



Hospice of Dubuque

*Celebrating 25 years of
compassionate care*



During 2008, Hospice of Dubuque celebrates its 25th anniversary. As the community's not-for-profit hospice, the focus is the mission of providing compassionate care for the terminally ill and their loved ones. The dedicated Hospice of Dubuque Team is comprised of physicians, nurses, social workers, spiritual counselors, home health aides, dietitians, therapists and volunteers. This team, with the support of the tri-state community, fulfills the Hospice of Dubuque mission.

In this 25th year of service, the Board, Staff and Volunteers recognize all who have helped sustain Hospice of Dubuque since its inception, and acknowledge the thousands of families whom the organization has been privileged to serve. For the care this community has associated with hospice for the past 25 years, choose Hospice of Dubuque.

Hospice of Dubuque has evolved and grown throughout the past 25 years. Highlights include:

1981 A small group of volunteers saw the need to create a community-based hospice in Dubuque and initial conversations began.

1982 Hospice of Dubuque was incorporated and the first volunteer class was held.

1983 Hospice of Dubuque started serving patients.

1985 Not-for-profit status, 501(c)(3), was received from the Internal Revenue Service.

1986 The first employee, a part-time director, was hired.



1990 Medicare and Medicaid certification was achieved.

1993 The first Hospice of Dubuque Memorial Service was held to commemorate the 10th anniversary of services.

1994 Hospice of Dubuque began contracting with nursing homes to provide the residents with access to hospice services.



1995 Hospice of Dubuque expanded services to residents in portions of JoDaviess County, Illinois and in portions of Jones and Jackson Counties in Iowa.

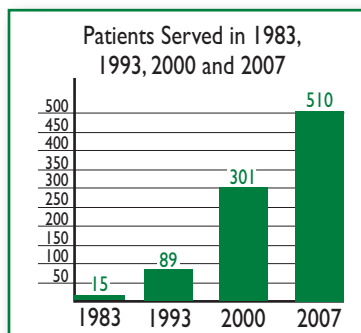
1996 In Washington Park, a Katsura Tree was planted and the Hospice of Dubuque memorial stone was erected in preparation for the first Tree of Life Memorial Service, which was held in conjunction with Memorial Day.



1997 In an effort to improve end-of-life care across the healthcare provider continuum, Hospice of Dubuque established an End of Life Care Team, which was a collaboration with The Finley Hospital and Mercy Medical Center.

1998 Hospice of Dubuque became licensed to serve residents in portions of Grant and LaFayette Counties in Wisconsin.

2003 The Iowa service area was expanded to include portions of Delaware County.



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