HWR ACQUIRES STEIN HOSPICE

The merger of HWR and Stein Hospice created the leading provider of hospice care in Northern Ohio, ensuring future generations will continue to have access to the best and most comprehensive end-of-life services. HWR’s footprint now spans over 16 counties in Northern Ohio. Click here to read more.

HMC HOSPICE OF MEDINA COUNTY INPATIENT CARE

After a temporary suspension of operations due to COVID-19, the Medina Hospice Inpatient Unit reopened in 2022. Generous support from the Tom & Jill Lincoln Foundation increased the operating capacity and enabled HWR to care for 399 patients in 2022. Click here to read more.

PROJECT TALK

Project Talk is an organization that aims to engage underserved communities in Advance Care Planning, empowering residents to start conversations about their end-of-life goals and wishes. HWR collaborated with Project Talk in September 2022 to hold the region’s first community event at Mt. Zion Church in Cleveland with 24 participants.

2022 Highlights

HANES FAMILY CHILDREN’S GARDEN

A ribbon cutting event was held in May for people of all ages to enjoy the new garden features. Enhancements included a new perimeter fence, plants, and named garden features which included the rowboat, willow hut, and serpent. In the Fall, whimsical metal signage with a nautical theme was installed to recognize donors who contributed to the enhanced space. Click here to read more.

METROHEALTH CARDIAC PROGRAM

HWR collaborated with MetroHealth to provide in-home transitional and palliative care to patients with heart failure upon discharge from the hospital. Wini, a patient of this program, has provided information about her experience and the impact it had on improving her life. See her story on the next page.

The preliminary results indicate:

- 91% reported improvement in quality of life and satisfaction with the services (using a standardized survey administered before and after the transitional care program).
- 30-day readmission rates were below both the MetroHealth and the National 30-day readmission rates for heart failure patients.
- Claim payments were reduced by 39%.

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Wini, an 83-year-old great-grandmother with congestive heart failure, has gone from barely functioning to baking bread again.

The MetroHealth System and Navigator transitional care program helped Wini and her family by teaching them how to manage her symptoms at home. Funded through a generous grant from The Cleveland Foundation, the program is available to qualified cardiac patients who have been discharged from the hospital. To date, 100% of the program’s patients and family caregivers have reported a significantly improved quality of life.

In addition to an advanced practice nurse, social worker and volunteer, the program adds care from a registered nurse for 90 days. The RN works with the patient and their family caregivers to manage symptoms, make lifestyle changes, educate, and explain medications.

“Before I started the program, I couldn’t breathe. I couldn’t even go into the kitchen to do the dishes or make a sandwich,” Wini said. “It’s like night and day how I felt then and how I feel now. I don’t think I would still be here without the program.” Watch her video here.