

Our Mission

Horizon Hospice, Chicago's first hospice service, is a not-for-profit, community-based organization. Our goal is to provide comfort for the dying and to preserve their dignity at the end of life.

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2001 Annual Report

PROVIDING A CIRCLE OF CARE



A Message from the Chairman and President

Dear Friends,

We cared for 640 patients and their families in 2001 — each presenting a unique situation to which our circle of care team adapted. This ability to adjust the plan of care to meet individual need is at the very heart of what makes Horizon Hospice so valuable and unique. From our founding in 1978, we have worked to extend our services throughout all neighborhoods, ethnicities, religions, cultures and economic levels. The knowledge and appreciation we have gained along the way continues to inform, enlighten and enrich our work.

As you look over the statistical snapshot in this annual report, remember that these numbers represent 640 different situations made up of people at the end of life and those who love them. Our clinical team members — doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, bereavement counselors, chaplains and volunteers — feel privileged to take on the responsibility to provide care in these varied environments. Our administrative team — management, operations, fundraising, communications and marketing — works diligently to maintain the organizational vigor that allows the circle of care to preserve dignity and provide comfort for the dying.



Last year we reported caring for 676 people, providing 23,948 patient days of care. This year's drop in number of patients to 640 is not a fall-off of services, but actually a very encouraging sign about better access to hospice care. We delivered 26,322 patient days of care in 2001, and our average length of stay was 43, up from 36 in 2000. Since patients and families spent a longer time in our program, they were better able to reap the benefits of all services. Our education efforts will encourage more healthcare professionals, community members and institutions to refer terminal patients to hospice care earlier to continue this trend.

We look forward to maintaining our role as a pioneer in the healthcare community.



Henry S. Webber
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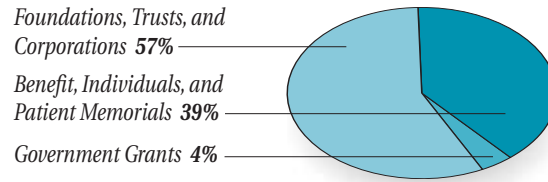
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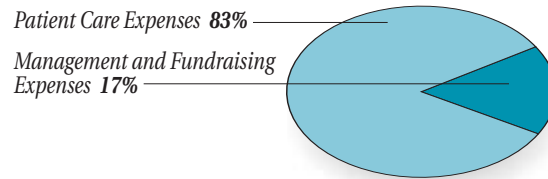
Contributions play an important role in maintaining our commitment to providing hospice care to all who request it, regardless of their ability to pay. During 2001, 21% of our patient days were indigent or not fully compensated. Charitable contributions made this care possible.

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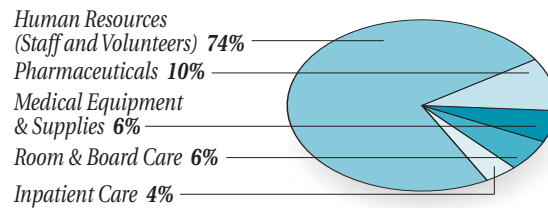
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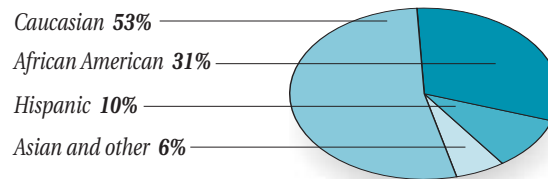
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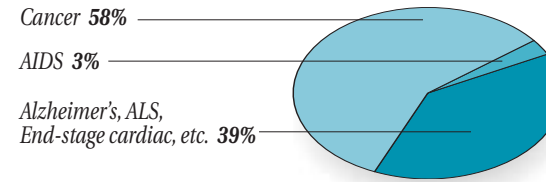
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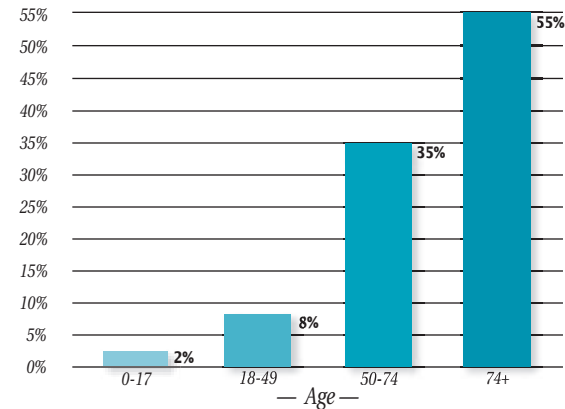
Patient Ethnicity



Diagnosis



Age/Gender 59% Female 41% Male



In 2001, patient care and office volunteers contributed over 3,000 hours of service. Volunteers and staff made more than 750 bereavement visits and personal contacts. This service is a crucial part of hospice for which no reimbursement is received.

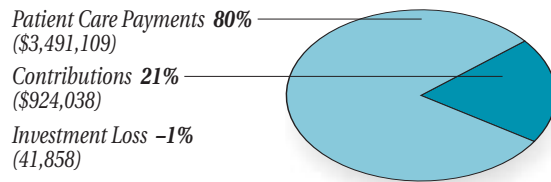


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