Gilchrist Howard County Hospice Center Celebrates 10 Years of Compassionate Care

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In May 2011, Gilchrist opened its 10-bed inpatient hospice center in Howard County. Before the center opened, county residents had no local options for inpatient hospice care. Those who needed it had to travel long distances when they were frail and seriously ill. A decade later, Gilchrist Center Howard County remains the only inpatient hospice center in the county.

Located off Cedar Lane in Columbia, Gilchrist Center Howard County serves patients needing acute care for pain and symptoms that can no longer be managed at home. The unit provides 24-hour medical, emotional and spiritual support for patients and their families in a home-like setting. It is staffed by physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains and hospice aides, as well as a large network of community volunteers.

"Over the past decade, Gilchrist Center Howard County has provided compassionate care and support to more than 3,500 patients and their families," said Catherine Hamel, president of Gilchrist. "We are incredibly proud to be the only inpatient hospice provider in the county, and we are grateful to our generous donors, community partners and employees who make this care possible for so many."

In addition to care at the center, Gilchrist provides care in homes and residential care communities in Howard County and throughout Central Maryland. Gilchrist also offers grief counseling and support services to the community. The Howard County facility is one of three Gilchrist centers, including locations in Towson and Baltimore City.

ABOUT GILCHRIST

Gilchrist is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader in serious illness and end-of-life care. With elder medical care, counseling and hospice, we help people at every stage of serious illness live life to the fullest and make informed choices about their care. Since 1994, the organization has served thousands of individuals throughout Central Maryland—in homes, in skilled nursing and residential care communities, and at our three inpatient hospice centers in Towson, Howard County and Baltimore. Gilchrist is accredited by CHAP (Community Health Accreditation Partner), is a recipient of the Circle of Life award from the American Hospital Association, and is part of GBMC HealthCare, which received the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award in 2020. For more information about Gilchrist, visit www.gilchristcares.org.

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