

PEGASUS HOUSE

Palliative Care Inpatient Unit



body, mind and spirit

Pegasus House Palliative Care Program strives to bring comfort and care to patients facing challenging health issues. It seeks to ease pain and suffering while providing the best possible quality of life for patients afflicted with chronic or life-limiting illnesses. And it embraces the patient's family, because not only are family members key to providing care and comfort to the patient, but also they are in need of care and comfort themselves.

The program was initiated with a generous grant from Emilie and Michael Corey in 2008. They perceived that healing and curing are plural objectives of healthcare while recognizing that they are not always the same.

Healing is spiritual, universal, timeless, rooted in the Grecian Hippocratic Oath and oriented on the patient's well being. Curing is driven by ever-evolving science and technology, focusing on the patient's body.

Funding from the Corey grant enabled Peconic Bay Medical Center to hire, train and integrate professional staff to deliver the compassionate healing services of palliative care. Those involved include:

Physicians • Nurse Practitioners • Physician Assistants • Nurses • Social Workers
Spiritual Counselors • Dietitians • Pharmacists

A patient is a whole person and the needs of the body, mind and spirit are equally important

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Staff from departments such as food service, transportation and housekeeping are also trained to recognize the need for sensitivity when caring for palliative care patients and their families.

Pegasus House had its first patient-family referral in March 2009. Since then, there's been a dramatic growth in the number of referrals. Initially, bedside care for referred patients was provided in nursing units throughout the hospital or in a patient's home. Assembling family members and support personnel in a quiet private space became increasingly challenging as the program grew.

In order to accommodate this growing program, the Medical Center is creating a four-bed private unit attached to its Skilled Nursing Facility.

“Such gardens have played an integral role in the evolution of human care. Gardens have a mythology, a poetry, and a history to the life cycles and the process of healing, renewal, and ultimately dying. The persistent appearance of healing gardens in places and times of medical innovation suggest that, beyond the aesthetic, human beings feel a biological need to contact with the natural.”

-Ken Worpole. Author,
Modern Hospice Design



“The care he received was the most sincere, gentle and respectful care any wife could wish for her husband.”

-Family of a patient



The patient rooms are modeled to create a home-like ambiance within an area that permits overnight stays as needed for family members, and a kitchen and dining area will be available to family members for meal preparation. A glass-enclosed day room will look out upon a therapeutic garden adorned with perennial and annual plantings graced with sculpture. Corridors will provide access to the garden for patients and their families, offering an environment for quiet reflection.

naming opportunities

The projected cost for the new construction and renovation is \$290,000

Patient rooms (4)	\$50,000
Kitchen/Dinning	\$37,500
Corridor	\$20,000
Shower/Bathroom.....	\$50,000
Exterior Door	\$12,000
Therapeutic Garden ..	\$100,000
Day Room	\$20,500

The Peconic Bay Medical Center seeks philanthropic gifts for this project which delivers to the best in comfort, quality and compassionate care.

The program offers benefactors the opportunity to commemorate loved ones or receive personal recognition by designating their support at the financial levels cited for the project's construction/renovation as described.

Please consider making a gift to this special project.

Thank you.

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