



**BUILT AND
SUSTAINED
BY GIFTS
OF LOVE**

“SOLVAY HOUSE HAS BEEN SUCH AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL IN MY FAMILY. THE CARE FOR DAD HAS BEEN OVER-THE-TOP—AND FOR US AS WELL. I FELT LIKE WE WERE AT HOME. I CAN’T THANK THE STAFF AND VISIONARIES WHO BUILT THIS HOME ENOUGH FOR SUCH A GIFT.”

– Daughter of Solvay Patient

“THE PEACE AND LOVE,
THE OVERALL DÉCOR: **ALL HERE
HAS BEEN TOUCHED BY GOD.**”

– Solvay Hospice House Visitors

extending the embrace

In the last moments of our lives, we all deserve to live fully in comfort and dignity. To have earthly pain eased and human bonds strengthened. To experience one last conversation, one last hug, one last gentle caress of the hand. To hear “I love you.” “I forgive you.” “I’m so thankful for you.” So that each of us might simply be, and find peace.

This is why the Miller-Dwan Foundation opened Solvay Hospice House to our region’s families 10 years ago, embracing the utmost respect for life in times of dying. It’s the touch that Solvay brings to hospice care—a warm embrace that we invite you to help us extend for years to come.

A CAMPAIGN TO SUSTAIN *Solvay Hospice House*



The Miller-Dwan Foundation is seeking \$2 million to support hospice patients and families and assure Solvay remains strong and beautiful for all time. Gifts to the Miller-Dwan Foundation Solvay Hospice House Legacy Fund will provide the financial security of permanent funding that:

- Ensures the highest quality care for hospice patients and families who need our support.
- Helps provide hospice and palliative care and end-of-life services to anyone who needs and wants care regardless of their healthcare provider and their circumstance.
- Sustains growth to meet the needs of the communities we serve.
- Fulfills ongoing facility and equipment needs.

Every dollar you give to the Miller-Dwan Foundation Solvay Hospice House Legacy Fund provides assurance that patient and family care is available when needed most, and helps the Miller-Dwan Foundation sustain what was created and has been nourished since Solvay Hospice House opened in 2007.



Just as you would lovingly care for your own home, this campaign supports the ongoing maintenance of Solvay Hospice House. And just as you would welcome a guest in need of rest, this campaign extends financial support to those in need through a Legacy Fund that covers gaps in insurance coverage. With your help, the Miller-Dwan Foundation will create a \$2 million Solvay Hospice House lasting legacy by the end of 2018.

Special care at a special time

Most who are terminally ill prefer to die at home, but when that's not possible, patients and caregivers turn to hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living centers and, increasingly in the U.S., residential hospice houses.

Solvay's team approach brings specially trained doctors, nurses, chaplains, social workers, bereavement counselors and others together for comprehensive comfort-care tailored for each patient. The team's highest priority is their patient's comfort. In a safe and loving environment, they address the most complex end-of-life needs. They ease the burden on families who may otherwise struggle with the overwhelming responsibility of caring for a loved one—and allow them to focus on their roles as families and friends.

“WORDS CAN NEVER EXPRESS OR CONVEY OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SERVICES WHILE ROBERT WAS IN YOUR GENTLE HANDS. YOU WERE ALL CONSIDERATE AND TENDER IN TEACHING OUR FAMILY THE RIGHT THINGS TO DO FOR OUR FATHER WHILE HE WAS IN TRANSITION. WE WILL CARRY THAT KNOWLEDGE WITH US FOREVER. THOSE WERE IMPORTANT MOMENTS.”

– Daughter and Son-in-law of Solvay Patient

A welcoming home

Nestled on nine acres of pristine woodlands and bathed in the light of floor-to-ceiling windows that follow the daily rhythms of the sun, Solvay Hospice House is a place where the human spirit is eased and honored as the end of life draws near.

Twelve hospice rooms and inviting open spaces—from the sunroom and meditation area to the dining room and outdoor gazebo—give each patient and family the privacy to connect on their terms. For comfort, it's the best of both worlds: a warm home environment that is Medicare-certified and equipped with the latest medical care and integrative therapies.

“ WE KNEW WE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION TO COME TO THE HOSPICE HOUSE WHEN MY HUSBAND, WHO WAS AN AVID HUNTER, WAS GREETED BY A BEAUTIFUL DOE THAT WALKED UP TO THE RAILING AND STOOD STARING IN THE PATIO DOOR—AS IF TO SAY, ‘HI ED, I’M GLAD YOU’RE HERE.’ EVERY ASPECT OF THIS PLACE IS WONDERFUL AND THE STAFF IS PROFESSIONAL, KIND AND CARING. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!”

– Wife of Solvay Patient

“THANK YOU ALL FOR THE KINDNESS
SHOWN TO OUR FAMILY DURING MOM’S
13-DAY STAY WITH YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE
GENTLE LOVING CARE PROVIDED BY YOUR
STAFF. THE HUGS AT JUST THE RIGHT TIMES.
THE KIND WORDS. MOM COULD NOT HAVE
SPENT HER LAST DAYS IN A MORE PEACEFUL,
SERENE SETTING WITH SUCH DIGNITY.
OUR SOLVAY HOSPICE HOUSE EXPERIENCE
WILL REMAIN WITH US FOREVER.”

– Family of Solvay Patient

Cherishing these moments

For patients, families and friends, the combination of this unique setting and its comprehensive, high-touch care has proven time and again to help transform anxiety, pain and fear of dying into something else: meaningful and life-affirming moments that patients and loved ones can embrace, share and find solace in—together.

There are moments when staff and volunteers nurture families to connect, grieve and heal. Moments when patients are helped to remember and celebrate what's most important to them—in meaningful ways. And there are moments of mystical beauty and significance. When a hand quilted blanket is placed on the dearly departed. When a sacred rite of body washing is performed. When a deer or owl pauses in the forest, clearly visible outside the window, as if to honor the journey of a soul.

To our community,

Together, we're sustaining compassion.

We're investing in a shared promise to our region:
to provide the best possible experience during one of
life's most challenging times. To provide a home
maintained with love for an experience shared in love.

This special place does that like nothing else in our region
can. You feel it in the stories of those who experience Solvay.
You sense it when you're there. And now you can share it
with everyone as friends of the Miller-Dwan Foundation.

Your gift in support of Solvay Hospice House extends the
home's special embrace with lasting and meaningful impact.
It not only sustains this house, but also all who call it "home"
for a brief yet profound time in their lives. It affirms the deep
and immense value of compassionate end of life care—for all.
We thank you for joining with us to make it possible.



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