

Hinds LifeCare Annual Report

Fall 2025
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A Fighting Spirit

A Hinds Kids family
shares their story

Hinds LifeCare

A new name for who
we've always been



Support Beyond Expectations. Care Beyond Hospice.

Since 1981, Hinds Hospice has been a trusted name in compassionate end-of-life care. For many years, though, our work has quietly expanded far beyond hospice. From supporting children living with life-limiting conditions to helping families heal after tragic losses, our mission has always been to meet the community where it hurts and offer hope, comfort, and connection. Today, we take a bold step forward to reflect that wider mission. We are proud to reintroduce ourselves as Hinds LifeCare.

“At Hinds Hospice, we’ve been recognized for our end-of-life care, but our mission reaches beyond. We walk with people through every stage of serious illness, grief, and loss, helping them live with dignity and purpose. Whether through our pediatric palliative program, Angel Babies, or community education, our goal has always been to serve every stage of life, not just the end of it,” Interm CEO Lilika Stratigos shares.

Nancy Hinds’ founding vision was never confined to a single service. As Executive Director of Counseling and Support Services, Kathy Cromwell explains, “The goal has always been to find a need in the community and do our best to fill it, even if it has little or no connection to hospice.” That spirit continues today through unique programs like our LOSS Team, (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors), which works with Fresno County to support families and first responders immediately after a suicide death, Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss, working to support those impacted by suicide loss, and HALO (Healing After a Loss by Overdose), offering critical grief support for those grieving a loss by overdose.

These programs matter. They are changing lives. Families like Jim and Lynn Horton, who lost their son Zachary to overdose, found strength and support through our Center for Grief & Healing and HALO program. Parents in our Hinds Kids Pediatric Program receive concurrent care support for their children while



Nancy Hinds caring for a patient in 1983

they continue to pursue curative treatment. Angel Babies families find comfort and memory-making support in the brief but beautiful lives of their infants. From the Circle of Friends to Pregnancy After a Loss Support Groups and Teen Grief Support, each story reminds us that grief does not begin or end at hospice, and neither should our care.

As Nancy Hinds puts it, “Hinds LifeCare allows us to tell the full story about all the ways we support people through the hardest parts of life.” Our new name reflects what we’ve been doing all along. Because we’re not just a place where life ends. We’re a place where life, through every stage, is honored, supported, and held with care.

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Cover photo: Mohammad is part of our Hinds Kids family. Pictured, Mohammad, Mom Reema, Dad Imad, twin brother Adam, and sister Haneen Abu Tawila.

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Values, Vision, Philosophy

Mission

The mission of Hinds LifeCare is to uphold the dignity and ease the suffering of the terminally ill while supporting their loved ones.

Values

We pursue excellence and act ethically, professionally, respectfully, compassionately, and with integrity.

Vision

We strive to be recognized as the premier provider of comprehensive, compassionate end-of-life care and specialized grief support services that are accessible to all.

Philosophy

Our philosophy is based on our sacred call to serve the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those who have a life-limiting illness and of those who are grieving.

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Message from Board Chair

The Board of Directors would like to welcome Lilika Stratigos, SHRM-SCP, our newly appointed interim CEO. Many of you know Lilika well. She has been with Hinds Hospice for over 13 years. She brings not only deep knowledge of our operations but also an unwavering commitment to our mission.

This year marks a profound and historic moment for our organization, a moment of both reflection and renewal. For more than four decades, our hospice has carried forward the vision and compassion of our founder, Nancy Hinds. Her belief that every person deserves dignity, comfort, and peace at the end of life, and that families deserve support in their grief, has been the bedrock of our mission since our first patient was served.

Now, for the first time in our history, we are introducing a new name and brand identity. This is not a departure from our roots, but rather an evolution, one that enables us to communicate more clearly who we are today, the breadth of our services, and the depth of our commitment to the community. Our name may be changing, but our heart remains the same.

Nancy's legacy is woven into every aspect of this work. The values she instilled, compassion, integrity, and excellence, will always define us. Her vision lives on in the care we provide each day and in the stories of countless families who have found comfort and hope through our services.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you, our loyal supporters, for standing with us in this important chapter. Your trust and generosity have allowed us to grow, innovate, and serve more people than ever before. You have ensured that Nancy's vision is not only preserved but strengthened for the decades ahead.

Nancy has helped guide our name evolution and supported the process from the beginning. As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our mission. We will continue to walk alongside those facing the end of life, support families through their grief, and bring comfort and dignity to everyone in our care. This is our promise to you, to our community, and to all who depend on us.



Stacy A. Manning, DNP
Chair, Hinds LifeCare Board of Directors



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Message from the Interim CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Although I'm new to this role, I'm not new to Hinds LifeCare. For over 13 years, I've had the privilege of serving this organization in various capacities. Throughout that time, I've consistently witnessed the remarkable heart and generosity that you, our community, bring to Hinds Hospice. That spirit is what makes this agency so special.

For over 40 years, Hinds Hospice has been a beacon of compassion, comfort, and dignity for those facing the final stages of life. Founded by Nancy Hinds with a mission to care for patients and families with unwavering love and respect, our organization has walked alongside tens of thousands of individuals during life's most sacred moments. Today, as we prepare to enter a new era, we do so with deep reverence for our past and a bold vision for the future.

This year marks an extraordinary milestone in our history. We are embarking on a name change and rebranding effort for the first time since our founding. While our new name and updated look may reflect a modernized identity, I want to assure you that the heart of who we are remains firmly rooted in the values Nancy Hinds instilled from the very beginning.

The decision to rebrand was not taken lightly. It came after thoughtful conversations with staff, volunteers, board members, patients' families, and, importantly, with you, our supporters. As our services and reach have expanded to include not just hospice care but also palliative care, grief support, pediatric care, and community outreach, we recognized the need for a name that reflects the full scope of what we offer. We needed a brand that honors our legacy while carrying us into the next generation of care.

Our new name, Hinds LifeCare, captures the essence of what we do: caring for the whole person, at every stage of serious illness, and supporting families every step of the way. It emphasizes our commitment not only to end-of-life care but to the broader journey of life, comfort, and healing.

What hasn't changed, and never will, is our mission. We continue to walk in the footsteps of our founder, providing compassionate care that upholds dignity, celebrates life, and offers hope, even in the most difficult times. Our nurses, hospice aides, social workers, chaplains, counselors, and volunteers are just as devoted to delivering exceptional care now as they were four decades ago.

To our loyal donors, community partners, and families: thank you. You have made this transformation possible, and your belief in our mission continues to inspire and sustain us. Your support ensures that, no matter our name, the legacy of love and care that began with Nancy Hinds will continue to flourish.

We invite you to grow with us, to share in our mission, and to help us carry Nancy's vision into the future.

With deepest appreciation,



Lilika Stratigos, SHRM-SCP
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Hinds LifeCare



Statement of Financial Position

Statement of Functional Expenses For Fiscal Year 2024

(October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024)

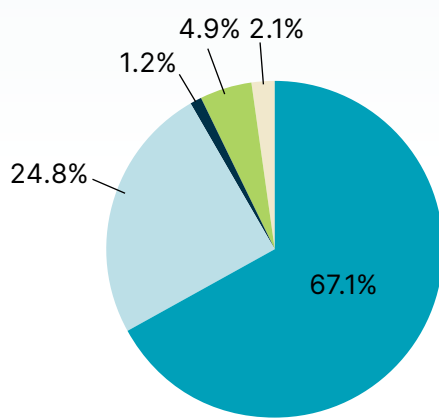
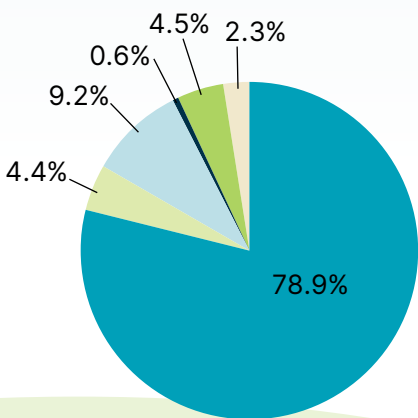
Total Current Assets	\$6,425,437
Property and Equipment, Net	\$4,812,732
Investment Securities	\$16,923,384
Other Assets	\$3,256,007
Net Assets	\$31,417,560
Current Liabilities	\$2,753,555
Long-term Debt	\$ 1,445,348
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$23,668,801
Restricted Net Assets	\$3,549,856
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$31,417,560

Revenue, Support and Expenses For Fiscal Year 2024

(October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024)

Revenue and Support	\$ 31,836,240	
Patient Revenues Net	\$25,121,694	78.9%
Donations, Memorials, & Special Events	\$1,416,550	4.4%
Investment Income	\$2,930,968	9.2%
Rental Income	\$205,574	0.6%
Thrift Store Revenue	\$1,432,481	4.5%
Other Operating Revenue	\$728,973	2.3%
Expenses	\$30,196,532	
Patient Care	\$20,249,216	67.1%
General & Administration	\$7,492,833	24.8%
Fundraising	\$357,737	1.2%
Thrift Store	\$1,475,404	4.9%
Hospice Charitable Properties Inc.	\$621,342	2.1%
Changes in Net Assets	1,639,708	

Number of Patients Served	1,663
Days of Patient Care	115,690
Charity Care	\$39,249



Revenue and Support

Expenses

2024-2025 Hinds LifeCare Board of Directors

The Hinds LifeCare Board of Directors is a diverse group of individuals who volunteer their time and expertise to further the Hinds LifeCare mission.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering to help guide Hinds LifeCare, please call (559) 320-0308 or email funddevelopment@hindshospice.org.

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A Fighting Spirit



How Hinds LifeCare Supports Families Like Mohammad's

When people meet Mohammad, they see a boy who radiates joy, cracks jokes with strangers, and never misses a beat in his wheelchair races with his twin brother, Adam.

What they don't see, at least at first, is the miracle behind the smile. Six years ago, his mother sat at his hospital bedside and was told to prepare for the worst. But Mohammad had other plans.

His mother, Reema, still remembers the moment everything changed. "We were living in Palestine, and life was great. Then everything changed," she says. "The day before Mohammad's fourth birthday, he suddenly became paralyzed."

Doctors diagnosed him with unexplained ischemia of the spine, a spinal cord injury without trauma. They didn't expect him to survive 72 hours. "But he did," Reema says,

her voice full of both pride and awe. "From that moment on, we knew we had to give him the best chance at life."

Mohammad's medical needs quickly outpaced what was available in Palestine. Reema made the brave decision to leave her home and support system behind. She brought Mohammad and Adam to the United States. They were admitted to Valley Children's Hospital and lived there for four months while she searched for answers and a future for her boys.

Reema's family helped her find long-term care options and eventually a home. Her husband Imad, and the rest of her children soon joined them, reuniting a family that had been through more than most could imagine.

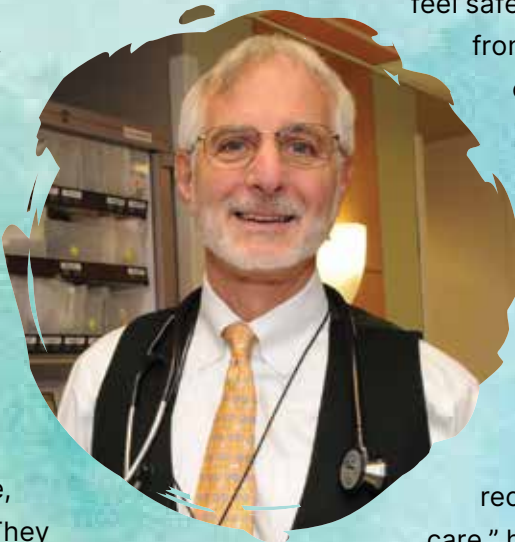
"Mohammad is a fighter," Reema says. "He's joyful, resilient, and looks out for everyone. His spirit never changed. But at first, it was incredibly hard. Adam didn't

understand. Our whole lives changed; how we ate, how we went out, how we communicated.” Just when Reema thought she might be completely alone in navigating this new world, a staff member from Hinds Kids Pediatric Program reached out to her. “Hinds called to offer support, but I didn’t want to hear it at first,” she admits. “We were literally in the car on our way back to the ER when they called. Fortunately, they followed up, and I’m so grateful they did.”



Through the Hinds Kids Pediatric Program, Mohammad and his family found more than care. They found a team. “From music therapy that brought him joy, to regular nursing visits from Katie, his RN Case Manager, who helps manage medications and jumps in when there’s a gap,” Reema recalls. “Once Mohammad had a serious reaction, and Katie helped us avoid the ER by coordinating care and getting us meds that same night. What a blessing to avoid the hospital.”

Reema says one of the hardest parts of transitioning from the hospital to home care was the fear that something could go wrong at any moment. She thought she’d be the only one responsible. “I was terrified to take care of him at first. Scared I’d miss something,” she says. “Hinds gave me confidence. Support. Relief. We have a team now. A nurse, a social worker, even Mohammad’s favorite aide, Mark, comes for his bath. They laugh. They tell jokes. It’s not just care. It’s connection.”



*Dr. David Steinhorn,
Pediatrics Medical Director*

Six years after Mohammad’s diagnosis, the fear of emergency hospital runs is still real, but with Hinds by her side, Reema says her family doesn’t feel alone anymore.

Caring for the Whole Family and the Future

Hinds Kids Pediatric Program is about more than medicine. It is about meeting children and families where they are, physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and walking with them every step of the way. Hinds Kids offers concurrent care, which provides the support of hospice while simultaneously continuing medical care.

Dr. David Steinhorn, the Hinds Kids Medical Director, is an internationally recognized pediatric palliative care physician, he leads this vision with compassion and clarity. “We’re not just here to care for children at the end of life,” says Dr. Steinhorn. “We’re here to support their quality of life, every single day. We aim to put more life in each child’s days and more days in their lives whenever possible.”

His plan for the Hinds Kids Pediatric Program is bold and deeply needed. The goal is to create a national model for integrative, whole-person pediatric palliative care. “We’re expanding therapies like music, massage, and play therapy because children deserve joy and meaning in their lives, even in the hardest moments,” says Dr. Steinhorn. “And so do their families. In particular, young children and those with developmental disabilities benefit most from developmentally matched services, such as therapeutic play, art, music, aquatic therapy, and comforting touch.”

One key focus is transitional care, ensuring that families feel safe and supported when children transition from hospital to home. “When parents first come home with a medically fragile child, there’s fear,” Dr. Steinhorn explains. “They need a team they can trust. One that doesn’t just show up in emergencies but walks with them day after day. That’s what Hinds Kids provides.”

He also emphasizes the importance of respite care and volunteer support so caregivers like Reema can rest and recharge. “Parents are the heart of pediatric care,” he says. “We have to take care of them, too.”

A Vision of Hope: The Future Children's House

Perhaps the most exciting part of Dr. Steinhorn's vision is the creation of a dedicated children's house. It would be a home-like space for transitional and respite care, where children with incurable conditions could receive care, therapy, and play in a nurturing, medically supported environment. "This would be a sanctuary," says Dr. Steinhorn. "A place for symptom management, therapeutic play, family support and training, and transitional stays when the hospital is too much but home isn't quite ready. It is a space that blends comfort and care. A physical expression of Nancy Hinds' mission to ease suffering."

Dr. Steinhorn knows that this vision will only become a reality with the support of the community. "This kind of care doesn't happen without donors, volunteers, and healthcare partners," he says. "Every contribution helps ensure that no child or family walks this journey alone."

That includes investing in education. The Hinds Kids Pediatric Program welcomes medical students, pediatric residents, therapy interns, and adult hospice trainees. The goal is to help build the next generation of pediatric palliative care professionals and general pediatricians who recognize the importance of providing excellent care for this unique group of children. "We want to teach compassion as much as clinical skill," Dr. Steinhorn says. "Because that's what makes the difference."

The Reason We Do This

When asked what she would say to someone thinking of supporting Hinds LifeCare, Reema doesn't hesitate. "You're not just helping a child. You're helping a family breathe again," she says. "You're helping a mother sleep at night, knowing someone has her back. Hinds Kids gave us hope when we didn't know what would come next."

Mohammad, now ten, still rolls through life with his trademark grin and contagious joy. He continues to inspire everyone who meets him, not because of what he's lost, but because of how fiercely he lives. And behind him, every step of the way, is the Hinds Kids team. They show what is possible when care is built on love.

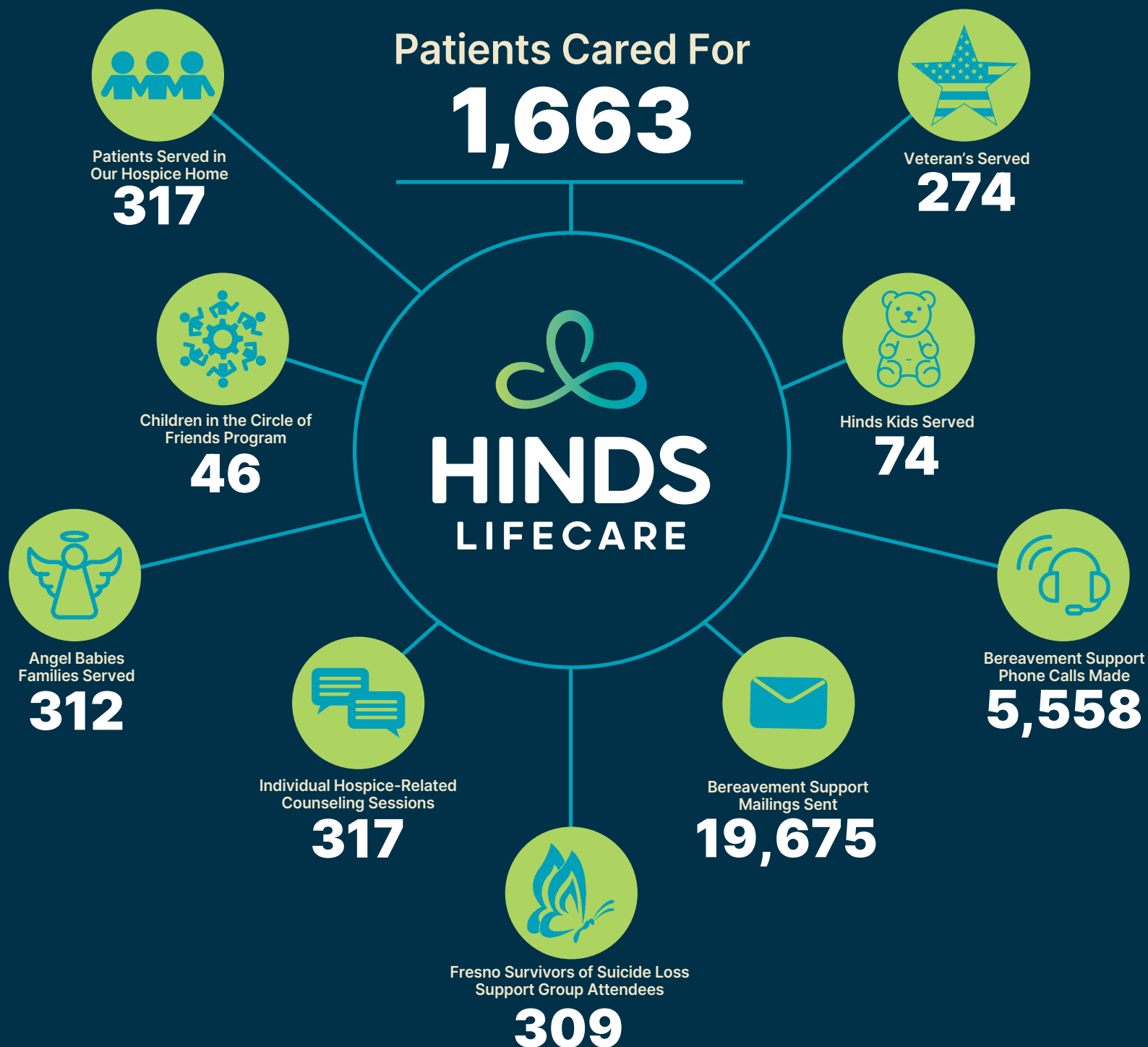


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While Hinds LifeCare is not a religiously affiliated organization, we do support and encourage people to be fully human - body, mind, and spirit - in an integrated manner, regardless of whether the individual is religious or not. Hinds LifeCare respects and supports all faiths, faith practices, and spiritual self-expression.

Hinds LifeCare Services



Programs and services of Hinds LifeCare

Our community support allows us to give a higher level of care, and offer enhanced family support. Our goal at all times is to respect your wishes. The care we provide reflects a partnership between you, your family, and the Hinds LifeCare team. We pride ourselves on our mission to ease suffering, and we are here to help care for the mind, body, and spirit of you and your loved ones as you navigate this journey together.



Patient care services

At Hinds LifeCare, most patients are seen in their homes or in residential care facilities throughout Fresno, Madera, and Merced counties. Our hospice interdisciplinary care team includes nurses, home health aides, medical social workers, chaplains, medical directors, spiritual care providers, and counselors who assist with anticipatory grief. Patient Care Volunteers visit patients where they live, making sure they are as comfortable as possible, and they also provide respite for caregivers and companionship for patients who need it most.



Hinds Hospice Home

The Hinds Hospice Home is staffed with registered nurses and hospice aides 24 hours a day, and at least two patient care staff members are on duty at all times. In addition to a full-time nursing staff, dietician and cook, the Hospice Home has a designated full-time social worker, and a chaplain is always on-call after hours.



Center for Grief & Healing

The Hinds LifeCare Center for Grief & Healing is unique in that it serves not only hospice families but also the community at large with grief support services. The professional staff is available to meet with individuals and families to provide grief counseling. Licensed clinicians are specially trained in dealing with sudden and traumatic loss. The Center for Grief & Healing offers a variety of grief support groups serving both adults and children. The staff also provides workshops and training throughout our community on specific topics of grief and loss.



Angel Babies Perinatal Hospice and Bereavement Program

The sudden loss of a baby in pregnancy or the news of an unborn baby being diagnosed with a life-limiting condition is heartbreaking. As part of the Hinds LifeCare Center for Grief & Healing, Angel Babies/Bebitos Angelitos offers a perinatal palliative care program for families facing a devastating loss. Our team connects at the time of diagnosis or loss, responding to offer support, resources, and comfort.



Hinds Kids Pediatric Program

Children require different care than adults. The Hinds Kids Pediatric Program provides seriously ill children comfort and quality of life as they navigate this journey. The Hinds Kids Program offers families the support of hospice services while still allowing for curative care.



Prison Hospice

This program educates and trains inmates at area prisons to provide hospice care and grief and loss support for fellow inmates. Nancy Hinds believes in equal care for everyone, and that no one should die alone.



Thrift Stores

Hinds LifeCare Thrift Stores provide discounted clothing, household items, and furniture to those in need in the communities we serve, while helping sustain the agency's primary mission of care. These thrift stores are our way of giving back to the community, and they also act to offset the costs of care that Hinds LifeCare provides.



Physician and Medical Professional Education

In an effort to increase physician awareness of what hospice and palliative care can provide to patients and their families, Hinds LifeCare provides specialized end-of-life care training locally to doctors, nurses, and residents from UC San Francisco Medical School, UC Davis, Fresno State, and Fresno City College.



Multicultural and Inclusive Outreach

To support the Central Valley's diverse population, Hinds LifeCare has developed a comprehensive program that strives to provide culturally sensitive services to patients and their families, reflecting the diversity of the communities we serve.



Global Outreach

Through our service and strong social conscience, we believe in sharing our hearts and experiences with those in the global community who have the greatest needs. Nancy Hinds is the interim president of Hospice Africa.



Volunteers

Trained patient volunteers provide respite time for caregivers, and comfort to patients where they live. Their training, talents, and skills are matched to fit every family's unique needs. Hospice Home volunteers answer the door to visitors and handle incoming phone calls for staff, patients, and their families. They also perform light upkeep duties such as folding laundry, replenishing cookies and coffee, and talking with visiting family and friends. Volunteers also help at the Hinds LifeCare Thrift Stores, assist with special events, and provide clerical support.



We Honor Veterans Program

Today, one in four dying Americans is a veteran. These men and women often carry experiences from their military service that present unique psychological and physical challenges at the end-of-life. Hinds LifeCare has the skills needed to serve our veterans. Special staff and volunteer training programs have been established to accomplish that mission.

We Honor Veterans (WHV) is a program that provides resources and guidance to hospice professionals to help dying veterans have a more peaceful end-of-life experience. The program is a partnership between the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).



LOSS Team - Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors

The LOSS Team, part of the Hinds LifeCare Center for Grief & Healing, has been a crucial resource since its inception in 2019. The team provides immediate support to individuals impacted by a suicide loss. The team includes a clinician and a volunteer who respond to suicide losses in Fresno County, providing support and resources. These volunteers have also lost a loved one to suicide, and their supportive presence offers hope to the newly bereaved.



HALO Program

Healing After a Loss by Overdose (HALO) is a lifeline for families in Central California and is specifically designed for those navigating the journey of grief associated with an overdose death. Recognizing the escalating occurrence of drug overdoses in the Central Valley, HALO is a beacon of solace. The program offers a variety of support services, offering a compassionate space for shared experiences and providing valuable tools to navigate the complexities of grief.

A Message from the Executive Director of Development

As we reflect on this remarkable year, I am filled with deep gratitude for the generosity, partnership, and unwavering support from every corner of our community. Your belief in the mission of Hinds Hospice has carried us through an extraordinary time of growth, reflection, and transformation.

Thanks to your financial support and active engagement, we have been able to continue providing compassionate care to patients and families across the Central Valley. Every donation—whether a one-time gift, a recurring pledge, or a sponsorship—has helped sustain and expand our services in hospice, palliative care, grief support, and community education. Your generosity has ensured that those facing the end of life, and the loved ones walking alongside them, are met with dignity, love, and the highest quality of care.

This year was particularly significant as we completed the first rebranding effort in our more than 40-year history. The journey to become Hinds LifeCare has been both thoughtful and inspiring. While our name and visual identity have changed, the heart of our mission remains unchanged: to uphold the vision and values of our founder, Nancy Hinds, and to serve with compassion, comfort, and grace.

A transformation of this magnitude does not happen overnight. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the dedicated staff, volunteers, and marketing teams who spent two full years guiding this process with care and integrity. Michael Delaney of Delaney Matrix and Jane Olvera Majors, along with her team at Hyphen Marketing, were phenomenal partners in this process. Their commitment to preserving our legacy while crafting a forward-looking identity has been nothing short of extraordinary. They listened deeply, collaborated thoughtfully, and remained grounded in our mission every step of the way. Leading the way for our Hinds team was the super-talented Rob Walker, Marketing and Community Relations Manager, who has worked tirelessly on this project.

I also want to thank our community for embracing this change with open hearts. You trusted us throughout the rebranding process, asked thoughtful questions, offered kind encouragement, and continued to support our mission. Your feedback and enthusiasm reminded us that this transformation is not just about a new name, it's about deepening our connection to the community we serve.

I have the privilege of witnessing the many ways people give of their resources, time, talents, and hearts. Whether you donated to a campaign, attended an event, volunteered at the Hospice Home, or shared a kind word with our team, please know that your contributions are deeply appreciated. You are a vital part of our story, and your support empowers us to continue evolving while remaining true to our core values.

As we step confidently into this next chapter as Hinds LifeCare, we do so with renewed energy and hope. Thank you for standing with us. We look forward to continuing this meaningful journey together, honoring our past, embracing the future, and caring for our community with compassion at every step.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Steve Weakland
Executive Director, Development



Giving Back with Purpose

How the Briscoe Family Helps Families Heal



The Valley Iron Team at the 2025 Angel Babies Walk/Run

At the heart of every strong community are individuals and businesses who choose to give back and walk alongside others in times of need. Valley Iron is one of those pillars: a family-run company rooted in compassion and a deep commitment to making a difference.

Their connection to Hinds LifeCare began with a moment of curiosity. Jim Briscoe, owner of Valley Iron, remembers it clearly. "Hinds Hospice was hosting an event at Fort Washington Country Club, and Nancy Hinds was speaking," he recalls. "I stuck my head in the door to see what was going on, and her presentation reeled me right in."

That moment led to a lasting partnership. "I realized how much more Hinds does beyond hospice care," Jim says. "From grief support to Angel Babies, their impact is broad and deeply meaningful."

For Lee Anne Briscoe, Jim's wife, one of the most moving experiences was her first Time to Remember event at Woodward Park. This annual gathering honors babies and children gone too soon. "My sister and I went in the second or third year we supported it," she shares. "Families told

their stories, and at the end, they released white doves. We were in tears."

The Briscoes have supported A Time to Remember every year since 2005. But for them, it has never been just about giving. It is about standing with families and helping bring healing where it is needed most. "We hope our support encourages others to get involved," Jim says. "There are so many ways to be part of what Hinds is doing."

Over the years, the Briscoes and the Valley Iron Team have watched Hinds LifeCare expand to meet the growing needs of the Central Valley. From pediatric hospice care to grief support for adults, they have seen how each service brings hope to more families.

"Looking back, we are proud to see Hinds reach more people," Jim reflects. "Angel Babies is still close to our hearts. The care Hinds gives to families facing unimaginable loss is truly special."

Their dedication has helped sustain life-changing programs and reminded us of the power of community.

When asked to sum it up, Jim and Lee Anne shared this message: Make a Difference. Give Back Gratefully. Support Local Families.



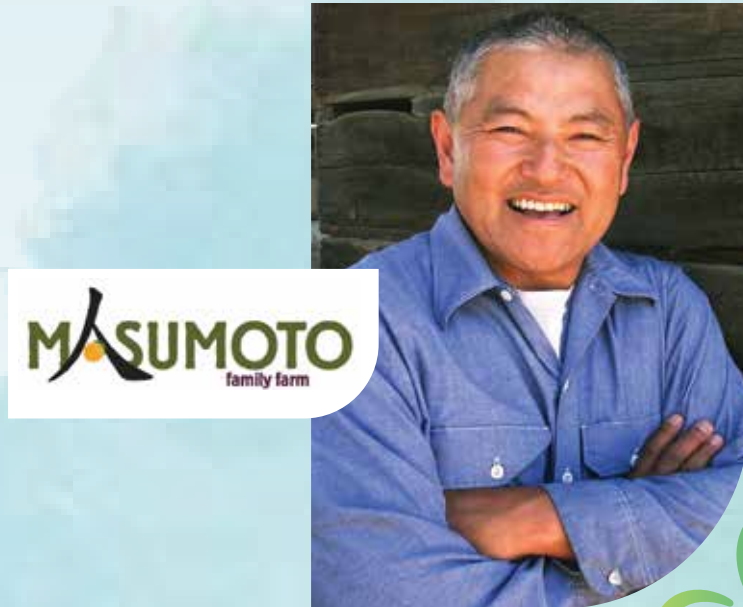
The Valley Iron Team on Eaton Trail



Gifts From the Community

Blossoms of Comfort at Masumoto Farms

Thank you to Masumoto Farms for once again welcoming the Hinds LifeCare Center for Grief and Healing to your beautiful orchards. The annual Blossom Bathing event offers peace, reflection, and connection to nature for those we serve. It is a gift of beauty and healing we deeply appreciate.



A Healing Space Restored

Thanks to the kindness and hard work of volunteers, the backyard at the Hinds Hospice Home has been beautifully transformed. What was once overgrown is now a peaceful space for patients and families. Special thanks to Girl Scout Grace Persons and her family for leading this meaningful project.



Gratitude in Action: Provost & Pritchard Gives Back

We're incredibly grateful to Provost & Pritchard Consulting for their continued generosity through their annual holiday giving program. By matching employee donations, they contributed over \$10,000 last year alone, bringing their total to more than \$72,000. Their unwavering support helps us bring comfort and care to grieving families.



A Gift from the Heart: Vonda's Fundraiser

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Vonda's Gifts for hosting a special fundraiser benefiting Hinds LifeCare on May 2, 2025. Their event raised an incredible \$3,500 to support compassionate end-of-life care. We are truly grateful for their continued generosity and belief in our mission.

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Hinds LifeCare Volunteers

Angel Babies Walk/Run Breaks Fundraising Record



On May 3, 2025, Hinds LifeCare hosted the 21st Annual Angel Babies Walk/Run at Woodward Park. As in years past, it was a moving day of remembrance, healing, and community. Thanks to the generous support of participants, sponsors, and volunteers, the event raised a record-breaking \$116,000 to help grieving families through specialized counseling, support groups, and heartfelt care. Each step taken honored the brief but meaningful lives of babies gone too soon and reaffirmed our shared commitment to compassion. We are sincerely grateful to everyone who contributed, and we look forward to walking together again next year.



Special Events

Hinds Guild of Hope Champagne Brunch



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On Saturday, March 29, 2025, the Hinds Guild of Hope held its first Champagne Brunch at Pardini's Catering & Banquets to support the Hinds Kids pediatric and children's grief support programs, including Angel Babies and Circle of Friends. Guests enjoyed mimosas, a catered brunch, and exciting raffle prizes. Dr. David Steinhorn, Pediatric Medical Director, shared moving remarks about the impact of these programs on local families. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, donors, volunteers, and community members, the funds raised will help ensure these vital services continue to bring hope and healing to children and families.



Hinds in the Community

Supporting Families at the We Run for the Lost Event

On March 22, Hinds LifeCare joined the Zachary Horton Foundation's "We Run for the Lost" event to support families grieving the loss of a loved one to overdose. This powerful day was a reminder of the strength found in remembrance, advocacy, and healing through compassionate community partnerships.



Nancy Hinds Honored with National Compassionate Leadership Award

We are thrilled to share that our founder, Nancy Hinds, received the 2025 Compassionate Leader Circle Award, a national honor recognizing leaders of empathy and service. Nancy's vision and heart continue to inspire the hospice movement and shape how we care. Her legacy is felt every day in all that we do to serve our community.



Hinds LifeCare Joins NAMI Walk for Mental Health Awareness

On May 11, 2025, our Center for Grief & Healing team participated in the NAMI Walk in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. It was a special day to show support for another organization working to reduce stigma and advocate for mental wellness in our shared community.



Raising the Flag at the Hinds Hospice Home

June 13, 2025 marked a proud and touching moment as we raised the American flag for the first time at the Hinds Hospice Home. Thanks to our We Honor Veterans program, we honored those who served, with a flag ceremony led by veteran volunteers, and joined by our staff and supporters.



Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness in Chowchilla Prison

The Comfort Care group at Chowchilla Women's Prison hosted a powerful breast cancer awareness event, growing from 100 to nearly 400 participants this year. With donated items from Hinds LifeCare, they spread education, strength, and compassion. This effort showed how healing and care can thrive in any setting.



Spreading Joy at Cornerstone with a Garden Project

On April 10, 2025, our team joined Cornerstone in Sanger to refresh their outdoor space with new flowers and bright smiles. Led by Hospice Care Consultant Martha Flores, the project brought a splash of color and care to patients and staff. Small acts of kindness can blossom into lasting joy.

Hinds Wish Program

At Hinds LifeCare, we believe that even the smallest gesture can bring profound meaning at the end of life. The Hinds LifeCare Wish Program was created with this purpose in mind: to offer comfort, closure, and dignity through personalized wishes that celebrate our patients and support their families.

Wishes are often simple: a favorite song, a final toast, a special outing, or a moment of joy shared with loved ones. Yet each wish holds deep significance, helping families create positive memories, allowing patients to feel seen and honored, and give our staff a powerful way to connect with those we serve. Thanks to the creativity of our team, the generosity of our partners, and the compassion of our donors, we are proud to make these meaningful moments possible.

These wishes remind us of what matters most: honoring life, even in its final chapters, with love, dignity, and meaning.

This year, the Wish Program helped fulfill the dreams of several special individuals:



◀ **Morris Johns**

A WWII Navy veteran, longed for one more visit to Walmart. With the support of Hinds LifeCare and CalVet staff, Morris enjoyed a joyful shopping trip filled with stories, smiles, and a cart full of comfort.

Zayden Hall ▶

A spirited young boy, dreamed of visiting a firehouse. Thanks to Clovis Fire Station 1 and Hinds Guild of Hope volunteer Gina Martinez, Zayden and his brother explored the station, climbed aboard a firetruck, and raced through the firehouse with laughter and energy. Zayden has since passed, but his smile and spirit live on in the hearts of everyone who shared that day.



Ramona Alfaro ▶

Wished to be a Disney princess for a day. With help from our staff and the Blakeney Children Foundation, her room became a Disney wonderland. Surrounded by cupcakes, Minnie ears, and her loved ones, Ramona practiced her royal wave with joy. That evening, she passed peacefully.



Holiday Joy Delivered

The Impact of the Hinds Kids Toy Drive

This past holiday season, the Hinds Kids Holiday Toy Drive became a shining example of what compassion in action looks like. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, staff, and community partners, we were able to collect, wrap, and hand-deliver gifts to every child on service with the Hinds Kids Pediatric Program. A total of 51 infants, children, and teens received presents chosen with care and wrapped with love.

Behind each gift was a powerful message: you are not alone, and you are deeply cared for.

While the holidays can be a joyful time for many, they often bring added emotional weight for families facing serious illness. That is why this effort meant so much more than just toys under a tree. For our patients and their loved ones, each package brought a moment of normalcy, a spark of excitement, and a sense of connection during a difficult chapter.

This drive was made possible by countless helping hands, volunteers who wrapped gifts, team members who coordinated pickups and deliveries, and donors who gave from the heart. The collective effort was a beautiful reminder of the strength and compassion within our Hinds LifeCare community.

Whether it was a soft blanket, a favorite action figure, or a new book, every item represented joy, comfort, and a break from the daily realities these young patients face.

We are incredibly grateful to all who made this year's Toy Drive possible. Your kindness created lasting memories, lifted spirits, and brought light into homes when it was needed most. Thank you for being part of this mission and for helping us care for these incredible young lives.



Sara Elensky



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Wrap Party Hinds Staff and Volunteers

Message from the Director of Volunteer Services

Dear Friends,

This year, our volunteers have once again shown us what true compassion looks like. Whether sitting quietly at a patient's bedside, comforting a grieving family, making blessing boxes, arranging flowers, or helping behind-the-scenes in our offices and thrift stores, each of you has given a gift beyond measure, your time, your heart, and your presence. At Hinds LifeCare, we know that moments matter. Our volunteers make those moments brighter, softer, and more meaningful for the patients and families we serve. Because of you, someone felt less alone. Because of you, a caregiver felt supported. Because of you, we were able to uphold our mission with dignity and love. On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your selflessness, your kindness, and your unwavering commitment. Since the beginning, volunteers have been an essential part of our hospice family, and every hour you served rippled out to touch patients, families, and our entire community. If your family has ever been touch by Hinds LifeCare or you just have a desire to give back, we invite you to explore meaningful ways you can get involved. Our volunteer services team is here to welcome and support you.

Sven Hamilton, Director
Volunteer Services



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Hands That Heal

Diana Farmer Awarded Spirit of Philanthropy



Diana Farmer and 21st Angel Babies Walk/Run Penguin

On November 12, 2024, Diana Farmer was honored with the Spirit of Philanthropy Award at the Association of Fundraising Professionals Philanthropy Day. This award recognizes Diana's remarkable dedication and the profound impact of her volunteer work with the Hinds LifeCare Angel Babies Program.

For over 20 years, Diana has devoted her time and talent to creating personalized angel baby markers for families who have experienced the loss of an infant. Each marker is carefully handcrafted and designed with care to honor babies' memories and provide families with a source of comfort.

Diana's volunteer work is deeply personal. She is an Angel Baby mom, having lost her daughter Sydney Leslie and nephew Colten C.J. Regier. Her commitment is a heartfelt mission to support grieving families and keep their loved ones' memories alive.

Thanks to the generosity of local partners Valley Iron, 84 Lumber, and Sherwin Williams who donate supplies for her work, Diana has been able to sustain this meaningful tradition year after year. In 2023, her efforts helped raise over \$4,000 for the Angel Babies program, supporting families in need.

The Spirit of Philanthropy Award celebrates Diana's creativity as well as her compassion and steadfast dedication. Her service reminds us all of the power of giving not only resources but time, love, and presence.

We are grateful to Diana for embodying the true spirit of philanthropy, and for touching the lives of countless people with her kindness.



Angel Baby Walk/Run Finish Line



Angel Babies markers throughout the years



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