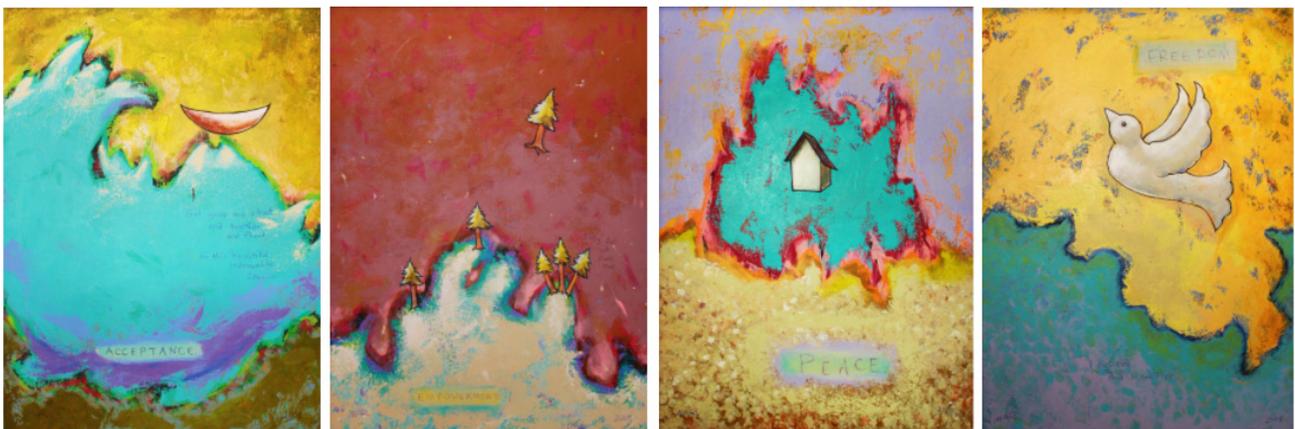




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Industry news and information from a source you trust

Welcome to the July 2020 edition of the *Transitions Vibe*—a monthly briefing filled with information for those who entrust Transitions to provide hospice and palliative care services for their patients and residents.



It's About Living. [Submit a referral](#) or [contact us](#) at 877-726-6494 to discuss how we provide the tools and resources to assist patients and families through the physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges of life's final transitions. [Visit our website to learn more.](#)

Transitions Spotlight: Telehealth



Telehealth: Caring for Patients During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

By: Melissa Popp, BA, RN, CHPN - Executive Director, Transitions Hospice

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically impacted nearly every aspect of our “normal” way of life. By including the use of technology in palliative care and hospice services, telehealth has ensured the continuity of services, wherever the patient resides, in the midst of the health crisis.

[Read more about the steps taken and lessons learned here >>](#)

Leadership Considerations for Telehealth Implementation

1. **Form a cross-functional team** to determine your telehealth plan, including protocols, procedures and satisfaction tracking.
 2. **Work with key care partners**, including hospice and palliative care, medical specialists, therapy and other clinical providers, to develop consistent protocols, workflow for visits/scheduling, IPC protocols for any equipment cleaning, etc.
 3. **Keep up-to-date** on any changes to Emergency Preparedness from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). [Read more.](#)
 4. **Review** the [Long-Term Care Nursing Homes Telehealth and Telemedicine Tool Kit](#) for guidance and resource links from CMS.
 5. **Engage patients and families** in the telehealth process. Provide necessary devices, education and support as appropriate.
 6. **Provide training and resources** to support the entire IDT as telehealth continues to play an important role in care delivery.
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Dr. Kapur's Clinical Notes



Palliative Care: Why it's so important in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic

By: Kuljit Kapur, D.O., Chief Medical Officer, Transitions Hospice

In light of the COVID-19 health crisis, palliative care hotlines and telehealth visits have become the new innovations to address the surge of consultations. COVID-related pneumonia and the variable manifestations we are seeing in the different age groups requires expert management of fever, dyspnea, upper airway congestions, nausea, anxiety and delirium. Now more than ever, palliative care provides essential support to patients.

[Read more and access important resources >>](#)

At Transitions, Palliative Care provides a holistic treatment approach that addresses both medical and psychosocial needs, including symptom management, counseling and community service support. [Learn more.](#)

Transitions News & Events

Expanding our Footprint

We are pleased to announce that Transitions is expanding to serve **Northwest Indiana** and **Springfield, Illinois**. We are excited to make a difference in not only our patients' lives, but the lives of their families as well.

[Read the Northwest Indiana news announcement>](#)

[Read the Springfield, Illinois news announcement>](#)

“At Transitions, we are truly dedicated to the patient. We’re committed to 24/7 care wherever our patients are most comfortable, and I believe our rapid growth is a reflection of the dedication that our teams bring to each patient they serve.”

Jim Palazzo, Founder and CEO, Transitions Hospice





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Transitions is the continuing education sponsor for the [Illinois Hospice and Palliative Organization \(IL-HPCO\) 2020 Virtual Conference Webinar Series](#).

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[Learn more and register >](#)

#TransitionsGivesBack

From food drives to providing meals for neighbors in need, our team continues to support the communities we serve.

Recently Transitions Hospice partnered with the [Northern Illinois Food Bank](#) to package meals containing dairy products, non-perishable food, and emergency kits to support individuals and families in critical need of food. [Click here](#) to view the news coverage.

Together we can make a difference.




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