

Hospice of Charles County Organization Timeline

1982

Citizens of Charles County come together to develop ideas for the formation of Hospice of Charles County. Financial support is provided by the Episcopal Diocese of Washington D.C.

1983

Hospice of Charles County is incorporated under Maryland State Law and obtains a non-profit, tax-exempt status from the IRS. Hospice applies for Certificate of Need to be a separate entity from home health agencies.

1985/1986

Financial support is received from grants and Women's Club of Charles County. Hospice is accepted by United Way of Charles County. The Friends of Hospice, a.k.a. the Society for the Friends of Hospice, organized to raise much needed funds to care for the terminally ill patients in Charles County. Charles County Health Department Director volunteers to be first Medical Director for Hospice of Charles County.

1987/1988

The bereavement program "A Time to Heal" begins. It is a support group for families in grief throughout the community. Hospice receives a \$5,000 grant from the Episcopal Diocese in Washington D.C. First golf tournament to benefit Hospice of Charles County is held at Hawthorne Country Club. First Memorial Service and reception was held and drew over 200 people. Physicians Memorial Hospital donates office space to Hospice.

1989

Hospice of Charles County is granted licensure by the State of Maryland. Hospice leases office space. Part time Executive Director and assistant Patient Care Coordinator are hired through a grant from the Public Welfare Foundation. First Hospice Festival of Trees is held at the Holiday Inn in Waldorf, MD and is sponsored by the Friends of Hospice and supported by community leaders.

1991

Hospice of Charles County receives Medicare certification.

1993

Dr. Krishan Mathur is employed by Hospice as the Medical Director. Prior to this, Dr. Mathur volunteered his services for six years.

1995

The Friends of Hospice and the Greater Waldorf Jaycees are co-sponsors of the Festival of Trees at the Jaycee Community Center in Waldorf, MD.

1998

Hospice receives JCAHO accreditation.

2002

F4 tornado severely damages Hospice office. Hospice regroups and utilizes trailer space as temporary office for several months.

2003

Hospice returns to rebuilt office facility on La Grange Avenue in La Plata, MD. First Camp Sunshine for bereaved children is held at Melwood Training Center in Nanjemoy, MD. Hospice is accredited by Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP). Maryland community-based hospices defend the concept of local hospice care with the passage of SB-732 in the Maryland Legislature.

2004

Hospice of Charles County is named the Charles County Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year. Hospice earned Seal of Excellence from the Maryland Association of Non-Profit Organizations.