



# A Home for Every Season

## MORNING LIGHT 2021 ANNUAL REPORT





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# By the Numbers!

Open for  
**17**  
years!

**56** Hoosiers were helped and housed in 2021...



**\$28,219**  
of In-Kind donations

Continuous Home Care: \$976/day

General Inpatient Care: \$744/day

The Abbie Hunt Bryce Home is:

**FREE OF CHARGE!**



Only **8%** of African Americans utilize hospice care; at the AHBH **48%** of our residents are ethnically diverse!

**Charity Navigator  
Score (out of 100):**

Morning Light Inc scored a 97,  
which is 10-20pts higher than the  
average leading charity!

\$ **\$218,216** \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$  
\$ In funds raised! \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$  
\$ All thanks to you! \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$



# A Letter from the New Executive Director

When I first started working for Morning Light nearly four years ago, I'll be honest with you, I barely knew what hospice was.

I knew I wanted to work in the non-profit sector and there was a job available so I applied for it. I genuinely didn't know how Morning Light would change my life.

On my first tour of the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home, I was stunned by the beautiful pastoral setting. The size. The comfort. The delicious smells coming from the kitchen. But it wasn't until I met the people inside that I knew this place was special.

The staff were welcoming, caring. The type of people you would feel good about watching your loved one. This was something I saw again and again as family members who were distressed by the fact they couldn't care for their loved ones in the round-the-clock, all-in kind of way that hospice patients often require were suddenly relieved and at peace.

But many of our residents don't have family. They don't have anyone at the end of life to hold their hand...until they come to the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home where they receive comfort, care, and dignity, thanks to our staff and to you.

The residents opened my eyes most. The fact that these individuals were at the end of their life but still wanted to give back and would do what they could to make everyone smile was inspiring. The way Dixie would help prepare chicken and dumplings for everyone in the kitchen or the way Richard would tell jokes every day or the way Denise would help with laundry. It's life-changing.

The wisdom and insight they shared and the gratitude they felt for the basic human right of not leaving this world in pain or alone changed me. It changed who I am and the way I look at life. And that's a gift that you all gave me by supporting the Home and everything it stands for and the life-changing nature of community. So from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

In Service,



Madison Gonzalez  
Executive Director





# A Home for Every Season

All of the human experience is seasonal. From weather to age, change is often the only constant for us. It is no secret that change has been all around us since 2020. There are few blessings greater than having a place to call home during change. Change can bring fear, humility, hope, and beauty. While circumstances around you may be shifting shapes, having a place to root and feel safe, comfortable, and cared for is a privilege many of us take for granted. Home is a gift we are honored to give. Morning Light is proud to be the home for over 750 people experiencing life's final season.

## Spring | MSU Service Day

Thank you to the team of Spartan alumni from Michigan State University for spending their service day in April beautifying the property and neighborhood of the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home. Three dozen bags of trash were collected! We are always so grateful for community support.

Interested in getting connected as a volunteer at the Home? Check out the opportunities below and complete a brief Volunteer Application today at [morninglightinc.org/get-involved/volunteer/](https://morninglightinc.org/get-involved/volunteer/).

- *Bedside Volunteer* | Assist Home staff with keeping our residents company by sitting with them, reading to them, watching TV with them, playing games with them, etc.
- *Food Prep Volunteer* | The Home provides residents with three healthy and well-balanced meals each day. Visit the Home to prepare and serve breakfast, lunch, or dinner to our residents.
- *Reception Volunteer* | Assist Home staff by answering phones, greeting and directing guests, and various other administrative tasks.
- *Activity Volunteer* | Share your time and talents by planning or assisting with activities at the Home, such as reading to residents, helping with arts and crafts projects, and providing musical entertainment.
- *Special Events Volunteer* | Assist with any activity or event taking place in the Home. Sometimes we are in need of an extra set of hands to ensure the success of an event, such as an Open House.





# Summer | Beach Ball

For the fourth year in a row, Morning Light's Beach Ball fundraiser benefiting free housing and care for hospice patients broke records!

We love to party for a purpose, and this party grossed over \$80,000, and more than \$60,000 was netted to benefit programming! The event was new and reimagined as a hybrid with in-person and virtual attendees. A special thanks to radio personality DJ Kash for being the host with the most and for putting our virtual attendees through the wringer with his beachy trivia! We were honored to welcome back our two co-hosts: Media Entrepreneur, Julie Patterson, and Dean Metcalf, Producer of the acclaimed Bob & Tom Show, to run the show at our in-person event.

For many guests, last year's Beach Ball in March was the last time they had been out since this year's Beach Ball event due to the pandemic. This year, guests were ready to get back out and have a Ball, partying on the sandy volleyball courts and lounging at the tiki bar of Pinheads Entertainment Center, all the while, raising money to support our mission of housing and care for the terminally ill.

We'd like to say a special thanks to our Title Sponsor, PNC, for leading the way in a new record of over \$45K in Sponsorships, and another big thank you to our Sandcastle Sponsors, The Naked Monkey and FORUM Credit Union! Because of your contributions, we can continue to extend the hands of our mission through the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home.

A good time was had by all, and most importantly, a good cause was once again supported by an amazing community.





# Beach Ball! Thank you to our sponsors!

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# Fall | Memorial Remembrance

As we hosted our Annual Memorial Remembrance and Brick Dedication, we dedicated 37 new bricks to our garden. Each brick is inscribed with the name of a resident who passed on in peace this year at the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home. Family and friends of loved ones gathered to honor those we were lucky enough to care for in their final days.

Life is a collaborative effort. We need each other. It is Morning Light and the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home's mission to become the extended family for everyone in life's final stage, regardless of background or means. We are proud to offer our services free of charge and I would be remiss if I didn't make mention of how lucky we are to be a part of such a generous community here in Indianapolis. Every year, we fundraise on behalf of the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home to support our programs. A team of Indianapolis residents come together to volunteer at our Home and volunteer their time on our Board of Directors and various Committees because they believe in the mission that everyone deserves care and dignity at the end of life.

We couldn't do what we do if our community didn't give of their time and treasure - and what that giving demonstrates to me is hope. Giving to causes like ours show that people believe we can do better and be better as a society. It signifies hope in a brighter tomorrow. Hope in humanity. Hope in coming together. Hope in supporting each other. Hope in providing a home. Hope in providing a hand to hold. Hope in the idea that someday, through efforts founded in love, no one will ever have to pass away alone again. Hope that programs like Morning Light will grow and spread and everyone will get the chance to be remembered, just as we did through this event and continue to do each and every day through our mission - remembering and hoping.

While we were lucky enough to be able to give care and comfort because of that hope and support, we have gotten so much in return in terms of inspiration, resilience, wisdom, and love. I want to say thank you to the families, friends, and supporters of our mission for trusting us with this big job. I want to say thank you to my amazing team and staff for the hands-on, compassionate work they do each and every day. And I want to send a spirit of thanks to those whose names are on the bricks in the garden for sharing their final memories, stories, smiles, and moments with us. It's a priceless gift we will never take for granted.

In Service,



Madison Gonzalez  
Executive Director







# Winter | Penny's Story

In the thick of the Holiday season, we are surrounded by lights amongst the darkness. As we enter into shorter days and colder nights, the human spirit is on full display with each light strung – symbols of hope, joy, and peace. While many of us associate the darkness with winter, the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home is filled with individuals who have had to battle darkness their entire lives.

"What was your best childhood memory?" I asked. "I didn't have a good childhood. I don't have a best memory," she replied. During a conversation with our hospice resident, Penny, I heard story after story of violence, abuse, disappointment, and pain. Many of the important people in her life mistreated her, physically and emotionally, leaving her with no one to trust and nowhere to go. Penny had the kind of life that could break a spirit, but not hers. Penny chose to not let her misfortunes define her life. Instead, she gave back in every way she could, even as she suffered from terminal cancer. Many of our hospice residents don't have happy beginnings, but are given peaceful, loving endings at the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home, thanks to your support. "I didn't feel safe where I was. My nurse said she knew a very nice place that would bring me in and help take care of me. I met everyone here and I just love them."

At the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home, Penny gave all she could with her positive attitude and generous heart. On Thanksgiving, she cooked a feast for everyone at the Home, as you can see on the cover of this report, and she constantly donated food items for her fellow hospice patients to enjoy. "I've helped as many people as I can. I've had a hard life but I think it made me a better person."

"You've been through so much. How do you keep such a strong spirit?" I asked. "I run into people like this in my life," she said, motioning to the caregivers at the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home. "I try to have a good attitude. I can't think of a nicer place to die. I know a lot of people may think that sounds weird but I am really happy here." Penny made peace with her life, saying she now understood everything. "God will get me whenever he wants me, and I'm ready whenever he's ready."

Because of her upbringing, in 67 years of life, Penny had never met Santa Claus in person until he visited her room at the Home in December 2021. The joy on her face was undeniable as she received gifts and a hug from a figure of such hope and generosity. Penny passed peacefully two days later on the morning of Christmas Eve. This is the kind of hope that can be provided through programs like Morning Light's Abbie Hunt Bryce Home; the very best of life until its very final moments.

In Service,

Madison Gonzalez  
Executive Director



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# Financials | 2021

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

### **Revenue, Gains, & Support**

Investment Return	\$596,852
Rental Income	214,776
Gain on Sale of Property & Equipment	193,378
Change in Value of Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Community Foundation	1,004
Other Income	36,998
Contributions & Grants	237,879
Government Assistance   Employee Retention Credit	285,526
<i>Total Revenue, Gains, &amp; Support</i>	<i>1,566,413</i>

### **Expenses**

Grants & Other Programs	718,545
Building Operations	362,663
Management & General	199,827
Fundraising	53,204
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>1,334,239</i>

### **Change in Net Assets From Operations**

232,174

### **Nonoperating Activities**

Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness	127,200
Forgiveness of Debt	262,377
<i>Total Nonoperating Activities</i>	<i>389,577</i>

### **Change in Net Assets**

621,751

### **Net Assets**

Beginning of Year	5,752,135
End of Year	\$6,373,886

## **GRANTS**

Morning Light is grateful for the following organizations that contributed grant money to our operations in 2021: *Hoover Foundation* for a succession and collaboration grant, *Caesars Entertainment* for an operational grant, *Second Presbyterian Women* for Abbie Hunt Bryce Home food and supplies, *Regions Bank* for scholarships for Certified Nursing Assistants, *Samerian Foundation* for our Home for the Holidays program, *David P. Sheetz Foundation* for a kitchen remodel grant, and *Nicholas H. Noyes Jr. Foundation, PhRMA, and Healthcare Initiatives, Inc.* for operational dollars.

## **IN-KIND**

Morning Light is so excited to announce our new partnership with Second Helpings! Through their redirect program for food, our Abbie Hunt Bryce Home can nearly eliminate our food costs when it comes to providing home cooked meals for our residents. The community continues to support and amaze through large collections and donations of supplies and goods for our home to function. We received \$28,219 in In-Kind supplies in 2021!



# Donor Contributions Up To \$999 | 2021

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# Commitment Circle | 2021

*The Commitment Circle represents individuals or groups of individuals who have contributed \$1,000 or more during a specific period. The list below reflects those who gave at that level during the 2021 calendar year. These names are proudly displayed on the Commitment Circle display inside the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home.*

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# Leadership Staff | 2021



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