



Talbot Hospice Foundation is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Hospice House on July 1, 2008.

Talbot Hospice House Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Ten wonderful years have passed since Talbot Hospice House opened its doors in Easton. This dignified home has served over 400 patients in the six-bed Guest Wing since opening on July 1, 1998. Staying true to the original mission of the Talbot Hospice Foundation of offering hope, compassionate support, and services to all members of the community facing end-of-life issues, Talbot Hospice House embodies the mission and vision of its founders.

“Talbot Hospice House has made a huge difference in our community over the last ten years, and it will continue to provide exceptional care in the future as the community continues to flourish, and the demand for such services continues to grow,” stated a local

resident who volunteers in the Guest Wing at Hospice House. In addition to the Guest Wing facility, approximately 70% of all those receiving services remain in their homes or are served through the pre-hospice Pathways Program. All services are offered without charge to patients and their families; services that are supported by donations from individuals, businesses, churches, social organizations and foundations. Talbot Hospice does not receive monies from Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance.

Incorporated in 1981 as a non-profit, the Talbot Hospice Foundation was initially located at the Talbot County Health Department. Looking to develop an agenda to address those with a terminal diagnosis, the early objective was to “respond with compassion to the emotional, physical, social and spiritual needs of the terminally ill person and others affected by the loss of life.” In 1994 Talbot Hospice moved from the office in the Department of Health to 216 South Street. With a tremendously positive community response, the suggestion of constructing a Hospice House was proposed. In 1997 this vision became a reality as funds were raised, land was purchased at 586 Cynwood Drive and construction was underway! A family member recently stated, “Many are comforted to know that there is such a special place in our community where they may come and receive such wonderful care.”

Today the Talbot Hospice Foundation works together in a medical partnership with Shore Home Care Hospice. All hospice services that are mandated by federal and state laws are offered through this partnership. With a 28-year history, Talbot Hospice remains a highly respected resource within the community and continues to provide supportive care to those facing end-of-life challenges.

Devoted volunteers contributed over 13,075 hours of time in homes, in nursing homes and in the Guest Wing and Administrative Wings at Hospice House, during the past year. According to Mike Menzies, president of the board of directors, the volunteers “are the unsung heroes and truly make a difference in the lives of all those we serve.” It is this incredible dedication that has made Hospice House possible. “There are many people working very hard to make Hospice House successful, and it is very successful,” affirmed

an administrative volunteer. It is also due to the abundant generosity of the local community whose support sustains the “without charge” philosophy of the organization.



A recent Talbot Hospice Volunteer Class gathers together at Hospice House during their training session. For more information on becoming a volunteer visit www.talbothospice.org

The Talbot Hospice Foundation is grateful for the continuous support from the residents of Talbot County who have never wavered in their belief of the unique and valuable hospice mission. While providing patient and family care, community education and advocacy, Talbot Hospice House upholds the dreams, hope and love that make up life.

Please visit the informative new website at www.talbothospice.org.