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Values, Vision, Philosophy



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.

A Message from our Founder, Nancy Hinds

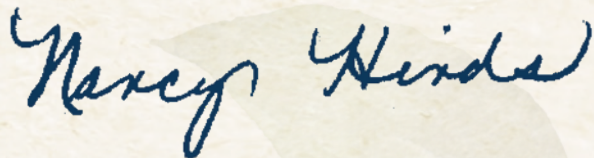
When I look at the beautiful tree on the cover of this report, I see more than strength. I see a living reminder that growth is still possible after the hardest seasons. Trees stand rooted in the earth, drawing life from what holds them steady, while their branches continue to reach toward the sky. They teach us that being grounded and reaching forward are not opposites, but part of the same journey.

In many ways, the families we serve reflect this same resilience. They endure storms that are often sudden and overwhelming, yet they continue to move forward with courage, love, and grace. During those times, Hinds LifeCare strives to be a place of shelter. Like the canopy of a tree in a storm, we seek to surround people with comfort, dignity, and compassionate care when they need it most.

While our name has evolved to Hinds LifeCare, our roots remain firmly planted in the values that have guided us for more than four decades. What has not changed is our commitment to walking alongside patients and families through hospice care, grief support, and community programs that honor every stage of life and loss.

As we look ahead, I am inspired by what trees quietly remind us. Growth is ongoing, even when it is not immediately visible. Because of your support, our roots grow deeper, our branches reach farther, and our ability to serve continues to expand. Together, we are planting seeds of hope that will grow long into the future. I thank God each day for our staff and volunteers for the care and support they provide, and I thank you for your belief in our Mission.

Wishing you grace and peace,



Nancy Hinds

Founder, Hinds LifeCare

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Message from the Board Chair

Completing my second term as Board Chair, and ninth year of service, has given me the opportunity to witness firsthand the commitment, compassion, and generosity that define Hinds LifeCare and the community that supports it. I find myself reflecting on the remarkable people who make this organization so special and the enduring spirit of service that has guided our mission for 45 years.

Hinds LifeCare was founded by Nancy and community members who recognized a need and chose to act. Their commitment to serving others created an organization that has provided compassionate care and support to generations of families throughout the Central Valley. Today, that same spirit of volunteerism continues to shape and strengthen our work.

Volunteers remain central to how we fulfill our mission. Across the organization, they give their time and energy to support patients and families, assist with grief services, engage in community outreach, and help sustain the philanthropic support that makes our programs possible. Their contributions extend our reach and deepen our connection to the community we serve.

I am equally grateful for my fellow Board members, who bring steady leadership, thoughtful guidance, and a deep commitment to our mission. Their service is entirely voluntary, yet their impact is profound.

Together, we have supported the organization through its continued evolution from Hinds Hospice into Hinds LifeCare, strengthening our ability to provide hospice, palliative care, pediatric services, grief support, and community programs while remaining grounded in our founding values.

As we celebrate our 45th anniversary, I am reminded that this organization has always been sustained by people who choose to serve. That legacy is not only something we honor, but something we continue through every act of volunteerism and leadership today.

If you are passionate about our mission and interested in learning more about volunteering, I encourage you to contact our Volunteer Department at www.HindsLifeCare/volunteer. We welcome conversations with individuals who want to help our community.

Thank you for your support of Hinds LifeCare and for the many ways you contribute to this shared mission.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stacy Manning".

Stacy Manning, DNP
Board Chair, Hinds LifeCare

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WHO CHOOSE TO SERVE. ”

Message from the Interim CEO

As I reflect on the past year, I am reminded that the work captured in this report is ultimately about people – the patients and families that we have the privilege of serving, and the many individuals who make compassionate care possible. Every story represents a moment of connection, a family supported, a patient cared for, and a community coming together when it matters most.

This year, Hinds LifeCare celebrates its 45th anniversary. Since our founding in 1981, our mission has remained remarkably consistent: to provide compassionate care and support for individuals and families facing some of life's most difficult moments. While our organization has evolved from Hinds Hospice to Hinds LifeCare, our purpose continues to guide everything we do.

The need for high quality end of life care continues to grow throughout our community. Meeting that need requires not only expertise and resources, but also an unwavering commitment to doing what is right for patients and families. As our industry continues to strengthen oversight and accountability, we welcome efforts that promote quality, transparency, and integrity in hospice care. Patients and families deserve to know that the organizations entrusted with their care are held to the highest standards, and thoughtful oversight helps protect that trust. Throughout this report, you will read stories that reflect the impact of compassionate care. You will meet patients and families whose lives have been touched by Hinds LifeCare, as well as employees, volunteers, donors, referral partners, and community supporters who help make our mission possible. Together, their experiences demonstrate what can happen when people come together to care for one another with compassion, dignity, and purpose. I am grateful to everyone who has helped build and sustain Hinds LifeCare over the past 45 years, including those who came before us and those who continue the mission today. Because of you, Hinds LifeCare is prepared to meet the growing needs of our community while remaining grounded in the values that have guided us from the beginning.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to honoring the trust placed in us and to ensuring that every patient and family we serve experiences the compassion, dignity, and support they deserve. Thank you for being part of the Hinds LifeCare story and for helping us continue this important work.

With gratitude,



Lilika Stratigos

Interim Chief Executive Officer, Hinds LifeCare

“HINDS LIFECARE
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TO MEET THE
GROWING NEEDS
OF OUR COMMUNITY.”



Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position

(September 30, 2025)

Total Current Assets	\$7,760,173
Property and Equipment, net	\$4,593,591
Investment Securities	\$16,132,238
Other Assets	\$2,574,147
Total Assets	\$31,060,149
Current Liabilities	\$3,406,316
Long-term Debt	\$ 1,038,628
Net Assets Without Donor Restriction	\$23,440,105
Net Assets With Donor Restriction	\$3,175,100
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$31,060,149

Number of Patients Served **1,589**

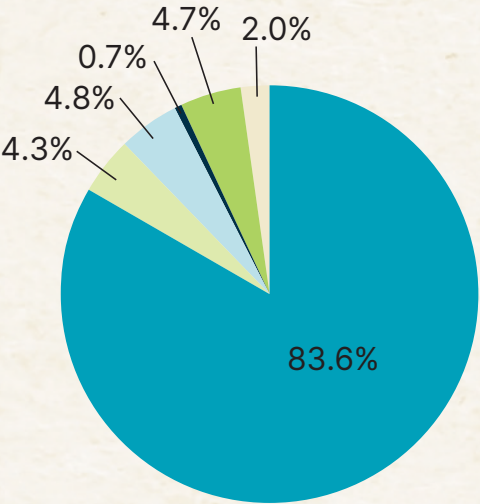
112,772 Days of Patient Care

Charity Care **\$41,423**

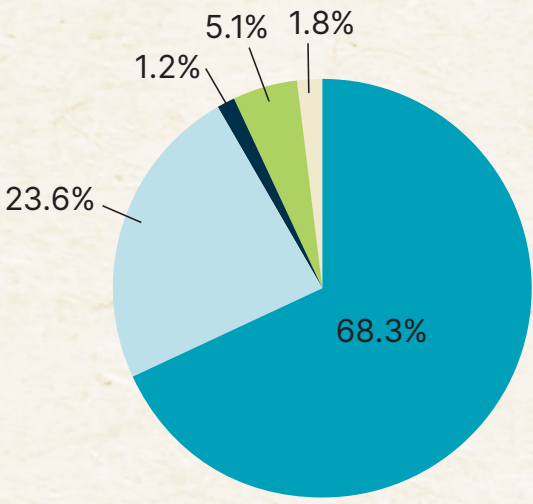
Consolidated Statement of Activities For Fiscal Year 2025

(October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025)

Revenue and Support	\$ 30,674,400	
Patient Revenues, net	\$25,636,823	83.6%
Donations, Memorials, & Special Events	\$1,314,334	4.3%
Investment Income	\$1,473,068	4.8%
Rental Income	\$210,383	0.7%
Thrift Store Revenue	\$1,436,689	4.7%
Other Operating Revenue	\$603,103	2.0%
Expenses	\$31,277,852	
Patient Care	\$21,377,175	68.3%
General & Administrative	\$7,368,120	23.6%
Fundraising	\$373,819	1.2%
Thrift Store Expenses	\$1,592,175	5.1%
Hospital Charitable Properties Inc.	\$566,563	1.8%
Changes in Net Assets	(\$603,452)	



Revenue and Support



Expenses

Message from the CFO

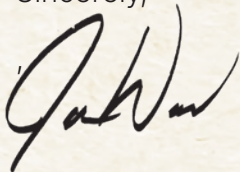
The Statement of Financial Position and Consolidated Statement of Activities provide a snapshot of Hinds LifeCare's financial health as of the end of 2025. In simple terms, it shows what we own, what we owe, how much we earn and are given, how much we pay, and what is left to support our mission.

Our assets, what we own, have decreased slightly. Our liabilities, what we owe, have increased slightly. Our net assets, what remains after liabilities are subtracted from assets, have decreased accordingly.

Together with the Consolidated Statement of Activities, these results show that Hinds LifeCare remains strong financially and able to serve patients and families with compassion and care.

If you have any questions about this statement, please feel free to contact me at jwood@hindslifecare.org.

Sincerely,



Jon Wood

Chief Financial Officer, Hinds LifeCare



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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No Family Walks Alone: 25 Years of Angel Babies

Life in the maternity ward corridor moves on without her. The hallway carries the smell of flowers, the pinging sound of mylar balloons tied to colorful ribbons, laughter, and the soft squeak of wheels rolling newborns toward waiting families. Somewhere beyond the wall, she hears an infant cry, followed by a mother's exhausted laugh. She tries to block out the sound, but it finds her anyway.

Her hands tighten around the pillow resting against her belly, the place where her son lived for nine months and where his absence now settles like a stone. People pass her door without looking in, their arms full of beginnings while hers are empty. She imagines what should have been: tiny fingers wrapped around hers, a warm body nestled against her chest, a future unfolding one day at a time.

For every family celebrating a birth, many are quietly mourning a life that ended too soon.

Twenty-five years ago, families experiencing pregnancy or infant loss had few options for support. Their grief was private, isolating, and often misunderstood. The Angel Babies Program was created to ensure that no parent would have to carry that burden alone.

Today, as Angel Babies recognizes its 25th year, the program stands as one of Hinds LifeCare's most enduring ministries of compassion. Over the past quarter century, Angel Babies has served more than 4,500 families throughout Fresno, Madera, and Merced counties.

Like many of the programs that define Hinds LifeCare, Angel Babies began with a need.

Nancy Hinds remembers those early conversations. "Karen Epler was a registered nurse working in labor and delivery, and a volunteer at the first



*Jamie Fisher
and Karen Epler*

Hinds Hospice Home," Nancy recalled. "Karen realized that there was no help or support for the mothers when the infant that they delivered died. Even though they were aware of the devastating loss these families were experiencing, the nursing staff couldn't provide adequate help because they had to focus on the next baby who was being delivered."

At the same time, genetic counselor Jamie Fisher was encountering families facing heartbreaking prenatal diagnoses. "During an ultrasound, Jamie would discover a life-limiting issue with an infant," said Nancy. "Suddenly, a family would be faced with impossible decisions. Jamie felt that there needed to be support for that family, whether they chose medical intervention or continued through the pregnancy."

Together, Karen and Jamie recognized a gap in care that few others were addressing. Families facing pregnancy loss, infant loss, or life-limiting prenatal diagnoses often found themselves navigating overwhelming grief with little support. In 2001, they launched the Angel Babies Program.

“WE RECOGNIZE THAT THESE MOTHERS AND FATHERS ARE PARENTS, EVEN THOUGH THEIR CHILD HAS DIED. HONORING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR PARENTHOOD IS PROFOUNDLY IMPORTANT, AS THEIR LOVE AND BOND WITH THEIR CHILD CONTINUE BEYOND DEATH.”



Beginning with volunteer hospital visits, they offered comfort, guidance, and a compassionate presence during some of life's most difficult moments.

In time, with support from a United Way grant, Karen and Jamie were hired full-time, allowing the program to expand throughout the Valley and deepen its impact.

What began as volunteer visits soon grew into something much larger.

As volunteers and counselors walked alongside grieving mothers, they witnessed the loss impacting families as well. Fathers were often grieving quietly while trying to support their partners. Grandparents, siblings, and loved ones were struggling to make sense of the unimaginable.

In response, under the leadership of Kathy Cromwell, Executive Director of Counseling & Support Services, Angel Babies expanded beyond immediate bereavement support to offer grief counseling, support groups, remembrance services, memory-making activities, and Subsequent Pregnancy Support for families choosing to try again after a loss. In an ever-widening circle of care, social worker Jane Lindburg started the first Spanish language support group called Bebitos Angelitos.

Today, the Angel Babies program remains an integral part of Hinds LifeCare's commitment to caring for families before, during, and after loss, but as the program has grown, so have the costs.

The Angel Babies program relies almost entirely on community support. In addition to donations, each spring, hundreds of families, volunteers, staff members, and supporters gather for the Angel Babies Walk/Run. They honor babies who died too soon while raising additional funds for the program's services. For many families, it is an opportunity to remember, connect, and find strength in a community that understands their grief.

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Over the past 25 years, Angel Babies has become far more than a program. For thousands of families across the Central Valley, it has been a lifeline. It is a place where babies are remembered by name, where parents find others who understand their pain, and where hope slowly begins to return.

In 2025, Angel Babies served 312 families. Behind every number is a story of loss, love, and healing. Behind every family is a child who is deeply loved and missed.

For Kathy Cromwell, the program's impact can be measured not only by the number of families served, but by the relationships that continue long after the initial loss.

Cromwell says that sometimes families reach out years after their loss as a touchstone of support, a reminder that grief does not follow specific stages or a timetable. "The loss of a baby during pregnancy or infancy brings a unique and often misunderstood grief experience," she said. "Along with the loss of the baby comes the loss of a lifetime of hopes, dreams, and imagined moments that parents and families held for a precious baby. For Angel Babies families, others recognition of that loss is important in the healing process."

Looking back over the program's first quarter century, Nancy Hinds believes its impact reaches far beyond the individuals it directly serves. "Angel Babies has given hope to so many families we've met along the way," she said. "So many of the couples were struggling to stay together because they were grieving differently. There can be this feeling that you did something wrong in your life, and this is your punishment. We needed to take all that away. Take the blame away. They don't have to see each other as the cause of what happened."

For Nancy, one of the program's most meaningful outcomes has been the healing that has occurred within families themselves. "I think the byproduct of all of that was that marriages were saved, and families remained together."

Looking ahead, Cromwell hopes to expand peer support services by drawing on the wisdom and compassion of families who have already walked this journey. "Many of these individuals could provide meaningful support and hope to those who are newly grieving," she said.

Nancy looks forward to the community's support of Angel Babies for the next 25 years and beyond. "The need that inspired Karen Epler and Jamie Fisher 25 years ago has not disappeared," she said. "Every year, hundreds of families throughout the Central Valley still experience the heartbreak of losing a child. Thanks to Angel Babies, they do not have to walk that journey alone."

For 25 years, Angel Babies has been a place where grieving families find understanding, compassion, and hope. For more than 4,500 families across the Central Valley, it has been a reminder that even in life's darkest moments, no one has to walk alone.



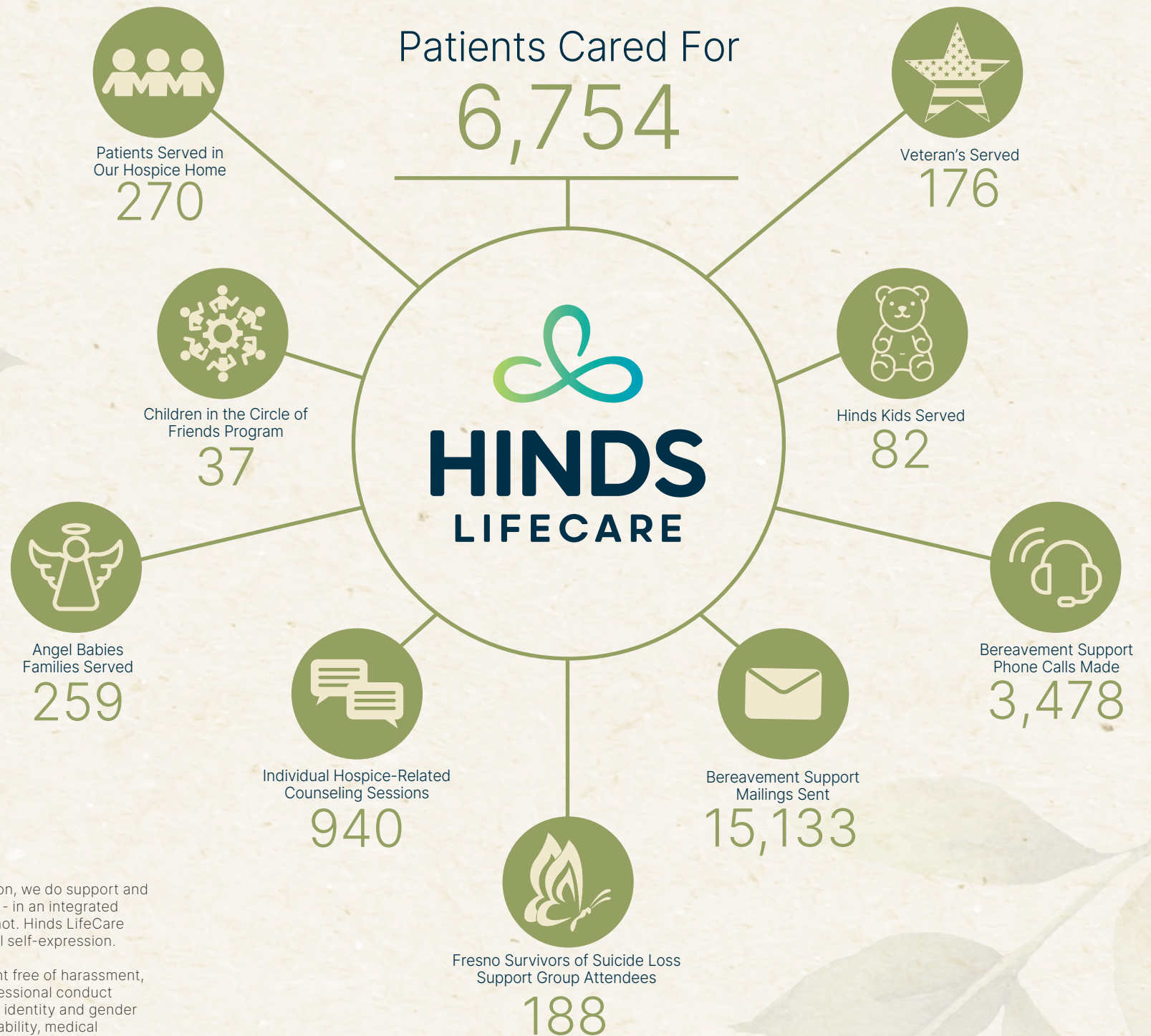
Kathy Cromwell
and Nancy Hinds

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Because of

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Disclosure

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 is committed to providing a work environment free of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and disrespectful or other unprofessional conduct based on sex, race, religion, color, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, registered domestic partner status, age, sexual orientation, military and veteran status or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law or ordinance or regulation. It also prohibits discrimination, harassment, disrespectful or unprofessional conduct based on the perception that anyone has any of those characteristics, or is associated with a person who has or is perceived as having any of those characteristics.

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 on any given day 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 grief. Patient Care Volunteers visit patients where they live, making sure they are as comfortable as possible, 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 this 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.



Hinds Thrift

Hinds LifeCare thrift stores, Hinds Thrift, 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 but 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

With Central Valley's diverse population, we have developed a comprehensive program that strives to provide culturally sensitive services to patients and their families, who reflect the diversity of the communities we serve.



Global Outreach

We believe compassion knows no borders. Guided by the African philosophy of Ubuntu, "I am because we are," we are committed to sharing our knowledge, experience, and heart with the global community. Through partnerships with hospice and palliative care programs in Uganda, we exchange best practices, strengthen local resources, and work together to ensure more people receive compassionate, high-quality care at the end of life.



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.



Volunteers

For families, 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.

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). WHV's resources focus on compassionate listening, respectful inquiry, and grateful acknowledgment of military service.



LOSS Team

The Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (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 is made up of 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 Chance to Heal in Nature's Embrace



Grief often changes life into two distinct chapters, before loss and after loss.

For Susan, whose name was changed in this article to protect her privacy, that dividing line came in March 2000, after the sudden death of her 20-year-old son. "I lost my oldest son," she says. "From that moment, life was divided into two different parts."

Like many parents grieving the death of a child, Susan found herself struggling not only with loss, but with trauma. "The part that's been really the most difficult is that loop of anguish that you live over and over," Susan says. "Not only the initial shock of the loss, but also the heartache of making phone calls to siblings and family to share this terrible news, first holidays, birthdays, and unrealized milestones."

Kathy Cromwell, Executive Director, Counseling & Support Services at Hinds LifeCare, has been helping families navigate loss for 25 years. "Grief, particularly traumatic grief, is often a lonely and isolating experience," she says. "Because of the nature of a sudden loss and the discomfort it can evoke in others, many people shy away from those who are grieving, uncertain of what to say or afraid of saying the wrong thing."

Through the Hinds LifeCare Center for Grief & Healing, Susan found support among others navigating profound loss.

Committed to expanding grief support beyond traditional counseling, the Center for Grief & Healing recently began bringing groups to a specialized carefarm in Arizona. Susan joined one of the first groups to make the trip.

"The carefarm offers grieverers a place where they can fully experience whatever emotions arise and know they are safe, supported, and that their feelings and expressions are not wrong," says Cromwell. "The beauty of nature, the animals, and the intentionally created spaces all come together to gently hold individuals as they navigate one of life's most excruciating journeys. We never truly 'get over' grief. Instead, we learn ways to carry it while continuing to nurture the enduring bond we share with our loved one."

"What drew me to the carefarm was the focus of the program," Susan says. "It is a grief-based model, but for sudden traumatic grief. That really resonated with me. I didn't really question what to expect. I was open to any experience that would help."

Surrounded by open spaces, gardens, and rescue animals, participants are invited to slow down, reflect, and reconnect with the memories of those they love.



"The farm aspect is a big part of it," Susan explains. "All the animals are rescue animals who suffered their own measure of trauma, and that is incorporated into the time you spend there."

The Center for Grief & Healing has now brought five groups of griever to experience the carefarm model, reinforcing that healing can happen in unexpected places.

For Susan, one of those moments came through an unlikely companion. "There are many different animals, from horses to cows to goats, pigs, dogs, and cats," she says. "There was one particular goat that, I don't know, he found me."

The large goat reminded her of her son, a former athlete whom she describes as a gentle giant. "We kind of bonded," she says.

The experience extended far beyond the animals. "I think we're all different in how we approach our grief," Susan says. "All the activities were ritualistic in some way, and all were honoring the memory of our loved ones."

For many participants, one of the most meaningful aspects of the experience was simply being surrounded by nature. "In many ways, I think the greatest aspects of my time there were the green spaces, the blue sky, and the staff, who were amazing," Susan says.

For Susan, the most unexpected gift was a renewed sense of connection. "It felt like I created a memory with my son," she says. "The moment I entered the gates of the carefarm, and they closed behind me, I felt like I was in a kind of magical space." She pauses before continuing. "The three days that I spent there felt, in many ways, like I created new memories with my son. Which is just incredible if you think about it because he passed away years ago."

That experience reflects the mission of the Hinds LifeCare Center for Grief & Healing: helping individuals and families discover that grief does not have to be carried alone.

For Susan, the journey continues. "There's a level of healing around the trauma loop which I'm still working on," she says. "But I look forward to going back."

Hinds LifeCare continues to expand opportunities like these, but resources are limited. "The Selah Carefarm is located in Cornville, Arizona," Cromwell

explains. "It is one of only two or three carefarms in the nation and is considered the model for carefarming. The farm also has facilities for overnight stays, allowing for immersive retreat experiences that foster healing and connection. One day, we hope to create a carefarm of our own here in the Valley so that specialized, trauma-informed grief support can be more accessible to the families in our community."

By embracing innovative approaches and meeting people in spaces where connection can flourish, the Center for Grief & Healing is helping individuals move forward with hope, carrying the memory of those they love while discovering that healing remains possible.



Message from the Executive Director of Development

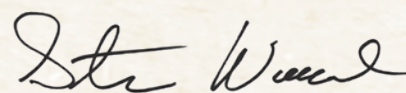
As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with deep gratitude for the generosity, trust, and partnership of our donors, volunteers, community supporters, and dedicated staff. Your commitment enables us to fulfill our mission each day by providing compassionate care, comfort, and support to patients and families throughout our community.

This year marked an especially meaningful milestone as we celebrate 45 years of service. Since Nancy Hinds founded our organization in 1981, her vision has guided generations of caregivers, supporters, and advocates who believe that every person deserves dignity, comfort, and compassionate care throughout life's journey. We are honored to carry her legacy forward.

The past year also brought an exciting new chapter for our organization. Our award-winning rebrand from **Hinds Hospice** to **Hinds LifeCare** reflects both who we are today and where we are headed tomorrow. Kudos to Director of Marketing Rob Walker, and Communications Coordinator, Heather Davis, for their creativity and passion of this large undertaking. We were blessed to partner with Delaney Matrix and Hyphen on a marketing campaign that won the award for best in the Central Valley. While hospice care remains at the heart of our mission, our new identity better represents the full continuum of care, support, and services we provide to individuals and families across our region. The positive response from our community has been inspiring, affirming our vision for the future while honoring our rich history.

As we celebrate 45 years of impact, we are also looking ahead. Planning has already begun for our 50th anniversary. A milestone that will honor Nancy Hinds' enduring legacy, celebrate the countless lives touched by our work, and inspire the next generation of community support. Most importantly, it will serve as a reminder that our mission is not only about reflecting on the past, but also preparing for the future.

Together, we are building a stronger foundation for community care for the next 50 years and beyond. Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey.



Steve Weakland
Executive Director of Development



“OUR MISSION IS NOT ABOUT REFLECTING ON THE PAST, BUT PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE.”

A Legacy of Compassion and Purpose: Cliff and Lynn Eischen

For Cliff and Lynn Eischen, estate planning is about more than passing assets to the next generation. It is an opportunity to pass forward the values that have guided them in their lives. Caring for family, strengthening community, and helping others through difficult times.

Their connection to Hinds LifeCare became deeply personal through their grandson, Tyler.

Tyler was a bright and courageous boy who battled cancer for three years. During the final year of his life, the Hinds Kids Pediatric Concurrent Care Program provided nursing care, guidance, and comfort for Tyler and his family at home. When Tyler passed away in July 2005, he was surrounded by loved ones, receiving compassionate care in familiar surroundings.

The experience left a profound impression on Cliff and Lynn. "Hinds was there when our family needed them most," Cliff says. "What they provided during that time is something we will never forget."

In the midst of their grief, the Eischens made a commitment to help ensure other families would have access to the same support. They have honored that commitment through years of generous giving and by including Hinds LifeCare in their estate plans.

Their decision reflects a thoughtful approach to legacy. While family remains a priority, Cliff and Lynn believe the blessings they have received come with an opportunity and a responsibility to give back.

"We do not believe our children are entitled to our entire legacy," Cliff explains. "We want part of what we've built to continue helping others."

By including Hinds LifeCare in their estate plans, the Eischens are helping ensure that future patients and families receive compassionate care when they need it most.

For Cliff and Lynn, this legacy gift is an expression of gratitude and stewardship. It honors Tyler's memory while extending hope and care to families they may never meet.

Their story is a reminder that thoughtful planning can support both the people we love and the causes we value, creating an impact that endures for generations.



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Gifts From the Community

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Hinds LifeCare was honored to receive \$19,520 from the Fresno Giving Machine Initiative in support of our grief services programs. This generosity, made possible through the Light the World Campaign, reflects the powerful impact of community giving and shared compassion.

We extend our deepest gratitude to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the dedicated local church organizers and volunteers in our community whose leadership, time, and heartfelt commitment made the Giving Machine such a meaningful experience.



Central California Women's Conference

The Central California Women's Conference (CCWC) awarded Hinds LifeCare a \$2,500 grant in support of the Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss "Moms to Moms" program.

Since 2016, CCWC has contributed a total of \$28,000 to this initiative, helping sustain grief support services for mothers who have lost a child to suicide and enabling signature events such as the annual Moms to Moms Brunch.

Inspire Health

We are honored to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Vipul Jain, a beloved physician, mentor, and leader at Inspire Health and UCSF Fresno.

In his memory, Inspire Health has made a generous \$25,000 gift to Hinds LifeCare to support our community outreach and education programs, continuing Dr. Jain's lifelong passion for teaching, mentorship, and compassionate care.



Big Girl Panty Barrel Race

Thank you to all participants and supporters of the 4th Annual Big Girl Panty Barrel Race, held on horseback in Porterville in memory of Teri L. Deutsch. Organized by Caylee Graves-Castro, the event promoted mental health awareness and suicide prevention. The event raised nearly \$4,000 in support of the Hinds LifeCare Center for Grief & Healing's Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss program.



Markie Foundation Golf Tournament

The Markie Foundation has provided unwavering support and generosity. Through their annual golf fundraiser, they continue to make a meaningful difference for children and families served by Angel Babies and the Hinds Kids Pediatric Program. Over the past 14 years, their contributions have exceeded \$100,000, providing comfort, support, and resources to children with life-limiting illnesses and the families who walk alongside them.



Phi Beta Psi Sorority Love-Friendship-Truth

Phi Beta Psi Sorority, Delta Zeta Chapter

For 27 years, the Phi Beta Psi Sorority, Delta Zeta Chapter has been a steadfast supporter of Hinds LifeCare, raising an incredible \$107,500 through their annual fashion shows in support of our mission. This remarkable milestone reflects not only their generosity, but also their enduring commitment to the patients and families we serve.

Verdi Club Golf Tournament

Hinds LifeCare was once again a beneficiary of the Verdi Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Since 2007, the Verdi Club, through tournaments and other contributions, has totaled over \$28,000 to Hinds LifeCare. Thank you for your continued support.



Hinds LifeCare Simulation and Learning Lab Upgrade Project

Hinds LifeCare extends sincere appreciation to Kaiser Permanente for the donation of new beds supporting the Simulation Lab and Hospice Home. Gratitude is also extended to the Jane Leffler Clinical Excellence Fund and Inspire Health Medical Group for funding new nursing mannequins.



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Hinds LifeCare's impact extends far beyond the patients and families we serve through the strength of our community partnerships. Working alongside hospitals, first responders, schools, nonprofit organizations, and generous corporate and foundation partners, we help connect individuals and families to compassionate care, grief support, and vital resources when they need them most. These collaborations strengthen our ability to respond to the unique needs of our community, whether supporting families after a sudden loss, educating future healthcare professionals, or ensuring seamless transitions of care. Together, our partners help expand access to services, enhance quality of life, and create a stronger network of support for people facing some of life's most challenging moments.





**The Hinds Heritage Society provides an opportunity to serve others while creating a personal legacy.
We thank all those listed below and those who pledged support and chose to remain anonymous.**

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Hinds LifeCare Events

Hinds LifeCare 22nd Annual Angel Babies Walk/Run

On May 2, 2026, more than 1,000 participants gathered at Woodward Park for the 22nd Annual Angel Babies Walk/Run, one of Hinds LifeCare's most cherished community events. Families, friends, sponsors, donors, volunteers, staff, and community partners came together to honor and remember babies lost during pregnancy or infancy, walking for the steps their children will never take and reminding grieving families that they are not alone.

This year's event raised nearly \$97,000 to support the Angel Babies program and grief services for families throughout Fresno, Madera, and Merced Counties.



Hinds Guild of Hope Brunch

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Guild of Hope Saturday Brunch on March 21, 2026. The morning was a meaningful celebration of connection, compassion, and community support. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, attendees, and dedicated Guild members, we can continue providing grief support services for children and families through programs such as Circle of Friends, Angel Babies and Hinds Kids.



Hinds LifeCare Beyond the Stars Gala

On Friday, September 5, 2025, the Clovis Veterans Memorial District was filled with community spirit as supporters gathered for Hinds LifeCare's Annual Gala Fundraiser, "Beyond the Stars."

Last year's Gala marked a meaningful milestone with the launch of our rebrand from Hinds Hospice to Hinds LifeCare. The new name reflects the full spectrum of care we provide, from hospice services to grief support programs, while honoring the legacy that has guided our mission for decades.

Through the generosity of sponsors, donors, volunteers, guild members, staff, and community supporters, the event raised an incredible \$230,000 to benefit underfunded programs and hospice services.

Don't miss the 2026 Gala, "From Darkness to Light," taking place on September 11, 2026, at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. Ticket information is on the back cover of this annual report.



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Awards and Recognition



In November, 2025, the Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized three Hinds LifeCare nominees for their leadership, generosity, and sustained commitment to service exemplifying philanthropy in action.

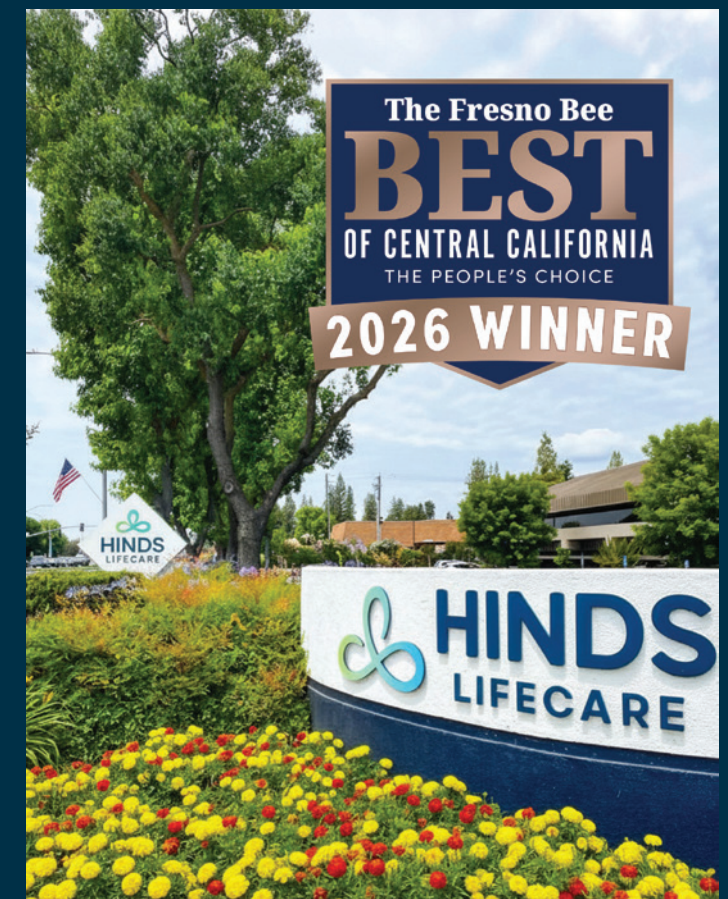
Jeannie Neathery, former Hinds LifeCare Major Gifts Officer, received the Outstanding Fundraising Professional award. Hinds volunteer Grace Persons earned the Outstanding Youth award. And longtime volunteer, Doris Wright, won Spirit of Philanthropy.

Each honoree has made a meaningful and lasting contribution to strengthening the community and advancing the Hinds LifeCare mission.



The Hinds LifeCare Rebrand Campaign received the Campaign of the Year Program Award from the Central California Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Developed in partnership with HYPHEN Advertising, and Michael Delaney, Delaney Matrix, the campaign reflected Hinds LifeCare's vision to better represent the full scope of care and support we provide throughout our community. This recognition honors the thoughtful planning, collaboration, and commitment that brought the new brand to life and continues to strengthen our connection with those we serve.

Hinds LifeCare was honored with Bronze awards for both Best Hospice and Best Thrift Store in The Fresno Bee's Best of Central California competition. Voted on by the community, these recognitions reflect the trust families place in Hinds LifeCare's compassionate services and the continued support of its thrift stores, which help fund care and grief support programs throughout the Central Valley.



Message from the Director of Volunteer Services

As Hinds LifeCare marks 45 years of serving our community, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on my own journey over the past eight years. It has been a privilege to be part of an organization built on compassion, service, and a commitment to caring for others during life's most vulnerable moments.

Every day, I witness the extraordinary generosity that exists within our community. In a world that often feels increasingly busy and disconnected, acts of kindness and compassion carry tremendous significance. They remind us of the power of human connection and the difference we can make when we choose to serve others.

Nowhere is that spirit more evident than in our Volunteer Services program. Our volunteers are the heart of Hinds LifeCare. Through their dedication, empathy, and willingness to give of themselves, they bring comfort, companionship, and support to patients, families, and staff throughout our organization. Whether serving in patient care, supporting families, assisting at Hinds Thrift, volunteering at the Hospice Home, helping in our offices, or supporting fundraising events, they make a meaningful impact every day.

The value of their service extends far beyond the hours they contribute. Volunteers create moments of peace, dignity, and connection for those facing some of life's greatest challenges. Their presence offers reassurance, their compassion provides comfort, and their generosity strengthens our mission in countless ways.

To each of our volunteers, thank you. Your dedication reflects the very best of our community and inspires all of us who have the privilege of working alongside you.

If you are interested in making a difference through volunteer service, we invite you to learn more about joining our team. Together, we can continue bringing comfort, hope, and compassion to those who need it most.

With gratitude,



Sven Hamilton

Director, Volunteer Services



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