In 1979, Mission Hospice & Home Care was founded by local community members who knew that hospice was a compassionate way to care for friends and neighbors who were nearing the end of life. They were onto something. The little nonprofit organization they started is now the leading hospice provider in San Mateo County, caring for more than 400 people a day.

In the last year, we expanded our continuum of care significantly, aiming to help people understand and discuss their options for end-of-life care long before they need it. Through our Community Engagement programs, we are educating individuals and clinicians, starting conversations, and building community.

The core of our work remains caring for people throughout the last year of life – and meeting patients where they are – through Advanced Care (palliative home health care), Transitions, and Hospice. The recent opening of Mission House, the only hospice house in San Mateo County, has allowed us to serve patients who cannot receive the hospice care they need at home. As a physician, this is something I have long wanted for our community.

Through all of these programs, support for family and loved ones is critical. Our continuum of care extends long after a patient’s death, with our full range of grief support offerings, from individual counseling, to support groups and specialized workshops.

The generosity of our community makes all of this possible. Gifts of all sizes are so important to our work, but we are particularly indebted to the Sequoia Healthcare District, Mission Hospice Auxiliary, and Peninsula Health Care District for their leadership. Their gifts, along with those from more than a thousand individuals, corporations, and foundations, allow Mission Hospice to offer our special kind of compassionate care to people when they most need it.

My thanks, to each and every one of you, for your support of our patients and families.

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Mission Hospice & Home Care provides physical, emotional, and spiritual support for patients and families at every stage of a life-limiting illness.

In 2016, we cared for a record 1,398 patients* facing cancer, cardiac and lung disease, and other life-limiting illnesses. Our compassionate, professional end-of-life care supports patients in their homes, in facilities, and in our hospice house, Mission House.

Hospice
Medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support for terminally ill patients and their loved ones.

Number of patients: 993
Average no. days in program: 150
Age range of patients: 27 – 106

Advanced Care
(Palliative home health care)
Skilled nursing and social work support for homebound patients who are not ready for Hospice.

Number of patients: 455
Average no. days in program: 91
Age range of patients: 24 – 107

Transitions
Social work and volunteer support for patients with life-limiting illness who are not ready for Hospice or Advanced Care.

Number of patients: 125
Average no. days in program: 223
Age range of patients: 39 – 104

Mission House, San Mateo
Compassionate care in a peaceful, homelike facility for patients at the end of life who need intensive, round-the-clock symptom management that cannot be provided at home.

Number of patients: 122
Age range of patients: 27 – 106

*Some patients received care in more than one program.

2016 budget
Cost of program services $22,797,864
Cost of supporting services $1,404,956
Total expenses $24,202,820
Donations from individuals and organizations $1,145,289
Estate gifts $604,779
Foundation grants $360,500
Reimbursements from Medicare and private insurance $21,175,831
Investment and other income $231,178
Total income $23,517,577
Anyone who has spent any time at Mission House has come to know and love Betty Loesch. Friendly, generous, and faithful, Betty has lived in the San Mateo home for nearly a decade – long before it became our hospice house. She is a warm, positive presence.

Betty was born in 1910 in northern Michigan, where her parents owned a drugstore, a source of many happy memories. “The store had one showcase with school supplies. I’d practically empty the case giving it away to my friends… I always loved to give.”

She credits her generosity and positive outlook to her mother. When Betty was 10, her father died of pneumonia, and her mom – a nurse – raised their five children alone. She says, “My mother saw the best in everybody… only the best.”

Betty’s mom also shared with her a love and talent for baking. Betty’s mandel bread was very popular with her friends, and they urged her to take samples to a Nordstrom café. “They loved my cookies!” Betty says. “I would stay up all night baking them.”

Betty and her first husband, Maurice, had three children. When they were nearly grown, she married her second husband, Arthur, the love of her life. The two were married for more than 40 years, living in San Mateo and enjoying many international trips.

After Arthur passed away and Betty was no longer able to live alone, she moved to a care facility in San Mateo – the very home that became our Mission House.

She’s become a real presence in the house. “When she says something, you know that she’s thought about it,” says Direct Care Volunteer Tammy Kent. “And she is always so gracious.”

Deeply spiritual, Betty enjoys daily discussions with Mission House Spiritual Counselor Rev. Don Mulford. And she’s developed another special relationship: Princess, one of the two cats at Mission House, has adopted Betty.

Betty is a voracious reader, and looks forward to the books her granddaughter sends from North Carolina. And she treasures visits from her 84-year-old son Wally, who regularly drives up from his home in LA to visit.

When Betty’s health started to decline, in late 2016, she started hospice care, still at Mission House. She continues to share her warm smile and even small gifts with her caregivers.

“They really take such good care of me. Hospice is something special, isn’t it?” 📚
Caring for our community

Since our founding in 1979, Mission Hospice & Home Care has served more than 11,000 patients and families in and around San Mateo County and northern Santa Clara County. Circle sizes represent the relative number of patients served last year in each city.
With a broad smile, Bay Area native Sally Berman jokes that she’s always been “the first one to raise her hand.” And when she does something, she goes all-in.

She started her career at a San Francisco law firm as a secretary, and eventually became a paralegal. At the urging of her colleagues, she went back to night law school to earn her JD, while still working at her full-time day job. She then became a successful litigation attorney in the same firm representing people suffering from accidents or property damage.

But family comes first for Sally, so when her twin sister was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma, Sally took leave of her career to spend more time with her. After her sister’s passing, Sally found that her trust documents had been poorly prepared. This added an extra burden on top of the grief the family felt.

“It really saddled my brother-in-law with a lot of unnecessary work,” she says. “As an attorney, it angered me for my profession. I knew I could do better.”

That’s just what she’s doing now. After going back to school to earn an LLM – Master of Laws in Elder Law and Estate Planning – Sally is now one of just a handful of elder law attorneys in San Mateo County. In addition to estate and end-of-life care planning, she helps clients qualify and apply for Medi-Cal and VA pension benefits.

She usually visits clients in their homes, where she says these conversations can be easier. “One of the beauties of practicing law on my own is that I can spend as much time as I want with my clients,” she says. “You finish a meeting, and your client hugs you! This doesn’t happen to a lot of attorneys.”

Not long after she started her elder law practice, Sally’s good friend (and longtime Mission Hospice board member) Kathryn Breaux suggested that she consider joining the board.

Sally dove right in. She was elected to our board in January 2016, and shortly afterwards began training to become a direct care volunteer. Raising her hand repeatedly, she’s attended almost every community education event we’ve offered in the last couple of years.

She’s continually opening her heart to our patients and families, having visited many patients in their homes and at Mission House. She volunteers to sit vigil with actively dying patients who would otherwise be alone.

“Our volunteers are such a wonderful resource,” Sally continues. “Providing respite for caregivers is one of our most important roles. Our patients and families are afforded an incredible sense of dignity,” Sally says. “I know from personal experience how important that is.”

“The hospice volunteer work and my elder law work require the same heartset and mindset,” Sally says. “It’s where my heart is – and I really feel I’ve helped people. I just love this work.”

Sally Bergman
Raising her hand, opening her heart
Mission Hospice & Home Care believes that everyone in their last phase of life deserves care that is aligned with their beliefs, wishes, and values.

To make this a reality and create a more compassionate community, we are engaging people in conversations and education about end-of-life care long before it is needed.

With the support of our community partners, we offer a range of programs for the general public, including presentations by local and national experts, facilitated conversations about end-of-life planning, an annual series of documentary films, and art and writing workshops exploring loss, grief, and healing.

In 2016, our education and outreach programs reached more than 6,500 people.

Our community partners

- 70 Strong
- Bay Area Cancer Connection
- Behavioral Health & Recovery Services San Mateo County
- California State Assemblymember Kevin Mullin
- Coastside Adult Day Health Center
- Fair Oaks Community Center
- Family Caregiver Alliance
- Foster City Village
- Half Moon Bay Library
- Home Care Assistance
- Hospice Foundation of America
- Little House
- Palo Alto Medical Foundation
- Peninsula Family Service
- Peninsula Jewish Community Center (PJCC)
- Peninsula Volunteers, Inc.
- Puente Center
- San Mateo County Health System Aging and Adult Services
- Senior Coastsiders
- Seniors At Home
- Trinity Church, Menlo Park
- Unity Church, Palo Alto
- Village of the Coastside
- Villages of San Mateo County
Our Chief Human Resources Officer Deborah Middleton is an expert at balancing things – whether it’s the needs of employees and managers at a growing organization, or a soccer ball.

This is evident in her office, where you can find her white board filled with priorities for the organization alongside photos of her family and a signed soccer ball from the award-winning team she coached for her daughter and her teammates.

When Deb joined Mission Hospice in January 2016, she started by reviewing key compliance areas and by meeting individually with each manager. “It was important for me to find out what they needed and wanted,” Deb says. “With the growth of the organization, it was clear that more process and structure would be helpful.”

Deb knew just what to do. For nearly 20 years, she served as HR Director at On Lok, a nonprofit that helps seniors stay independent and active. During that time, the organization tripled its staff and expanded from its base in SF to multiple locations throughout the Bay Area. Deb became expert at developing workflows, processes, and systems for a growing organization.

She’s been busy. In the past 18 months, she’s worked with managers to overhaul the staff performance management and compensation program, and revamped employee benefits.

To support our growing team, Deb has hired two HR team members who help with new employee orientation, personnel and compliance issues, employee leaves of absence, and performance evaluations, among other HR responsibilities.

Next up on Deb’s white board priority list is automating workflows to save time, minimize errors, and get employees on board more quickly. She’s also working on projects to improve communication and help managers become better at their jobs.

One of the things that keeps this work interesting, Deb says, is that “the requirements are always changing. We are constantly evaluating which best practices are the best fit for us.”

Throughout the organization’s growth and change, employees know that they can count on Deb for her deep professional experience, broad smile, and laid-back approach. “Our staff views us as a real resource for them,” she says. “I hear this from all levels, and I know this because of the traffic coming in and out of our offices!”
Volunteers

Mission Hospice & Home Care volunteers are the heart and soul of our patient care, providing emotional and social support to our patients and families, serving on our Auxiliary, and helping with special events, mailings, and other projects in our office. Mission Hospice volunteers donated a record number of hours in 2016.

2016 volunteer hours

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The Mission Hospice Auxiliary

Volunteers raise funds to support the patients and programs of Mission Hospice & Home Care. The Auxiliary organizes an annual fall gala and bridge tournament, along with other special events, and also helps with projects in the office.

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