

RiverStone Health Makes Plans For New Inpatient Hospice Home

“With more people seeking alternatives to spending their final days in a hospital or nursing home setting, along with increasing healthcare costs, and the number of people needing end-of-life care, now is the time to expand our community’s options,” said Dr. Douglas Carr, Medical Director at Billings Clinic and Chairman of the Board of Health.

Recognizing the need for local inpatient hospice services, RiverStone Health, in collaboration with local healthcare providers, began putting plans together to build a new

inpatient hospice home. As Billings continues to become more of a destination for advanced cancer care, organizations like Billings Clinic have expressed appreciation for the efforts RiverStone Health is taking to expand hospice care. As a result, Billings Clinic has become a major supporter of this project to help address this important need.

“Our objective is simple; provide our community with a place where patients and their loved ones can face end-of-life challenges with dignity, comfort, and compassion,” said Lil Anderson, CEO & President of RiverStone Health.



Inpatient Hospice Home Offers Comfort, Compassion, and Dignity

The RiverStone Health Hospice Home will be a comfortable place where family and friends can be alone with their loved one in a warm, caring environment. Patients will receive comfort oriented care that neither hastens

nor postpones death, but focuses instead on maintaining quality of life. This philosophy of care enables patients and their loved ones to face a myriad of challenges with dignity, courage, and strength.

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RiverStone Health Foundation to Launch \$2.5 Million Campaign

To pay for the construction of the new inpatient hospice home, the RiverStone Health Foundation has launched the “*Today’s Comfort – Tomorrow’s Dignity*” capital campaign to raise \$2,500,000; the first multi-million campaign in its history. The campaign will start with an approach to board members, staff, and volunteers before moving to a community wide effort.

Ideal Location Found

Fortunately an ideal location has been found to make this much-anticipated hospice home a reality for everyone in the community. Through their joint venture, Missions United, St. Vincent Healthcare and St. John’s Lutheran Ministries set aside land specifically for the future development of an inpatient hospice home. St. John’s Lutheran Ministries and St. Vincent Healthcare are leasing this land to RiverStone Health for just one dollar a year.

Why Approach Employees in a Capital Campaign?

This is a community campaign. The beneficiary of the fundraising isn’t really RiverStone Health or the Foundation; it’s the community as a whole. With the additional of inpatient hospice services, people throughout Billings and beyond – including our employees and their families – will have improved access to quality end-of-life care.

Whether employee or not, people throughout the area will support the campaign because they want quality healthcare close to home. “No one is asking employees to donate *because* they are employees. We’re asking them to donate because they know how important

access to quality healthcare is for this entire region,” said Kim Kaiser, Executive Director of the RiverStone Health Foundation.



Production on Campaign Video Underway



A local film production crew, Out In the Cold Productions, spent three days shooting video throughout Billings for RiverStone Health Foundation’s “*Today’s Comfort – Tomorrow’s Dignity*” campaign video. A special thank you to our employees and community members Sam McDonald, Joy Ott, Jim Paquette, Jean McNally, Todd Nelson, and Nicole Scheie for your participation and support.