

Press Backgrounder

Timeline

1978

Rev. Donald C. Wilson writes Terminal Candor, a series of articles about his illness. The Lancaster County community explores the need for end-of-life care in Lancaster.

1980

The first Hospice patient is admitted in March.

1984

Bereavement support begins.

1985

Hospice receives Medicare certification.

1996

The Essa Flory Hospice Center, the first free-standing Hospice Center in Pennsylvania, opens.

2004

A 25,000 square foot expansion to the Essa Flory Hospice Center is completed. The PATHways Center for Grief & Loss is created.

2007

The organization's more than 350 staff members provide hospice care to nearly 500 patients a day and support 5,000 bereaved adults, teens and children each month.

2008

Hospice of Lancaster County opens its second facility in Mount Joy that houses 24 inpatient beds and the relocated PATHways Center for Grief & Loss.

2010

Hospice of Lancaster County serves patients and families in Lancaster County and surrounding communities, including Berks County and York County.