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# Health Beat

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## November is “National Hospice Month”

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November is celebrated as national hospice month and this year's theme is **Hope, Dignity, Love...It must be hospice**. This reminds us that the care, that hospice provides, brings hope to help people live life as fully as possible, offers dignity when there is not a cure and surrounds families with love at one of life's most challenging times. This message of hope, dignity and love is one that resonates in our advocacy efforts at every level. Whether we're reaching out to the community, educating other healthcare professionals or telling elected officials why quality end-of-life care is important, it's the compassion at the heart of what we do that sets us apart.

Statistics just released from National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization report that last year, an estimated 1.4 million patients received services with 930,000 patients dying under hospice care.

The organization estimates that approximately 38.8% of all deaths in the United States were under the care of a hospice program. It is proved that patients who chose hospice care lived an average of one month longer than similar patients who did not choose hospice care.

The word hospice is derived from the word hospes, a Latin term hospitium, meaning, “a place for guests.” It is not a place but a philosophy of care created to help people live with dignity, comfort and compassion at the end of their life. Hospice is comfort to those on a journey, preparing those for “life's last station.”

St. Christopher's Hospice in London, England was the first hospice opening in 1967 by Cicely Saunders, MD. In 1974, the United State's first hospice, New Haven Connecticut Hospice opened and was funded by the National Cancer Institute. Now, there are approximately 4,700 hospice programs in the country.

To be eligible for hospice care a patient must live within the FCHD Hospice service area and be certified with a terminal illness. In addition, the patient or caregiver must agree to palliative care- not curative treatments. Hospice does provide medications to treat pain and symptoms; 24 hr/7 nursing availability, home health aid services; physician services and therapy modalities; durable medical equipment; volunteer services; social services and bereavement for 13 months following the death.

If you have any questions regarding hospice care for a loved one, please contact me or any member of the FCHD Hospice team.

## October 2008 Statistics

### FAMILY & CLINICAL SERVICES

#### WIC

Active WIC Clients.....	876
WIC Services.....	379
Breast Feeding Women.....	43
Breast Feeding Peer Counseling.....	61

#### Family Case Management

Active Families.....	349
EPSDTs.....	76
Pregnancy Tests.....	11
ASQ:SEs.....	100
Edinburghs.....	50
Denvers.....	123
Home Visits.....	12
APORS Visits.....	4
Healthwork Clients.....	17

#### Healthy Families Illinois

Families Served.....	43
Home Visits.....	93
Assessments.....	4

#### Doula

Families Served.....	15
Home Visits.....	40
Doula Assisted Deliveries.....	2

## Clinics

### By Appointment Only

#### Tuesdays 8:30-4:30

- Lab Clinic
- Adult and Adolescent Immunizations
- TB testing

#### Fridays (schedule varies)

- Children's immunizations
- TB
- Lead screening

#### TPS

Clients.....	15
Graduated High School/GED.....	0

#### Genetics

Screenings.....	33
Clinics.....	0
Patients Seen In Clinic.....	0

#### Immunizations

Children.....	412
Adult.....	89
Lab Draws.....	7
Adult Injections.....	7

#### Lead

Lead Screenings.....	38
Active Lead Cases.....	3

#### Flu

Clinics.....	26
Flu Vaccinations.....	2571
Pneumonia Vaccinations.....	97

#### Diabetes

Diabetes Participants.....	337
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#### Smoking Cessation

New Break the Habit Smoking Cessation Clients.....	2
Tobacco Quitline Calls.....	4

#### Communicable Disease

New Cases.....	2
Cases Closed.....	0

#### Sexually Transmitted Diseases

STD Cases Received & Reported.....	0
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#### Tuberculosis

Investigations.....	0
New Prophylactic Patients.....	0
New Active Cases.....	0
TB Tests.....	30
TB Screenings.....	4

### HOME HEALTH

Number of Current Patients.....	52
Total Served.....	71
Total Number of Visits.....	427
Foot Care.....	32

### HOSPICE

Number of Patients.....	12
Number of Volunteers.....	7
Families in Bereavement.....	107

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

#### Food Safety

Inspections.....	15
Re-Inspections.....	0
Spot Checks.....	6
Complaints.....	3
Certifications.....	0
Re-Certifications.....	2
Pre-Openings.....	0

#### Tanning

Inspections.....	1
Re-Inspections.....	0

#### Private Sewage

Plan Approvals.....	9
Installations.....	11

#### Potable Water

Wells Permitted.....	2
Wells Constructed.....	1
Water Samples.....	10
Non-Community.....	0

#### Complaints

Sewage Complaints.....	0
Nuisance Complaints.....	0
Resolved Complaints.....	1
Referred Complaints.....	0

#### Wells Sealed.....

#### Real Estate Surveys.....

#### Sewage Compliance-

#### Vandalia Lake.....

#### West Nile Bird Submission.....

#### Subdivision Review.....

#### Rabies Specimen Submission.....