



WHAT *matters* MOST
2025 Impact Report

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Every day, we are reminded that what matters most is measured in moments, not numbers. Still, those numbers tell a powerful story of how compassion, generosity, and community come together to make those moments possible.

In 2025, Northern Illinois Hospice reached more patients than ever before, ensuring individuals facing serious illness received the comfort, clarity, and support they deserve. Behind that growth are people. Our neighbors, families, and friends found relief from pain, guidance in difficult decisions, and care aligned with their personal goals.

We're there when it matters most. This past year, that meant more than 52,000 days of patient care, over 5,800 volunteer hours of friendly support, and thousands of miles traveled to bring care directly to patients, wherever they call home. Each visit, each conversation, each act of compassionate expert care reflects a commitment to dignity and compassion at every stage of life.

None of this happens without you.

Because of our generous donors, no individual who qualified for hospice care was turned away. Your support makes it possible to provide comfort through therapies that soothe the body and spirit, guidance through bereavement services, and meaningful experiences through programs that honor each person's wishes and legacy.

Having conversations about end-of-life wishes can be difficult, but they are also deeply important. They help to uncover what matters most: how we want to live, how we want to be cared for, and how we want to be remembered. Together, with your partnership, we can ensure those wishes are heard, honored, and fulfilled.

Thank you for helping us provide more than care, for helping us provide peace, dignity, and meaningful time together when it matters most.

With gratitude,

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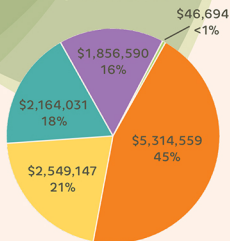


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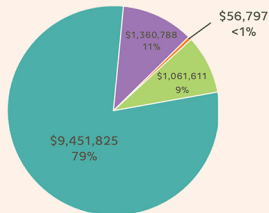
Consolidated Statements of
Financial Position Year Ending
December 31, 2025

Assets



- Investments
- Accounts Receivable
- Fixed Assets
- Other Current Assets
- Cash & Cash Equivalents

Liabilities & Net Assets



- Net Assets
- Accounts Payable
- Long-Term Liabilities
- Other Current Liabilities

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Palliative Care



Northern Illinois Palliative Care made great progress in 2025!

Donors helped us expand our mission in 2024 to launch this service line and donor generosity continues to grow and sustain it. We served 30% more patients in 2025. Because of this growth, we needed to expand staffing resources.

The talented nurse practitioners (NPs) of Northern Illinois Palliative Care support individuals struggling to manage symptoms of a progressive serious illness. Partnering with primary care physicians and specialists, our NPs make “house calls,” allowing ample time for supportive care and education, symptom management, and goal of care discussions and planning. NP visits accomplish a lot, helping patients avoid unnecessary emergency room and clinic visits, and improving quality of life.



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the difference
between hospice
and palliative care





DAYS OF PATIENT CARE

2025: 52,710

2024: 50,228



VOLUNTEER HOURS



2025: 5,812

2024: 4,983



MILES DRIVEN

In 2025 our Hospice team drove **236,000 miles**, making more than **26,500 visits**.



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FOUNDATION

Thanks to our wonderful community of donors who allow us to continue this most important work for our friends and neighbors, loved ones can experience:

- » Aromatherapy
- » Bereavement Program
- » Charity Care
- » Massage Therapy
- » Music Therapy
- » Pet Peace of Mind®
- » Pet Visitor Program
- » We Honor Veterans Program
- » Volunteer Services
- » Wish Program

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