



In the fall of 2012, the Tampa General Hospital Foundation began a campaign to raise money to support the development of the Tampa General Hospital Palliative Care Program. With your generous help, we completed the campaign in 2014, raising over \$350,000.

Your contribution has been put to very good use, and we are excited to update you on the progress made on the projects and programs that have been impacted by your gift.

Palliative Care Suites

The main focus of the campaign was to raise money to support the conversion of two existing hospital rooms into palliative care suites. In 2014, we proudly opened these suites, which have all been occupied 95 percent of the time by patients receiving palliative care since opening. In 2014, we had approximately 900 patients who used the palliative care suites, and we are on track to surpass that number in 2015.

Family members who visit their critically-ill loved ones can spend time with them in a setting that values patient dignity, comfort and tranquility. The family members of patients have raved about the positive experience of being in these suites.

Palliative Care Growth

The Palliative Care Program has continued to grow both in numbers and acceptability throughout the hospital. This past year the team over 1,700 patients consults. Tampa General Hospital has approved two additional physician positions and the team should be fully staffed by fall of 2015. No TGH Foundation funds have been used to support these new positions.

The program has been able to use funds raised to hire a palliative care nurse navigator. This important role has led to both educational efforts and quality improvement projects. The leadership provided by the creation of this position has offered ongoing in-services, developed a strong relationship with the cardiac transplant group and launched an advance care planning initiative.

Finally, the campaign has allowed TGH to add a crucial element to the Palliative Care Program. We have utilized funding to support a second Pastoral Care Research Fellowship. Conducting health services research is an integral part of our academic and service mission. Your support has been essential in allowing us to fulfill that mission.



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Funds from this campaign helped Tampa General Hospital expand its Pastoral Care Residency to focus solely on the needs of patients in the Palliative Care Program. Pastoral Care provides spiritual and emotional support for patients, families, staff and visitors at Tampa General Hospital. Our chaplains understand that assisting with spiritual and emotional needs is an important part of caring for the whole person. Care is available to people of all faiths. Through clinical pastoral care, chaplains demonstrate the spiritual dimension of the hospital's mission and strengthen the relationship between the hospital and religious communities at large. Ongoing fundraising efforts continue today to assure that the Pastoral Care team will continue to have a dedicated chaplain assigned to this important program well into the future.

We are pleased to inform you that with your help and continued support we have created a program that serves both critically ill patients and their families. Patients are cared for in a comfortable setting with a team of compassionate, dedicated professionals who provide patient-centered care at a critical time. The patients we serve, the patients YOU have helped, appreciate you and your generosity more than we can tell you!

Conclusion

Your gift is making life better for patients. It is making a difference to both patients and their families. How do we say thank you for that kind of gift? We hope you feel good about how your dollars are being used and we look forward to continuing to provide the highest level of care to our patients, both now and in the future.

Please contact the TGH Foundation Office for more information on how you can still be involved:

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Thank you!



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