

# “CALLED TO CARE”



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A CAMPAIGN TO  
EXPAND HOSPICE  
SERVICES IN NORTH  
WHATCOM COUNTY



# CHCC: Uniquely nonprofit, mission-driven care



Christian Health Care Center is a faith-based, nonprofit organization that has served Whatcom County since 1956, primarily the rural communities of Lynden, Everson, Nooksack, Sumas, Custer, Ferndale, Birch Bay and Blaine.

Founded to meet a local need, CHCC is locally managed and supported by the community it serves. Today, approximately 225 team members provide skilled health care with compassion and love in Christ's name.

Generations of families have trusted CHCC to care for their loved ones during life's most vulnerable moments.

National recognition for quality care reflects the experience, commitment and professionalism of the staff who serve here each day. This hospice project is led by an organization with deep roots, proven capacity and a long-standing calling to care for the community.



# The need in North Whatcom County

In North Whatcom County, families facing end-of-life care often have limited options. Hospice at home can be meaningful, but it is not always safe or sustainable. Medical needs do not pause overnight, symptoms can escalate quickly and families can be left managing complex care without 24/7 clinical support.

For some, the only alternative is traveling to Bellingham, creating distance at a time when being close to loved ones matters most. This adds stress, isolation and logistical challenges during an already emotional season.

The Hospice Suites at CHCC will fill this gap by providing compassionate, faith-based hospice care close to home. Families will have peace of mind knowing their loved one is surrounded by skilled caregivers day and night in a calm, supportive environment that is designed for dignity, comfort and privacy.

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# Data based, addressing a gap in care

Washington State Department of Health [data](#) shows that hospice care is a common and growing need. Hundreds of Whatcom County residents require hospice services each year, and many families face difficult choices when around-the-clock medical care is not available at home.

- Based on state data, about 55% of older adults and 23% of younger adults use hospice before death.
- When applied to Whatcom County death records, that equals roughly 1,000 residents who need hospice care each year.
- With nine hospice suites, it is estimated that CHCC can serve more than 100 individuals each year at life's end, depending on length of stay.
- The Hospice Suites at CHCC fill a gap in care and create space for hundreds of families to experience peace and support during an important life transition.





# Established partnerships benefit local families

Christian Health Care Center has a long-standing partnership with PeaceHealth Whatcom Hospice to support residents and patients who qualify for hospice care. Under this established relationship, CHCC provides skilled nursing care through its experienced staff, while PeaceHealth offers additional clinical support, education and specialized hospice services under an existing contract.

The new hospice suites will operate within this same trusted structure. CHCC will care for individuals admitted specifically for hospice services as well as current residents who transition to hospice care. CHCC plans to offer inpatient and respite hospice services under current licensure and the existing hospice contract.

This partnership ensures continuity, high-quality coordination and a designated, welcoming space where patients and loved ones can experience privacy, comfort and compassionate care at the end of life.

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# Expanding hospice care at CHCC

In 2025, CHCC provided hospice care in shared rooms to 59 individuals. With the addition of nine private suites, CHCC expects to serve more than 100 additional individuals each year at life's end, depending on length of stay.

CHCC will continue to provide hospice care throughout the facility, including in shared rooms, with the same high standard of compassionate care.

The addition of private hospice suites will expand CHCC's capacity for care while giving families another option for end-of-life support.

This expanded option allows CHCC to meet different needs while continuing to serve all residents with dignity and compassion.



- The only nonprofit skilled nursing facility north of Stanwood, with deep roots in the community.

- Located in Lynden, serving rural communities across North Whatcom County.

- Provides faith-based care for those who want it.

- Care provided by experienced, award-winning and trusted professionals who live and work here.

- Sacred Transitions program that pairs trained volunteers with residents during the end-of-life stage.



What makes  
The Hospice  
Suites at CHCC  
different?



## CHCC FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS



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# CHCC Foundation

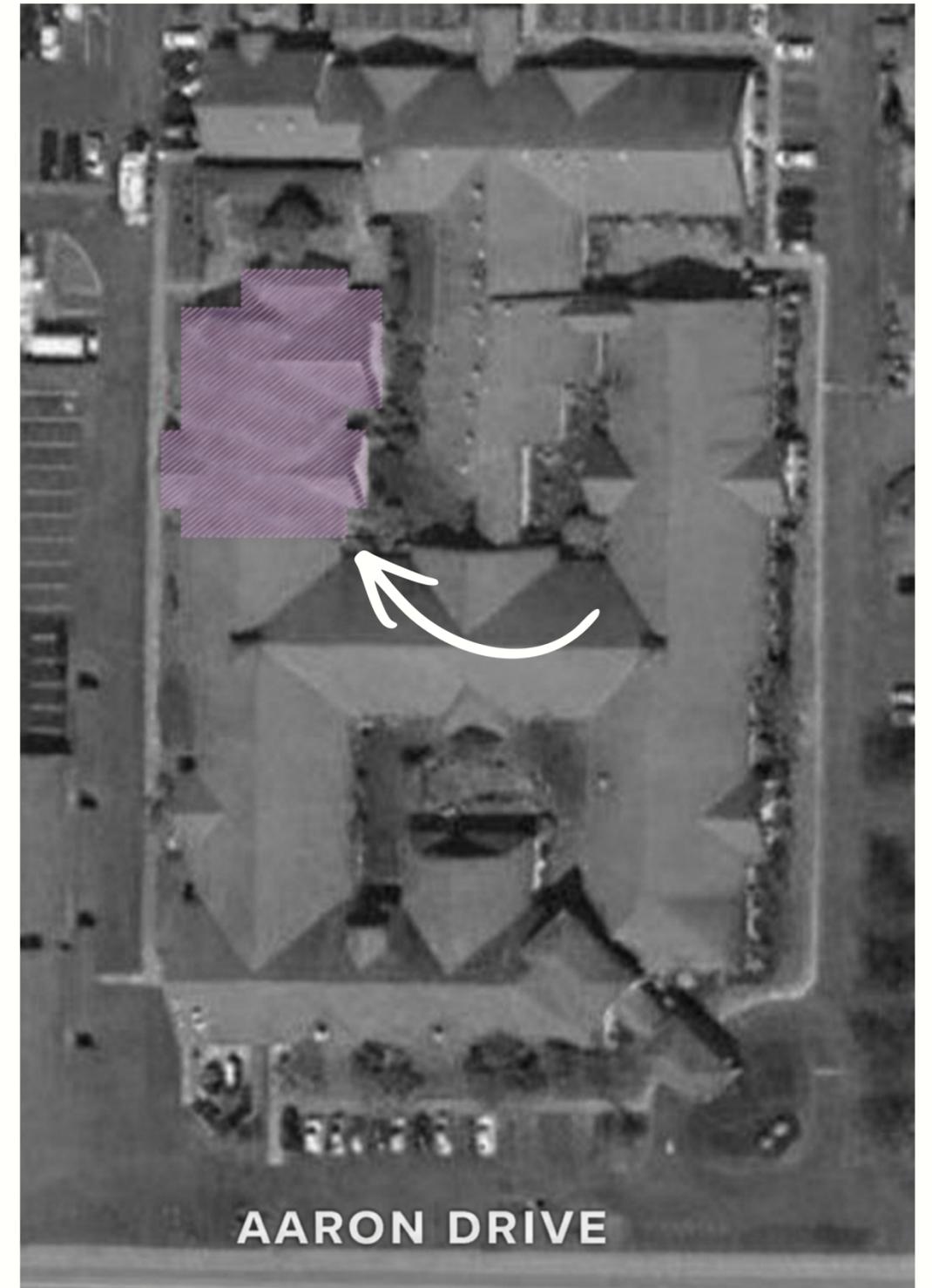
A local foundation board ensures decisions are guided by people who know the community and understand its needs. These board members bring trusted relationships, lived experience and firsthand knowledge of the care CHCC provides.

All CHCC foundation board members have personal connections to the organization and have witnessed its impact on residents and families.

Their leadership helps ensure philanthropic decisions align with established policies, donor intent and the foundation's mission while strengthening care for future generations.

# Vision: A hospice environment shaped by peace and presence

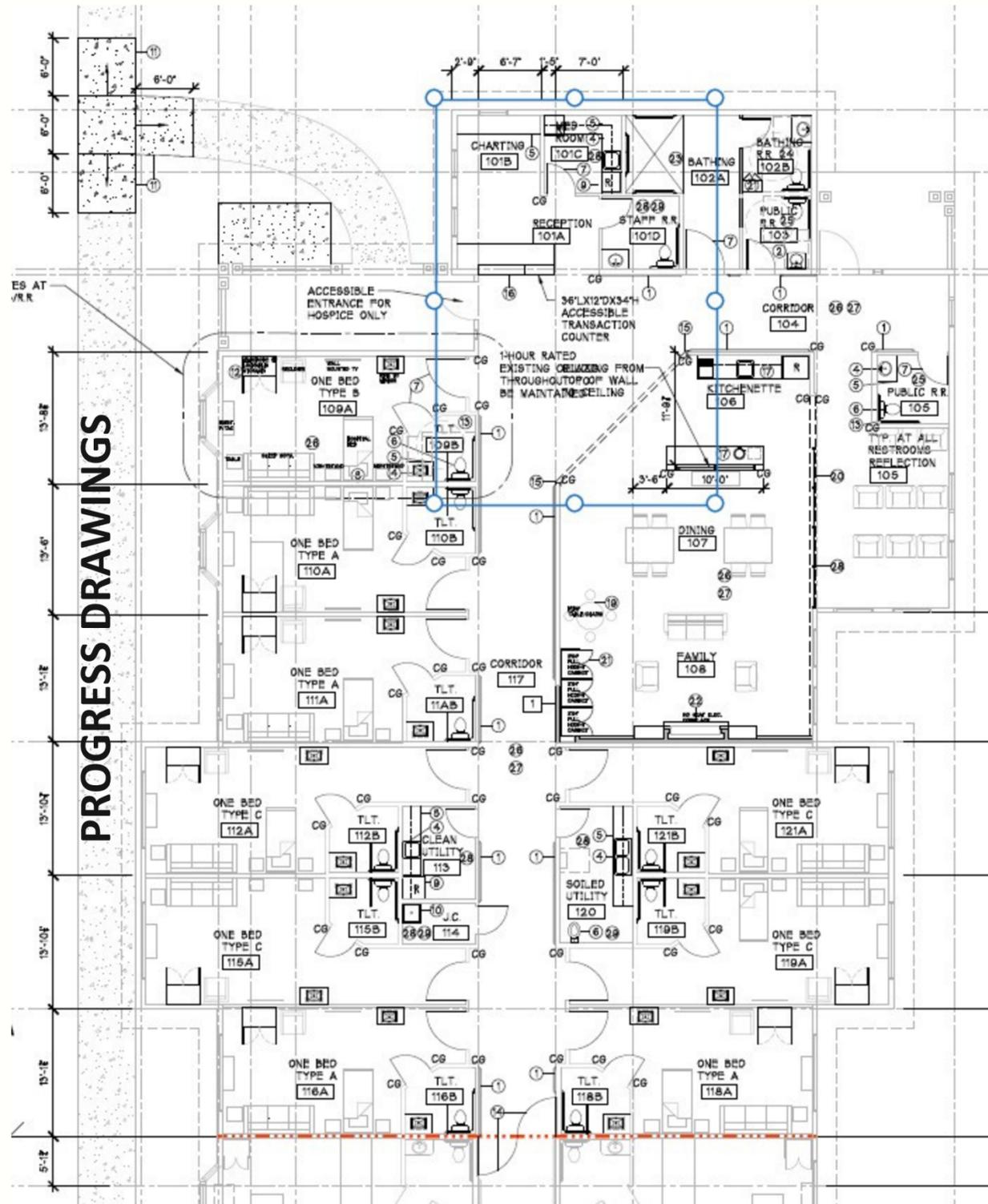
Your donation will help transform an underused portion of CHCC's existing building into a dedicated hospice environment where patients and families can experience a private, peaceful end-of-life experience.



# Nine private suites

This is hospice care shaped by compassion and guided by CHCC's faith-based mission to serve with love in Christ's name. The project includes nine private hospice suites. Each suite will include a patient bed, sleeper sofa, recliner, television, nightstand, wardrobe and half bath.

Families will have space to sit in vigil, rest and remain close throughout the final days. These suites offer CHCC's signature care and hospitality along with a level of privacy and peace that is not often available in shared care settings.



PROGRESS DRAWINGS



ARCHITECTURAL RENDERING

# Spaces that support gathering and reflection



Beyond the private suites, you'll find thoughtfully designed shared spaces that support families. A gathering room offers a kitchenette, dining tables, a children's table and comfortable lounge seating, creating a place for meals, conversation and rest.

A reflection room provides space for prayer, silence or quiet conversation. The Hospice Suites at CHCC also feature a private entrance and access to a sanctuary garden, offering a peaceful place to breathe fresh air and immerse in nature.

Together, these shared spaces create an environment where loved ones are comforted by a mission rooted in compassion and supported by experienced staff who are called to care.



# THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

You can help translate generosity into care. Through our “Called to Care” campaign, individuals and businesses are invited to help establish and sustain compassionate hospice care in North Whatcom County. Each gift supports a space where patients and families can experience peace, dignity and compassion at the end of life.

- Support skilled staffing, specialized equipment and a healing environment
- Strengthen care for patients and families during life’s most vulnerable moments
- Expand access to hospice care close to home, guided by compassion and dignity

In answering this call to give, you will help ensure hospice care is available close to home, guided by faith, professionalism and a deep commitment to the community CHCC has served for generations.

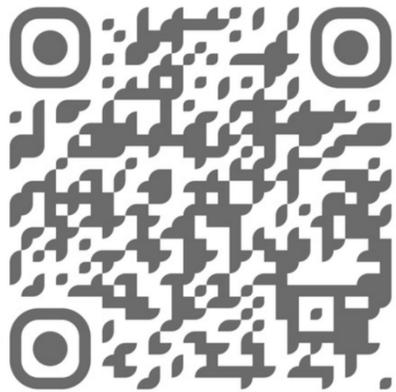


For 70 years, this community has stepped forward to care for its neighbors. Today, that calling continues. By supporting the “Called to Care” campaign, you will help create and sustain hospice care that offers peace, dignity and presence for patients and families in North Whatcom County. Your generosity ensures this care remains close to home, rooted in faith and guided by compassion.

Below are two ways you can be part of this shared commitment to care.

## Make a gift today

Contributions can be made online or by mailing a check to Christian Health Care Center, 855 Aaron Drive, Lynden, Washington 98264. Every gift helps establish and sustain compassionate hospice care close to home. Snap this code or visit [chcclynden.org/about/foundation](http://chcclynden.org/about/foundation).



# Join us in answering the call to care

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## Discuss naming rights and legacy gifts

For legacy gifts of \$50,000 or more, we invite you to contact Christian Health Care Center’s executive director administrator, to discuss naming rights and other giving options that honor loved ones while supporting care for generations to come.

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Your support truly makes a difference at life's most meaningful moments.



THANK YOU

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