



QUALITY, COMFORT & TRUST IN END-OF-LIFE CARE
LOS ALAMOS VISITING NURSE SERVICE

Our Vision

Los Alamos is a unique city with a proud history and a colorful heritage; however, our community, along with our nation, is aging. The healthcare infrastructure built by our city's founders has served us well, but it lacks one essential component: an inpatient Hospice House.

Most hospice services are provided in the outpatient setting – in a patient's home, in a nursing home, and sometimes a hospital – but there are times when patients and their caregivers need more.



Our Grounds Are Beautiful!

hardship for patients, caregivers and their families during an already stressful time.

Northern New Mexico lacks an inpatient Hospice House that is dedicated to compassionate end-of-life care. Currently, hospice patients and caregivers who desire the privacy, dignity and comfort of 24-hour hospice care must make the two-hour drive to Albuquerque. This scenario can create

LAVNS has purchased a beautiful 5-acre property on Canyon Road in Los Alamos that overlooks Pueblo Canyon. This begins the fulfillment of a dream that we have been working toward for ten years: finding a spacious, centrally located, forested and peaceful piece of land to build our Hospice House and relocate our administrative offices.

Our Plan

We are conducting a \$3 million capital campaign for a two-phase build-out of our new property. The first phase, which is nearly complete, converts the existing Boy Scout Lodge on the property into the Administrative Center for LAVNS Home Care and Hospice programs. This has allowed us to stop leasing office space. The mortgage payment for the Canyon Road property is essentially equivalent to our old lease payment, making the move a 'financial wash' in the short run.

**Capital Campaign
Cabinet**

The community members leading Los Alamos Visiting Nurse Service's capital campaign to build *The Sanctuary at Canyon's Edge* include:

Karen Easton
Kirk Ellard
Lynn Finnegan
Keeley Power
Sarah Rochester
Steve Stoddard
Tammy Thorn
Debbie Weber

This list of civic-minded individuals will grow as the campaign grows. Please contact LAVNS if you are interested in becoming part of our team!

The second phase is to build the Hospice House and Administrative Offices closer to the canyon where the privacy and scenery will be enhanced. Once the Hospice House and administrative offices are built, the Boy Scout Lodge will be available for uses consistent with the vision of LAVNS. The new Hospice House will be the only residential hospice facility currently available to patients and families in Los Alamos, Santa Fe and the Espanola Valley.

Our Budget

We expect the entire project to cost approximately \$250/square foot to build and furnish. The six-bed Hospice House and adjoining office space will total approximately 10,000 square feet. We plan to raise \$3,000,000 to cover the design and construction costs.

A six-bed hospice meets the current and future demands of our aging community. The bed count is based on several factors: how many Hospice Houses currently serve the region? How are the region's demographics changing? What are the region's disease rates and how often does the region's medical community refer patients to hospice care.

LAVNS has analyzed organizational data and accumulated data from additional sources (hospitals, national census, Medicaid and Medicare). The determination to build a six-bed Hospice House is based upon this analysis, along with interviews of directors from similar-sized Hospice Houses in the region.



Conceptual Rendering of Hospice House Room

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