

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE OF THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY

LatinX Outreach & Human Resource Applications

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Grant Program in Review

I am honored to share that our organization has directly impacted the community due to the grant support of the Wood River Women's Foundation. We are utilizing the grant money to initiate a contract with a company that provides interpreters for our patients/families that do not speak English. We've been able to connect more thoughtfully, intimately and had difficult conversations with individuals which was simply not possible before we had the language line in place. We continue to try and reach a large part of our community that is Spanish speaking only. Everyone dies and everyone deserves to die well. Being able to communicate with individuals in their native language is imperative for our team to connect on an interpersonal level.

Objectives & Outcomes

We had a vision to serve our Spanish speaking population in the Valley. We feel that we are making more of an impact based on the diversity that we are seeing in our census. In 2022, we had 3 Spanish speaking patients over the year. In 2023, so far, we've had 5 Spanish speaking patients. This demonstrates our growth in supporting more diversity in our community. Our continued challenge is reaching the greater community and those individuals who aren't aware of our services or don't believe the services are for them. We are continually reaching out to the bilingual physicians in the community reminding them to refer individuals to our services if/when the need arises.

BUDGET

First Month Language Line	327.58
June 2023	135.00
July 2023	135.00
August 2023	140.00
September 2023	194.00