

Organization: Hospice and Palliative Care of the Wood River Valley

Project Title: Workspace Improvement

Grant Amount: \$35,000

1. Objectives & Outcome): The objectives for these workspace improvements were: to avoid accidents on the basement stairs; aim for the overall improvement to the basement stairs to enhance safety; refresh the exterior of the building with a coat of paint; and obtain an effective printer/fax machine and standing desks to reduce workplace stress. Our building's exterior, painted last fall, allowed us to have a bright new look going into the darkness of winter. Lead paint caused for more detailed care in the painting process. The basement project took several months, as the chimney needed to be removed at the bottom of the stairs before a lift could be installed. Two things saved significant anticipated cost: a steel plate was installed to support the bricks of the chimney that lay above the basement ceiling in order to avoid removal through the entire building and the roof; second, the contractor also unanticipatedly donated his time. Therefore, our overall estimate based on bids was significantly less than budgeted so there was not out of pocket expenses for HPCWRV that exceeded the grant money as anticipated.
2. Impact: We've collected feedback regarding: basement stairs, standing desks, and efficiency of office equipment. The standing desks have been utilized by office staff on a daily basis. "I spend almost 90% of my day standing now", reports one staff member. The new printer/fax/scanner machine is able to fax multiple pages at once which has significantly decreased the work time on this task. The installed lift for the basement stairs has improved the safety of transporting equipment. Both a pregnant staff member and a staff with a chronic injury, have appreciated this feature as it has allowed them to be able to move things without risk to their own health. Comments on our building's paint include a staff member saying the effect of the new color caused her to feel happier when she comes to the office. A patient's family member: "I drop in frequently, always feel like I'm coming home."



3. New painted building



The chimney is gone and our new lift for the medical equipment has been installed.

4. Budget

Expenses	Amount requested by WRWCF	Actual Expenditures
Stair safety enhancement-demolition and rebuilding	\$27,400	\$11,564.55
Combination printer/fax machine	\$200	\$951.66
Adjustable desktop standing desks	\$400	\$1,046.89
Exterior Painting	\$7,000	\$11,667

Cleaning	\$0	\$859.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$35,000	\$26,089.84