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GRANT AWARD FOLLOW-UP FORM

NAME OF CHARITY: Hunterdon Hospice/Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation

As a condition of the Grant(s) you have received in the past, you must provide an informal Grant Report to the Foundation within three months of the end of the calendar year in which the Grant funds were dispersed. Grant awards are based on your request and are to be used as specified in your distribution letter. Please complete and return this form by March 31st to comply with the terms of your previous Grant(s) and to be eligible for any additional Grant funds.

As the foundation believes that your input is critical to our mission, the Grant Follow-up report is required. In the informal report we need to know if you accomplished what you set out to do, but we are equally interested in understanding what did not work and why.

Providing grants is the Foundation's primary method of contributing to the community. We would like to share the stories of your success and impact in the community on our website. Please check here if you agree to the Foundation using the name of your organization, the information and any photos provided on this form on our website:

Yes, the Solis Foundation may use the information on this form on the mariesolisfoundation.org website.

No, the Solis Foundation may not use the information on this form on mariesolisfoundation.org website.

We kindly request you verify the information below and list the "actual amount used" along with any corrections. Our records indicate the following for your organization:

YEAR	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	ACTUAL USED
2018	\$1,000	Hospice Services to the community	\$1,000



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Follow-up Instructions

Please provide a response to the following questions. This form can be mailed to the address written above or e-mailed in PDF form. Please provide current contact information including email addresses so that we may contact the appropriate individuals concerning future grants and communication.

Follow-Up Evaluation Questions

1. Please provide information on the actual distribution of the funds to your project(s) as specified in your distribution letter. If the funds were not used for their original purposes please describe the circumstances and provide evidence of how the funds were actually used.

The funds were used for general program expenses to facilitate access for all people in need of Hospice and bereavement services. We recently expanded our services to include a Traumatic Loss Bereavement Group for those with a loss associated with drug overdose or suicide. The group runs for 8 weeks and then afterwards members can also join a special ongoing support group. Our General Bereavement Group has grown in numbers with those attending finding it very beneficial. Of note, most of those attending are from the community - they were not necessarily served by Hunterdon Hospice. We also have been doing more community education regarding advance care planning and handing out our "Community Toolkit" to the attendees with information on advance care planning.

2. What was the impact of the financial support on your core mission?

The mission of Hunterdon Hospice is to support terminally ill patients, their families, and community members in the form of direct patient support, family support and bereavement services. Your financial support has enabled us to provide this comfort and medical resources to an expanded number of individuals through new programs we initiated this past year.

3. What are the organization's two (2) most significant financial challenges and how are you planning to address them?

The first and most significant financial challenge is that the reimbursement levels from



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Medicare and insurance companies do not cover the costs of the services that we provide. Secondly, other support through donations from individuals, for example, tends to be small and does not make up the shortfall from insurance payments.

4. What do you consider to be the most important concern(s), apart from finances, currently facing your organization (or project, if you received project support)?

The recent increase in deaths from drug overdoses and suicide in our community has created the need for unique support of family and friends who have experienced this type of loss. Hunterdon Hospice has responded to this need by starting an eight week specialized bereavement support group for those who have suffered the traumatic loss of a loved one as the result of suicide or drug overdose. This particular type of loss can be isolating due to loved ones feeling ashamed or hiding the cause of death. Survivors of suicide and drug overdose loss are at higher risk of developing depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicidal behaviors, as well as long-term complicated grief. A safe place is created where members can receive empathy and openly share feelings and thoughts.

5. What do you consider to be the greatest strength(s) of your work?

Our greatest strength is our staff, their commitment to our patients, and the resulting benefit to our patients and the community as a whole. A related strength is the community where we find and recruit volunteers. The cohesiveness of area residents and their desire to help neighbors has enabled us to provide not only the services mandated by Medicare but to go beyond and provide personal companionship that truly addresses the whole patient, including physical, psychosocial and spiritual needs of the individual and the family as they deal with a difficult transition.

6. Have there been any significant changes in your organization or the project since the grant was awarded (i.e., executive leadership, staff, facilities, location)? Please describe.

There have not been any significant changes for Hunterdon Hospice in the last year.



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7. Please provide any additional information that will educate the Foundation on your organization. Please be brief. Marketing materials are not requested.

We strive to be careful stewards of the funds received from generous private donors such as Marie G. Solis Foundation as well as corporate funders. In 2018, your funds helped expand our programs to meet more of the need for comfort and bereavement services in our community. We are very grateful for your past support in our mission to provide physical, spiritual, psychosocial and bereavement support to those with a life-threatening illness and their families and we hope you will be willing to continue to support us in the future.

8. If interested please provide us with a photo that you agree can be used on our website to accompany a brief description of how your organization used the grant funds to impact the community.

N/A

Thank you for your response. If you have any questions, please email us at the address listed above. We look forward to continuing to support your charitable activities.