



## Development of the First Community-based Hospice Organization

### Issue

The cost of doing business, care expectations and increased for-profit competition creates an environment where small non-profit community-based hospices are continually challenged economically. Resources can be strained and service innovation increasingly scarce.

### Solution

Hospice of Dayton's executive team and its board of directors are committed to helping community-based non-profits survive. In 2013, the group established an umbrella group – Ohio's Hospice – designed to enable community hospices to come together to ensure community-based hospice care continues to be available in today's changing healthcare environment. By joining together, members are:

- Elevating the quality of services provided to patients.
- Working together to enhance each organization's care, services and mission.
- Gaining efficiency through scale in operations.
- Gaining efficiency and consistency by leveraging technology.

### Outcome

Ohio's Hospice brings together similar non-profit hospices with shared values, shared culture, shared mission and shared expertise. The first two collaborations bring together a combined 65 years of care and delivery, offering more visits and direct care to patients than any other hospice provider. In addition, they offer more resources to provide care to patients and their families, including respiratory therapy, massage therapy and greater support capable of providing every level of care a hospice patient or their family may need.

### About Hospice of Dayton

Founded in 1978, Hospice of Dayton is a non-profit agency that cares for patients facing life limiting illnesses and their families. Hospice of Dayton provides care for over 4,000 patients annually in homes, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals and in two Hospice Houses in an eight county service area in southwestern Ohio.

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