Who is Crescent Cove?

Our Mission
The mission of Crescent Cove is to offer care and support to children and young adults who have a shortened life expectancy and to their families who love them.

Our Team
24/7 – Registered Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistant's
Daily – Social Worker, Director of Nursing and Operations, Child Life Specialist
On-call – Medical Director

Our License
Crescent Cove is licensed as a Residential Hospice in Minnesota.

Our Care
Respite Care – Children stay for 3-5 day stays to give their parent/caregiver a break from the demands of 24/7 medical cares at home. A portion of a respite care stay is covered by Minnesota Medicaid waivers as Crescent Cove is a Home and Community Based Services Provider and bills Medicaid waivers for respite stays at Crescent Cove.

End-of-Life Care – Children stay at Crescent Cove when on hospice and near the end-of-life or at the end-of-life, along with his or her family. This care is not covered and Crescent Cove is seeking legislation to address this need for coverage when a child is at Crescent Cove for 'hospice-respite' or while dying.

Our Kids & Families
At the end of 2021, 297 families are enrolled at Crescent Cove. There are no out of pocket costs for children to stay at Crescent Cove for respite or end-of-life care.

Previous Legislation, 2016

In 2016, Crescent Cove worked with state legislators, senators and the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to add language inclusive of children to the existing Residential Hospice License in Minnesota. This added language made it possible for Crescent Cove to be licensed appropriately in our state. The legislation passed in June, 2016, adding to the Residential Hospice License that in addition to adults with 6 months or less to live, a Residential Hospice could also serve children or young adults with a complex, chronic or life-threatening condition for respite or end-of-life care. Senator John Hoffman was the author of the bill in the Senate and Representative Nick Zerwas was the author of the bill in the House.

Why is legislation needed?

Currently, children die at home or the hospital. Crescent Cove makes it possible for children to have an alternate place to die when a family home or the hospital are not appropriate or ideal. In our state, thousands of children, ages 0-21 die every year of complex chronic conditions, rare diseases, cancer, neurodegenerative, neuromuscular and heart and lung diseases. In order for Crescent Cove to care for more children needing an alternate place to die, there is the need for payment coverage to ensure this alternate option is available for children and families in our state.

A child who comes to Crescent Cove to die receives hospice services from one of two pediatric home hospice providers. Crescent Cove does not replace the necessary care provided by those hospice providers, but provides essential daily care for the child and family, including nursing care 24/7

The proposed legislation would rely on 100% state funds as a pediatric hospice. Crescent Cove did not anticipate the need for medicare certification as children do not typically access medicare. It is not possible for Crescent Cove to be medicare certified as the facility was built prior to the regulations and has wood interior, rather than steel and slightly less than 10 foot hallways. Due to this, it is necessary to work on a state level to fund children needing a safe and sacred place place to die. The cost per day for a child at the end-of-life being cared for at Crescent Cove is $1,800. State funding would allow Crescent Cove to expand and serve more children needing a place to die.

Last year, Rep. Reyer carried the legislation and along with House leaders included the bill in their HHS supplemental budget. Ultimately, the Senate agreed to the position and in the conference committee r but was unfortunately not passed into law. This is the year to get this done and thank you Rep. Reyer and Sen. Hoffman (and all of the co-authors) for their leadership on the proposal this year!