

## **Homestead Hospice House Board announces sale of facility and creation of new fund to support end-of-life care in the community**

The volunteer Homestead Hospice House Board of Directors announced its decision to sell the residential hospice facility and surrounding acreage to establish a new fund dedicated to supporting end-of-life care services for patients and families in the surrounding communities.

The decision follows several years of efforts to identify another organization that could operate a residential hospice program at the site. In July 2023, Allina Health announced the closure of its residential hospice program, which had operated out of the Homestead Hospice House for nearly 20 years.

“This decision was made after careful consideration and a deep commitment to our mission,” said Kasey Kamholz, president of the Homestead Hospice House Board. “While residential hospice care models and reimbursement for that care are changing, the need for compassionate end-of-life care has not gone away. Our responsibility is to ensure that support remains available to patients and families, now and into the future.”

Proceeds from the sale, along with existing assets, will be used to create a long-term fund that supports end-of-life care services in the community. This approach allows the organization to remain true to its original bylaws, established more than 25 years ago, while adapting to the evolving landscape of hospice care.

“This plan honors the intent of those who helped build the Homestead Hospice House, those who received care here, and the many community members who supported the house through their time, talent, and generosity,” Kamholz added. “Their commitment laid the foundation for everything we are able to do today.”

The Board expressed deep gratitude to the founders, volunteers, donors, staff, and community partners who made the Homestead Hospice House a place of comfort and dignity for patients and families for more than two decades. Their contributions continue to shape the organization’s mission and guide its future direction.

Additional details about the sale and the establishment of the new fund will be shared as plans move forward.