"Thank you for always answering my emails and phone calls with just the information I needed. Your calm helped me stay calm. I couldn't have done what I did without knowing I had HopeWest in my corner."
– Grateful family member

The Meeker Partnership
HopeWest responded to a request from Meeker to help them establish services for people who had a life-limiting diagnosis and their families. Out of this request a new program, HopeWest-Meeker, was developed in January 2014.

The budget for HopeWest-Meeker is raised solely through donations and philanthropy to cover specialized, expert nurses, counselors, chaplains, physicians, and trained volunteers to provide services.

Partnering with Pioneers Medical Hospital and Home Health, HopeWest developed a “combined model” to provide collaborative services for skilled nursing visits to assist with medication management, disease management, pain and symptom control.

Many of the patient needs are met by the Program Director and the volunteers. The volunteers do whatever is needed to assist the patient and/or their family. Some of the services they provide are companionship, transportation, meal preparation, and respite for the caregiver. HopeWest-Meeker would not exist without the dedication of the Program Director and the many volunteers who give of their time and talents.
Philanthropy

How services are paid for:
The services of HopeWest-Meeker are provided without charge to patients and their families. The budget for HopeWest-Meeker is raised solely through donations and philanthropy, including:

- Grants – $25,000 Freeman E. Fairfield Trust/2018
- Event sponsorships & ticket sales
  - $35,008 grand total
- Memorial & estate gifts
- Individual donations

All funds designated to HopeWest-Meeker through fundraising events, donations, and grants, stay in Meeker.

Pioneers Medical Center and Pioneers Healthcare Foundation are partners in this effort and have raised money specifically to support this program. A total of $75,000 in office space and telephone services have been donated since inception.

2018 in Review

- **Hopewest-Meeker** is designed after the first model of hospice in the country providing a volunteer model for care
- 299.06 Total volunteer hours provided to patients and their caregivers
- 12 Active patient care volunteers
- 141 Palliative care volunteer visits
- 34 Hours of volunteer training
- 497 Hours were provided by special events volunteers
- 71 Special events volunteers
- 964 Total volunteer hours
- 71 Active volunteers
- 10 Teen volunteers
- 2 Children attended Camp Good Grief
- 2 Elementary school groups were completed (10 students received grief support)
- 1 Equine group (4 children attended)
- 10 Adults participated in bereavement groups

"I was so comforted that I wasn’t in it alone, and that HopeWest was involved. Being able to make a phone call any time I needed to, and get help with medical questions was invaluable, it gave me peace of mind and helped us stay positive."

– Peggy Strate, wife of HopeWest-Meeker Palliative Care patient

Patients Served in Meeker

- 29 Palliative care patients
- 263 Nursing visits
- 260 Program coordinator visits
- 31 Counselor sessions
- Greater than 200+ caregivers, friends and families served in the community

Volunteer Satisfaction

- General satisfaction rating 4.585
- Patient care experience rating 4.945
  (5 is highest rating)

**Any net income year to year is carried over to the next budget year. In FY 2018 (12/31/18) Net Income was negative ($1600) which was funded by general HopeWest Fundraising. HopeWest does not charge the Meeker program any overhead allocation or expense. These are all direct expenses.**
HopeWest - Meeker

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2019 Goals

• Convert from paper system to electronic medical records
• Ongoing volunteer training for hands on care, vigil, non-pharmalogical symptom management
• Online education available for staff through Relias
• Spiritual care volunteer training
• Increase the number of volunteers by 5