The Board of Directors of Center for Hospice Care has given its approval for the Center to become part of Hartford HealthCare at Home. Below is some information to help you better understand the partnership and answer questions you, your colleagues or members of the community might have.

**What does it mean to become part of Hartford HealthCare at Home?**
- Although day-to-day operations and staff will stay the same for now, in the coming months there will be a transition of processes, operations and systems.

**Why now?**
- We see that healthcare is changing fast, and that healthcare organizations are more likely to thrive when they create formal partnerships to work together. This partnership will help us build on our past and create a sustainable future for our communities and those we serve.
- The decision to become part of Hartford HealthCare at Home comes after years of exploring possible strategic partnerships that would help us remain financially viable while allowing us to continue to provide exceptional care.

**Why Hartford HealthCare?**
- Hartford HealthCare at Home has a strong tradition of providing care and advocating for hospice patients, a large footprint in Eastern Connecticut and a similar nonprofit mission and vision when it comes to hospice care.
- With our common goals and cultural similarities, the partnership will allow us to share best practices, resources and additional educational opportunities for our staff.

**What’s next?**
- We expect the affiliation will take effect on April 1, 2019.
- An integration team comprised of representatives from Center for Hospice Care and Hartford HealthCare will assist in the transition.

**How will this affect local fundraising?**
- All funds donated will continue to support hospice care and services in our service area.