

November 2025



Dear Supporters of the Sunbeam Community,

The holiday season is just around the corner and we are looking forward to spending time with family and friends. This time is a reminder of the importance of family, friends and community, making us feel valued and supported in our hour of need. For the individuals served by Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services, this caring sense of belonging is at the heart of everything we do.

When a person supported at one of Sunbeam's many group homes or overnight respite programs is sent to the hospital due to an urgent situation or for a planned treatment or procedure, there are often unique challenges involved as many of the people we support do not use words to communicate. This presents challenges and can impact the hospital stay experience. The people we serve rely on Sunbeam staff for emotional support and to interpret their responses and their needs.

Shawn, who lives in one of Sunbeam's Inclusive Community Living homes, has required hospital stays that can last days, weeks or even months.

"The Hospital Care Program is a life-saving service. This Program gives families peace of mind and ensures loved ones, like Shawn, receive the care and dignity they deserve."

Shelley Hopkins, Shawn's mother

During 2024-2025, donor funds supported over 1,800 hours of staff accompaniment through our Hospital Care Program and the need continues to grow.

By having Sunbeam staff accompany individuals we support while in hospital, it provides a familiar, reassuring presence which makes a world of difference to improving the hospital stay experience. Sunbeam's involvement can help reduce time in hospital, allowing individuals to safely return to their home at Sunbeam with proper supports.



Shawn and his mom, Shelley

The Hospital Care Program continues to rely heavily on the generosity of donors like you. Please donate to our Holiday Appeal. Our goal is to raise funds to support dedicated staffing for Sunbeam's Hospital Care Program.

May this festive season bring you meaningful moments with those dearest to you, and may the coming year be filled with peace, health, and enduring joy!

Sincerest thanks,

Connie Smith

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President, Board of Directors

Brian Swainson

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Chief Executive Officer



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Sunbeam's Hospital Care Program ensures no one faces these challenges alone. Trained Direct Support Professionals accompany the people we support during hospital visits, offering emotional support, facilitating communication, and advocating for compassionate care. Ensure no one faces a hospital stay alone. Your support makes the Hospital Care Program Possible.

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