. Demographic projections for Lyon County indicate that the population of people 65 and older will increase by 43% in the next 15 years, which will significantly increase the demand for hospice services. A second hospice house will allow us to better meet the current and future need for hospice services in Lyon County.

**Why This Home?** Not only will this house serve patients and their families very well, the total investment required for the new home (including modifications, patient equipment, furnishings, etc.) will be about half of what a new Hospice House would cost. Our friends at Murray County Hospice are currently trying to raise \$1.5 million for a new Hospice House, which would house 4 patients. Our new house will also accommodate 4 patients, and offers a Family Suite which will provide a very accommodating space for family members. We anticipate a total investment of \$880,000, which includes all modifications, patient equipment, furnishings, etc. The home offers many features that will help us keep operating costs down in the long run. Features like geothermal heat will help control heating costs. The exceptional quality and type of construction lends itself to considerable savings when it comes to insuring the home and overall maintenance. At nearly 1 acre, the lot provides potential for future expansion, if needed. There are a number of reasons why this house offered the right opportunity to meet a growing need in the community.

# Exceptional care...

From the Home Town Hospice you know and trust



**Why Prairie Home Hospice?** We believe one of the reasons we remain the leader in providing hospice care in Lyon County is because of the high quality of care we offer. We know that one of the unique attractions of our Hospice House is the high level of skilled staffing and the cozy home environment we offer. Our current Hospice House is staffed 24/7 with a Licensed Practical Nurse and a Certified Nursing Assistant/Trained Medication Aide, allowing us to maintain a staff to resident ratio of at least 2 staff per 5 residents around the clock. When needed, we provide additional staff. A Registered Nurse is also available 24/7. A dedicated team of volunteers also assist in serving residents, and each patient has an assigned Registered Nurse and Social Worker, as well as access to pet therapy, salon services, massage therapy, and chaplain services, depending on their needs and preferences. Prairie Home Hospice House maintains a higher level of skilled staffing than most hospice houses. We believe this is why patients choose the Prairie Home Hospice House, and we are committed to continuing our tradition of providing this level of care to hospice residents and their families. It's what patients and families have come to expect from Prairie Home Hospice – and what we think they deserve!

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**Capital Campaign**

The goal of our Capital Campaign is to raise \$780,000 which will cover:

- The cost of purchasing the home
- Modifications that will allow us to create four hospice resident rooms, each equipped with private baths
- Modifications that are necessary in order to meet Department of Health and Medicare standards/codes
- Installation of a fire sprinkling system
- Installation of a nurse call system
- Furnishings and specialized health care equipment (beds, lifts, chairs, etc.) needed to accommodate hospice residents
- Furnishings for the common areas and the family suite

We anticipate that there will be additional costs of the project of about \$100,000 which Prairie Home Hospice is prepared to cover, largely through our fundraising efforts.

***We are grateful for every donation we receive.***

***Every donation matters.***

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## Yes, I want to Help Support the New Prairie Home Hospice House

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to PLEDGE \$\_\_\_\_\_ per Year for \_\_\_\_\_ Years (up to 4 years)

\_\_\_\_\_ First payment will be made \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me a reminder of my pledge annually

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND/OR YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO:**

Prairie Home Hospice & Community Care  
408 East Main Street  
Marshall, MN 56258

***Thank you for your support!***

