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When the end is in sight, to whom can the dying, and their loved ones, turn for the physical, mental and spiritual care they need during their final journey together?

Since 2003, more than 8,400 Dallas area families – of all faiths, ethnicities and circumstances – have turned to Faith Presbyterian Hospice.

We believe that the end of life should not be a time of isolation, but of loving togetherness. It is our privilege to bring the most comprehensive and compassionate care available in the Dallas area to families who seek to maintain quality of life, for each moment of life, for as long as life lasts.

Most hospice care in America takes place in the home, but we know firsthand that in-home hospice is not always the right answer. For some, around-the-clock nursing care is needed, or pain management is too complicated. For others, the memory of a loved one passing in the home can be too much to endure.

Nursing homes and hospitals are not the only other options for where we spend our last precious hours on earth.

A better and much needed option: a residential and inpatient hospice center.

You’ll find inpatient hospice facilities in Fort Worth, Austin, Houston and numerous other Texas communities – eleven in all. Dallas is the only city of our size in Texas and the nation, without one.

Until now.
The T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center will be the first independent, residential hospice care center in Dallas, and a one-of-a-kind model for the nation.

Faith Presbyterian Hospice is uniting with the Dallas community to develop a world-class 9.3-acre campus, conveniently located in north Dallas at Merit Drive and Churchill Way, with five unique centers of excellence:

The Harold Simmons Foundation Inpatient Care Center, with 36 spacious private suites, will be designed to provide comfort to anyone in need, from terminally ill infants and children to adults and the elderly.

All suites will have a bed-accessible patio or balcony overlooking the lake and serene gardens as well as a private family space with sleeping and dressing accommodations. Rooms will also feature customizable audio feeds for favorite music or nature sounds and plenty of space for families to be with their loved ones for bedside vigils.

Families will have unlimited access to a warm and home-like dining room and great room, children’s play space, teen entertainment area featuring the latest technology, exercise room and business center.

The Donald and Charlotte Teet Outdoor Reflection Center will be a tranquil retreat featuring a 5-acre lake, fountain, meditation and memory gardens, lighted walking trail and a 200-seat amphitheater for events, educational programs and memorial services. These beautiful and safe outdoor spaces, proven to evoke a sense of calm and reduce stress, will also be open to the greater community.

“The lack of an inpatient hospice center robs the Dallas community of a compassionate option for patients and their families.

No organization exhibits greater compassion than Faith Presbyterian Hospice. They are the solution to this gap in hospice care for our community.”

- John McWhorter III, President
Baylor Health Care System
The Hamon Resource and Education Center will be the hub of numerous collaborative initiatives that focus on transforming the world’s understanding and practice of hospice care, palliative care and grief support. This will enhance our existing partnerships with local universities and allow us to offer our expansive training and educational resources to teaching institutions and healthcare systems nationwide and internationally.

The Spiritual Care Center, within the Simmons Inpatient Care Center building, will include a chapel and counseling room and will serve as a source of around-the-clock spiritual renewal for residents, families and caregiving staff of all faiths.

The Child and Family Bereavement Center (Phase III), the first of its kind in the Metroplex, is where we will provide healthy, hope-filled emotional support for grieving families with a special focus on children who have lost a parent or sibling. Programs will help surviving family members deal with their feelings about life and death, communicate openly and regain a sense of safety and security following the death of their loved one.

Our state-of-the-art environment will be designed for specialized grief support, events and education, and our comprehensive array of services will also include individual and family counseling, music therapy, art therapy, play therapy and peer group therapy.

“Faith Presbyterian Hospice is the best and most logical choice for this important project. We look forward to working hand-in-hand to meet the growing need for hospice care in our communities.”

- Douglas Hawthorne, FACHE, Retired CEO
Texas Health Resources
“Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.”

- Henry Ward Beecher

The families of Dallas need greater access to quality end-of-life inpatient care.

- Even after a period of successful in-home hospice, spending one’s final days at home may not be the right decision. This is especially true for families with young children for whom a death at home could create traumatic memories. The new T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center will provide these families a comforting and satisfying transition for their last moments together.

- Today, about half of all hospice care in Dallas County is provided in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals. While these facilities provide essential services, they are not designed, equipped or staffed for the purpose of providing the optimal environment for families experiencing end-of-life trauma. Bringing comfort, dignity and peace to families in their time of greatest need will be the primary focus of the new Pickens Center.

- Palliative care – specialized medical care for the management of chronic and often serious illnesses and conditions – is a natural complement to hospice. The new Pickens Center will offer Dallas-area families unique care in a positive environment that nurtures physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being, while reducing unnecessary pain and suffering.

- Where do our community’s at-home hospice caregivers – children, spouses and parents – turn for help when they are not feeling well, must be away from home for an extended time or just need a break? The new Pickens Center will offer these caregivers the ideal place for respite care.

“The most heartbreaking fact is this: Less than 20 percent of children who are terminally ill receive the hospice care they so desperately need. The new T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center is the solution for our community.”

- Kern Wildenthal, M.D., Ph.D., President & CEO
  Children’s Medical Center Foundation
How do you measure life?

At Faith Presbyterian Hospice, we measure life not by minutes, but by moments.

Treasured moments enjoying a breathtaking view … moments listening to a favorite song … moments making a difference for others.

These are the moments that make our lives worthwhile … moments we remember.

With the support of legendary donors T. Boone Pickens, the Harold Simmons Foundation, the Hamon Charitable Foundation and Donald and Charlotte Test, we are building a world-class residential hospice community in Dallas where every moment, right up to the very last moment, can be celebrated.

Please join us.

Help answer the prayers of spouses, parents and children throughout the community, in their time of greatest need. Help close the significant gap in our city’s continuum of care.

On behalf of every member of the Faith Presbyterian Hospice family who truly believes that Each Moment Matters, thank you.

Godwin G. Dixon, President and CEO
Presbyterian Communities and Services

“For me, Faith Presbyterian Hospice was a solace and comfort in a time that could have been very difficult. They provided humanity and safety to my father, as well as my mother, my brother and my sister.”

- Kim Telander, Faith Family Member

“Now FAITH is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

- Hebrews 11:1
Why is Faith Presbyterian Hospice best suited to undertake this groundbreaking project?

- Faith Presbyterian Hospice (Faith), established in 2003, is part of the Presbyterian Communities and Services family, the largest and top-rated non-profit provider of senior and hospice care in the greater Dallas area.

- Faith serves more than 2,100 patients and their families every year.

- Faith ranks in the top 10 percent of hospice providers nationwide, according to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

- Faith holds Gold Seal Certification by The Joint Commission for Accreditation of Health Care Facilities for excellence in healthcare quality and safety, and each year our individual caregivers receive national recognition by their peers.

- Innovative programs – Faithful Wishes, Faithful Paws, Faithful Presence, Life Reviews, music therapy, massage therapy and other integrated therapies – have garnered national recognition and differentiate Faith from other hospice agencies.

- At Faith, people, not profits, are our priority. Research studies have shown that the overall clinical outcomes are consistently better managed in non-profit facilities than in for-profit facilities.

- The Faith Caring Fund, made possible through generous gifts from donors, enables Faith to provide hospice care to terminally ill individuals who have lost their healthcare benefits or insurance.

“Steve was - is my one true love. ... He loved being a dad and loved Cooper and Katie more than I’ve ever seen a parent love a child. I don’t know how we would make it through this loss without the ongoing support of Faith Presbyterian Hospice.”

- Tyra Damm, Faith Family Member

“It is when the horizon is the darkest ... that FAITH shines brightest and comes to our rescue.”

- Mahatma Gandhi
Please join us in this groundbreaking project!
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