



### **ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW:**

Founded in 1988, Niagara Hospice is a 501(c)(3) health care organization and the only hospice in Niagara County per a New York State Department of Health Certificate of Need. The organization has provided specialized care, symptom management and personalized support to more than 28,000 patients, families and caregivers over the last 33 years within Niagara County's population of 210,000.

A member of the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) since 1989, Niagara Hospice is the only Western New York hospice that has voluntarily pursued and achieved the ACHC (Accreditation Commission for Health Care) accreditation that demonstrates the organization's commitment to a high level of patient care, operational performance and continuous improvement.

### **OUR MISSION:**

Niagara Hospice provides expert end-of-life care, comprehensive support and personalized guidance to Niagara County patients, families and caregivers faced with a terminal illness. The clinical staff delivers physical, emotional and spiritual care and support services to improve quality of life and help families maximize their time together. Patients are eligible to receive hospice care with a prognosis of six months or less, or up to 12 months for those who receive strictly Medicaid. Most patients and families receive care in their homes. The organization also has partnerships with skilled nursing facilities throughout Niagara County to provide needed services to eligible patients wherever they live.

### **OUR VISION:**

Niagara Hospice will evaluate each life-limiting diagnosis for hospice eligibility, an important benefit that ensures comfort, dignity and specialized care for terminally ill patients. When Niagara County patients, families and caregivers enter our program, we provide a customized care plan and personalized support to manage symptoms, deliver caregiver relief and maximize quality of life and precious time together for as long as possible.

### **THE NIAGARA HOSPICE CAMPUS:**

The administration building, dedicated in February 1996, and the Niagara Hospice House, which features 10 residential long-term care units and 10 general inpatient care units, are located on 25 acres in a serene, rural residential area on the western edge of the Town of Lockport in Niagara County. The mailing address is 4675 Sunset Dr., Lockport, NY 14094.

### **NIAGARA HOSPICE HOUSE:**

In June 2007, the 24,000-square-foot Niagara Hospice House (4675 Sunset Dr., Lockport; 716-280-0600) opened to provide general inpatient care and long-term residential care. There are 10 inpatient and 10 residential suites. Over the last 14 years, staff has cared for more than 5,000 Niagara County patients and families at Hospice House.

### **COLLABORATIVE FACILITIES:**

Niagara Hospice maintains collaborative partnerships in Niagara County with Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and the McGuire Development Group that provide dedicated hospice units at two skilled nursing homes - **David's Path at Schoellkopf Health Center** (621 10th St., Niagara Falls; 716-278-4578) that opened in 2014 and **Jeanne's House at Northgate Health Care Facility** (7264 Nash Rd., North Tonawanda; 716-694-7700) that opened in 2012.

### **CONTRACTED FACILITIES:**

Niagara Hospice contracts with a variety of other health care facilities to provide hospice services to patients across Niagara County, including: Brookdale Niagara, North Tonawanda; DeGraff Memorial Hospital, North Tonawanda; Elderwood Wheatfield, Niagara Falls; Elderwood Lockport, Lockport; Lockport Presbyterian Home in Lockport; Our Lady of Peace Nursing Care, Lewiston; Niagara Rehab, Niagara Falls.

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT:**

Niagara Hospice benefits from extensive support from community residents and organizations across Niagara County and Western New York. Our special events department organizes special events each year that bring the community together to raise funds for our patients and families, including Spring Bouquet Sale, Jack Beatty Memorial Hospice Cruise & Clambake, Gran Fondo bike ride, Mighty Niagara Half Marathon, Cocktails & Cash raffle and silent auction and Light-a-Life holiday ceremony.

A variety of planned giving options are also available to the public, including bequests of money, real estate or personal property through a will or living trust; retirement plans or life insurance policies that name Niagara Hospice as the beneficiary; gifts that provide lifetime income, such as charitable gift annuities and remainder trusts.

