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advocate. educate. support.
FEDERAL ADVOCACY

NHPCA kept members informed of regulatory and reimbursement issues affecting them, including payment, emergency preparedness updates, Hospice Compare, and a new data collection and patient assessment tool.

NHPCA followed federal legislation introduced during the 115th congressional session, including:

- **H.R.6** Support for Patients and Communities Act
- **S.980/H.R.1828** Rural Access to Hospice Act
- **S.693/H.R.1676** Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA)

STATE ADVOCACY

NHPCA monitored several Nebraska legislative bills. Three bills passed into law that could impact the hospice community and became effective July 2018:

- **LB104** Health Care Surrogacy Act
- **LB117** Investigational Drug Use Act
- **LB931** Provide Requirements for Opiate and Controlled Substance Prescriptions

The “Hospice lets me be…” outreach campaign focuses on real-life stories to promote hospice benefits, gain awareness, and connect people with resources. NHPCA distributed educational materials to member hospices across the state.
WORKSHOPS

NHPCA conducted four workshops for hospice and palliative care professionals, including web-based education. Topics included advocacy, emergency preparedness, veterans care, and regulations. Discipline conference calls were held for social workers, chaplains, and volunteer coordinators across the state.

NHPCA CONFERENCE

185 hospice and palliative care professionals gathered for the 2018 NHPCA annual conference.

Number of NHPCA members who received scholarships to attend the annual conference:

6

VETERAN AFFAIRS

80% of Nebraska hospices participated in the We Honor Veterans national campaign.

Number of pins obtained through the Hospice-Veteran Partnership for use in dying veterans' pinning ceremonies:

1800

3 Nebraska Hospice-Veteran Partnership workshops, in collaboration with the Department of Veteran Affairs.
AWARDS

Outstanding Hospice Volunteer Awards were presented to individuals from across the state for their exemplary service. Awards were presented by NHPCA President and CEO Heath Boddy and Edo Banach, President and CEO, National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

2018 Spirit of Hospice Award
Kim Eddy, CHI Health at Home
Omaha, NE

2018 Shining Star Award
Denice Schroeder, Hand in Hand Palliative Care
Children’s Hospital & Medical Center
Omaha, NE

2018 NHPCA State Impact Award
Jennifer Eurek, former Vice President of NHPCA

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE: $228,472
38% Contributions, Events
36% Membership Dues
25% Professional Education
1% Other

EXPENSES: $185,173
79% Program Services
18% Management and General
3% Fundraising

Governor Pete Ricketts proclaimed November 2018 as Hospice and Palliative Care Month in Nebraska.
WITH GRATITUDE

On behalf of Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association, I extend my thanks to the following individuals and organizations for their generosity in 2018.

With your support, NHPCA has united Nebraska nurses, physicians, social workers, chaplains, volunteers, administrators, educators, and so many others in their quest to help Nebraskans at the end of their lives.

Each day, the NHPCA team aims to support Nebraska’s hospice and palliative care providers with stewardship in mind, through high-quality work, and with innovation, integrity, and professionalism.

Sincerely,

Heath G. Boddy
President and CEO

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