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Claire Haltom







A Bold Vision, A Lasting Legacy

Celebrating 50 Years of Compassionate Care













In December 1974, nine people gathered in David and Lynn Barton's West Nashville home over coffee and doughnuts. They came from medicine, social work, faith, and education, united by a belief that people facing the end of life deserved something better.

Dr. David Barton, a Vanderbilt psychiatrist, and his colleague **Dr. John Flexner** had seen too many patients whose medical needs were treated while their emotional and spiritual needs were overlooked. Alongside Lynn Barton, a clinical social worker, they envisioned a different model of care—one that cared for the whole person and surrounded patients and families with compassion, dignity, and support.

That vision became Alive Hospice in 1975—the first hospice in the Southeast and one of the first in the nation.

Alive's first patient, Linda Cummings, was also one of the original participants in that first meeting. Living with melanoma, she spoke candidly with David about her fears, hopes, and experiences. David often said, "Linda was a great teacher." Her courage and honesty helped shape Alive's philosophy from the very beginning.

The early years required determination. Alive was run by volunteers, operated from a rented room, and at one point had just $57 in its treasury. Then came another pivotal chapter. Iris Kozil became Alive's first full-time executive director and transformed a grassroots vision into a growing nonprofit through passionate leadership and tireless fundraising. As Lynn Barton later reflected, "She was the one who really made our organization an organization."

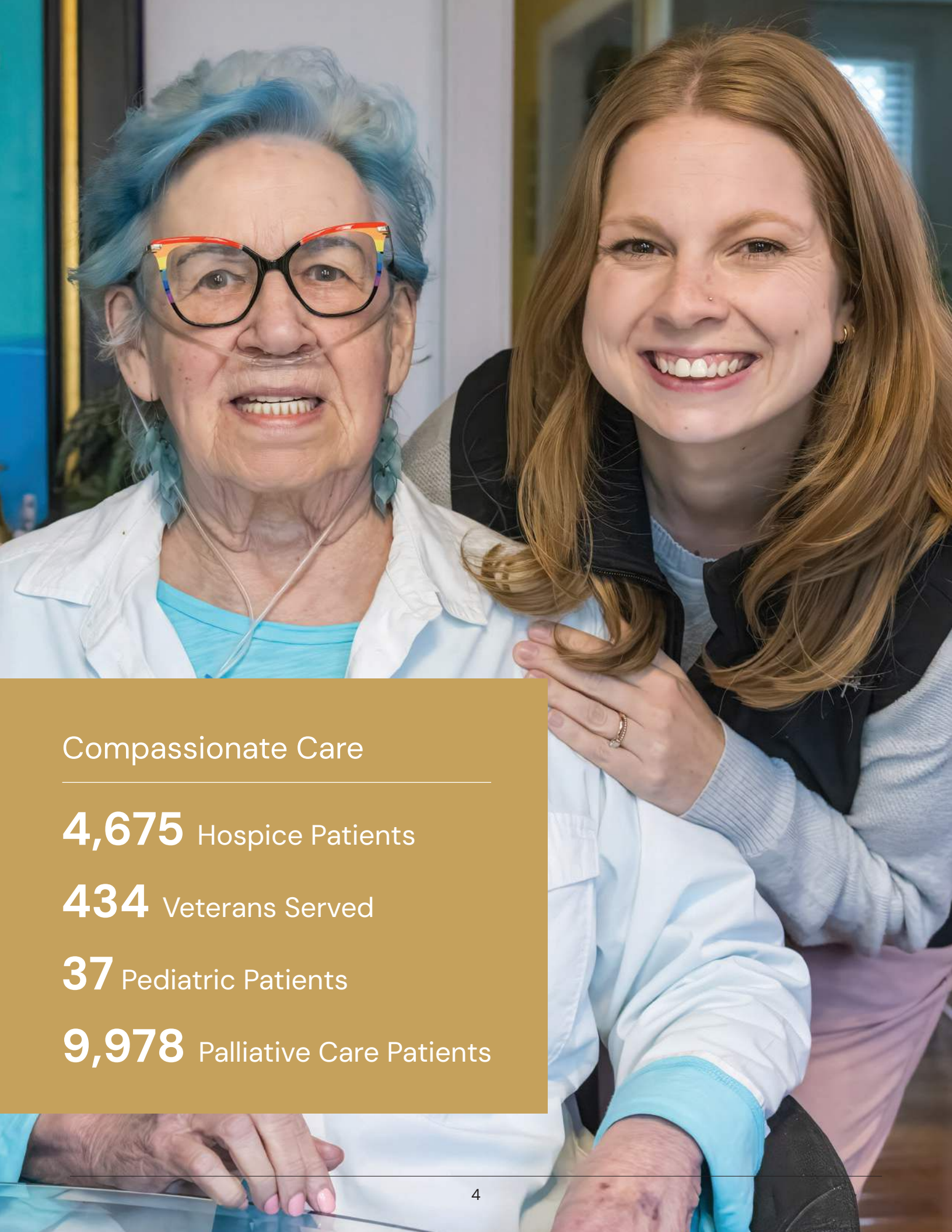
Over the next five decades, countless staff members, volunteers, donors, board members, and community partners carried that vision forward. Together, they grew Alive from a small volunteer effort into Middle Tennessee's largest nonprofit hospice, serving thousands of patients and families each year through hospice and palliative care, grief support, community education, pediatric services, and two inpatient residences.

While Alive has grown in ways its founders could scarcely have imagined, its purpose has never changed. As Dr. Barton once wrote, his hope was to create "a model of care for people with life-limiting illnesses that appreciates the uniqueness of each person and cares for them with feeling and discernment."

Fifty years later, that vision continues to guide every patient served, every family supported, and every life touched by Alive.







Compassionate Care

4,675 Hospice Patients

434 Veterans Served

37 Pediatric Patients

9,978 Palliative Care Patients



Grief Care and Support

8,900 Individuals Served

An estimated 8,900 individuals were served through Alive's grief support programs in 2025, including counseling, adult and youth support groups, school-based grief services, workshops, children's grief camp, family retreats, community outreach, and more.



Community Education and Outreach

Through monthly programs, partnerships, workshops, and Tennessee's premier grief conference, Alive empowers our community with the knowledge and confidence to navigate hospice, grief, and end-of-life care. Together, we're helping people prepare, make informed decisions, and advocate for themselves and the people they love.







Volunteer Services

401 Volunteers **13,358** Volunteer Hours

$370,569 Value of Patient Support





An Enduring Impact

At Alive's 50th Anniversary Golden Gala, Susan Simons received the inaugural Susan Simons Enduring Impact Award, recognizing her extraordinary generosity, leadership, and unwavering commitment to Alive's mission. The award, established in her honor, celebrates individuals whose lasting impact helps ensure Alive's compassionate care continues for generations to come. Below are Susan's remarks from that evening.

Standing here tonight surrounded by friends, supporters, and dreamers who believe in the mission of Alive, I feel deeply humbled to be honored by an organization that is itself the true HERO. Thank you for this honor. I accept it not for myself alone but as a representative of everyone who believes in the mission of Alive. Tonight, we are reminded that generosity is not only about what we give today but also about the impact we choose to have tomorrow.

One of the things I value the most about Alive is that it serves anyone and everyone. It does not matter what your income level is. Alive spends a million and a half dollars a year on non-reimbursed indigent care. That's one of the things that makes us special.

So tonight, we are celebrating Alive's 50th anniversary, but we need to look ahead to make sure that Alive can continue to provide compassionate end of life care for all of us.

Let me give you some examples of how some Tennesseans are providing for Alive's financial well-being going forward.

For the last two years, Tooty Bradford has made significant unrestricted gifts to the endowment. Tracy Huddleston is planning to raise funds to honor her husband, George — a longtime board member of Alive, a passionate advocate for hospice care, and for the grief services Alive provides for children. Tracy is rallying her friends and family to raise funds to support the Forget-Me-Not Camp for kids.

And I'm thrilled to share that another generous donor, who IS here with us this evening but wishes to remain anonymous, has committed $100,000 to Alive. This incredible gift will fund technology and AI initiatives, helping Alive continue to innovate and enhance the way it delivers compassionate care.

These are just some of the inspiring ways people are ensuring Alive is strong for the next 50 years - and perhaps to get you thinking about how you could help too.



Here's another — an extremely important and easy way — planned giving, particularly through bequests. A bequest is not complicated. It is a simple but powerful way to ensure that the causes closest to your heart continue to thrive beyond your lifetime. It allows your values to live on, providing stability for this organization and those it serves. I, myself, have made a bequest that will be funded by Luke Simons IRA to support the long-term maintenance of the in-patient facility in Nashville. For many of us, there will come a moment when we reflect on the legacy we wish to leave. Including a bequest in your estate plan is one of the most thoughtful ways to express that legacy. It says I believe the mission of Alive is not just for today but for generations to come.

So tonight, as we celebrate the good we have achieved together, I encourage you to think about the good we can secure for the future. You have given over the years to support Alive, but what about when you're gone? We need Alive to be here for the next generations. You can start tonight by picking up the donor card provided for you at your table and making a gift to Alive. That's a great start! And remember, one of the easiest and most effective ways you can support the next 50 years of Alive is to make a bequest in your will. You know what? You're not going to miss that money, and in fact, it might even help your estate plan with taxes. Access to more information about bequests is on your donor card. Thank you for walking the path with me and for ensuring that the story of this organization continues long after tonight's celebration has ended.

Before we close, special thank yous to Amy and Vince for gracing us tonight and for their long-term support of Alive, to our founders, Lynn and David Barton, to our fantastic chair, Liz Shatzlein, and her committee, and the staff who did such a great job.

Thank you for this extraordinary honor. I share it with every one of you in this room because together we are writing a story of compassion that will outlive us all...our own enduring impact.

It's an impact worth making...but don't just take my word for it. Listen to this....

Scan QR code or visit AliveHospice.org/50-years to watch videos from Alive's Golden Gala.



Fundraising

$3,247,646 donated to serve our community



YOUR LEGACY MATTERS

A legacy is more than what we leave behind. It's the people we care for, the values we carry forward, and the choices we make about what matters most.

As Alive celebrates 50 years, we're reflecting on legacy—and encouraging our community to think about their own. Having a plan in place can help protect the people you love, ensure your wishes are known, and give you a voice in how the things you value are carried forward.

To make that process easier, Alive has partnered with Giving Docs to offer our community free access to secure online tools for creating a will and other important legacy documents. The resource is available to you whether or not you choose to include a charitable gift.

Because planning your legacy isn't simply about what you leave behind. It's about deciding what you want to carry forward.

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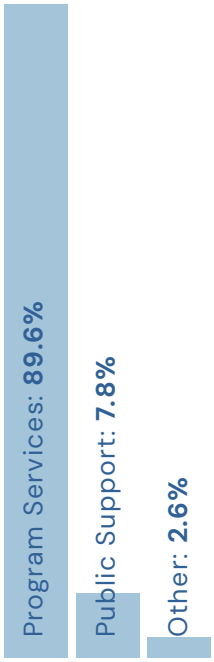


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Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2025 and 2024

Sources of Revenue



$41,846,921

Allocation of Total Expenses



$42,104,984

Assets	2025	2024
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 8,330,097	$ 9,636,488
Restricted cash	302,761	177,289
Patient accounts receivable	4,343,098	3,694,984
Current portion of pledges receivable, net	303,657	327,824
Prepaid expenses	352,732	336,070
Other current assets	121,622	122,640
Total current assets	*$ 13,753,967*	*$ 14,295,295*
Pledges receivable, net, excluding current portion	$ 246,520	$ 341,417
Investments	9,090,003	7,658,184
Property and equipment, net	15,860,074	16,269,448
Goodwill	554,293	554,293
Long-term deposits and other assets	145,729	145,729
Operating lease right-of-use assets	221,235	407,979
Total assets	***$ 39,871,821***	***$ 39,672,345***

Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 712,272	$ 876,872
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	2,237,345	1,939,209
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	196,100	189,107
Total current liabilities	*$ 3,145,717*	*$ 3,005,188*
Operating lease right-of-use liabilities, excluding current portion	$ 31,988	$ 228,087
Total liabilities	*$ 3,177,705*	*$ 3,233,275*
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	$ 26,653,369	$ 27,840,234
Board designated	6,957,342	5,932,516
Total net assets without donor restrictions	*$ 33,610,711*	*$ 33,772,750*
With donor restrictions	3,083,405	2,666,320
Total net assets	*$ 36,694,116*	*$ 36,439,070*
Total liabilities and net assets	***$ 39,871,821***	***$ 39,672,345***

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1629 Williams Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Alive Grief Care Center
1721 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203

Grief counseling and support available at all of our offices

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