Memories to Last a Lifetime

Hospice of Siouxland has been serving the Siouxland community for nearly forty years. Throughout that time, staff continue to find ways to go above and beyond to serve patients and their families. The Making Memories Program has proven to be an impactful extension to our services.

On April 24, 2020, Hospice of Siouxland, along with several community partners including CNOS, the Sioux City Community School District and Sioux City North High School, worked together to create a once-in-a-lifetime memory for a special graduating senior.

As Akouvi Bedzra was preparing for her final months as a high school senior, a series of events led to some uncertainty. Akouvi’s mother, Akossiwa, utilizes Hospice of Siouxland’s Palliative Care program to help manage her symptoms as she pursues treatment for her illness. In addition to her mother’s health, the Coronavirus Pandemic halted all large gatherings, which postponed the traditional graduation ceremonies for all seniors. When Hospice of Siouxland’s Palliative Care team heard of these circumstances, they saw their opportunity to create a special memory for Akouvi and her mother.

"Back in April, a lot was up in the air due to the pandemic and we could see Akossiwa was struggling with her...
Memories to Last a Lifetime..

“Every dollar dedicated to our program goes toward creating impactful memories for our patients.” said Adam Cory, Marketing and Fund Development Manager at Hospice of Siouxland. “It’s truly the little things that can mean so much at this important time in their life. We want all aspects of their end of life journey to be fulfilling and this program is just another avenue to make that happen.”

As Akouvi and her mother approached the ceremony at Grandview Park on April 24th, they were greeted with the song ‘Pomp and Circumstance’ performed by members of the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra. Once on the stage, administration from Sioux City North High School and the Sioux City Community School District presented Akouvi with her diploma. As the ceremony was wrapping up, CNOS, a partner in healthcare, surprised Akouvi with a $5,000 scholarship to the college of her choice.

The Making Memories Program was initiated in February 2020. Since that time, nearly 15 memories have been fulfilled. If you would like to make a donation to support the Making Memories Program, simply identify your request when sending in your contribution. Your gift will have an incredible impact on our patients and their families.

If you have questions regarding the Making Memories Program and how your contributions are being utilized, please contact Adam Cory, Marketing and Fund Development Manager at 712-233-4131.

Hospice of Siouxland pursues We Honor Veterans Program Level 5 Partnership

On August 26th, 2019, Hospice of Siouxland achieved the Level 4 partnership through the We Honor Veterans Program. We Honor Veterans, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), invites hospices, state hospice organizations, Hospice-Veteran Partnerships and VA facilities to join a pioneering program focused on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening and grateful acknowledgment.

Hospice of Siouxland has been hosting a variety of Veteran centered events to raise awareness as they pursue We Honor Veterans Program Level 5. Through staff education, partnering with a Veteran Service Officer, Welcome Home Ceremonies for Vietnam Veterans, participation in Stand Downs and hosting Vet to Vet Cafe’s, Hospice of Siouxland strives to continue to support our Veterans throughout the community.

Hospice of Siouxland would like to extend their gratitude and thank the many donors that made a contribution to support our organization on October 6th during the Siouxland Big Give.

With your generosity, Hospice of Siouxland raised over $1,000 to help provide high quality, compassionate care at the end of life. The goal of this community-wide giving event is to match Siouxland area supporters’ passions and generosity with local nonprofit organizations already doing great work.
Dear Hospice of Siouxland...

Each contact was so calm and compassionate. I’m sure my husband sensed it and certainly we, his family, observed it. Thank you so much for your kindness and expertise. You are amazing individuals doing amazing work.

We would like to say thank you to all who helped to take care of our mom. Each and every one of you are absolutely amazing people and you all do an amazing job!! You will live on in our love for all you do!!

We can not thank you enough for all the wonderful care that our mom received over the last four or five months. Your loving care and compassion really helped us with losing mom. We could not have gotten through this without you. God bless you all for always being there for us and everyone in this community. What a great service this is for all of us.

40 YEARS!

In 2021, Hospice of Siouxland will be celebrating forty years of service to the community. As Siouxland’s premier provider of medical, emotional and spiritual support to the seriously ill and their families, Hospice of Siouxland continues to strive for excellence, every time.

Join us in celebrating another service milestone by tuning in this Spring, as we share some of the history of the high quality, compassionate care that has defined Hospice of Siouxland!

Hospice of Siouxland would like to thank the many volunteers that helped brighten days at various long-term care facilities throughout Siouxland!

During the summer months, our volunteers traveled to create positive messages with sidewalk chalk for residents at long-term care facilities. The Coronavirus Pandemic has made visiting loved ones more difficult, but our volunteers made sure to let them know that they are loved!
Blackbaud Data Breach

Blackbaud is a cloud computing and fundraising database software provider that is used by Hospice of Siouxland and many other institutions to organize and store information related to donors and supporters of our organization. In July 2020 Blackbaud notified hundreds of institutions, including Hospice of Siouxland, that Blackbaud experienced a cybersecurity incident which resulted in the exposure of personal information maintained by various institutions on the Blackbaud platform.

From information provided by Blackbaud, we have no reason to believe that any personal information has been misused as a result of this incident. We did notify a select group that personal information may have been viewed by unauthorized individuals, including name and health information. These constituents were offered identity theft protection with identity monitoring, at no cost, for 12 months.

For purposes of full disclosure to all of our supporters, we wanted to provide this information. We sincerely regret any inconvenience that this matter may cause. Please know that Hospice of Siouxland is committed to ensuring the security of all personal information in our control. If you have any questions regarding this Blackbaud incident, please contact Adam Cory, Marketing and Fund Development Manager for Hospice of Siouxland, at 712-233-4131.

OUR MISSION is to provide high quality, compassionate care at the end of life.

OUR VISION is excellence - every person, every time - by engaging, equipping and empowering.

OUR VALUES:

We are RESPONSIVE to the needs of customers, community and employees.

We strive for EFFICIENCY and CONSISTENCY in all operations.

We are committed to excellent COMMUNICATION.

We invest in EDUCATION of staff, community, patients and caregivers.