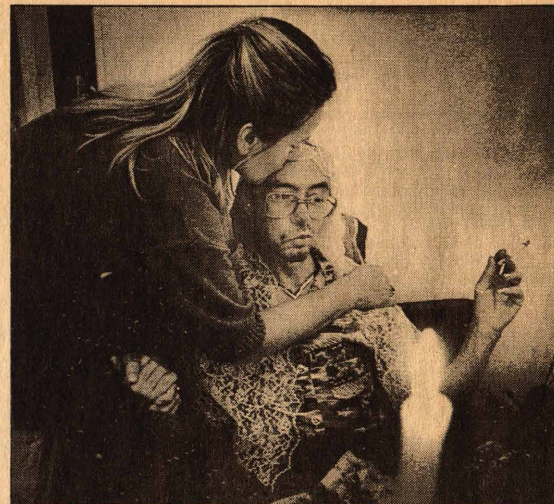
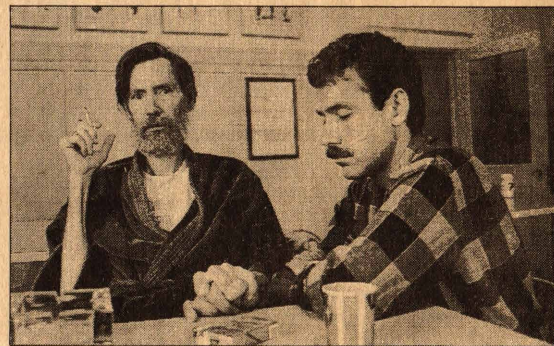




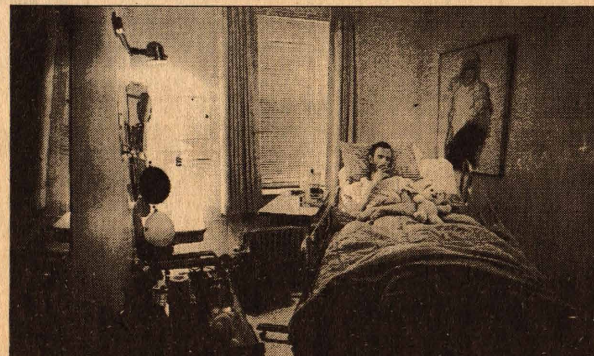
Residents are encouraged to decorate their rooms as they wish. Above, the room of Robert Osborne, and, right, that of the late Eddy Horan.



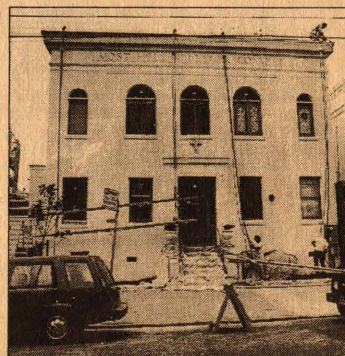
Robert Osborne is comforted by attendant Betsy Bilych. These photos were made Oct. 20. As of yesterday, Osborne was one of 12 patients at the Coming Home Hospice.



In the dining area, AIDS patient Jay Kovatch and attendant Bob Coe.



The hospice, far right, is located two blocks from Castro Street in the former convent of the Most Holy Redeemer Parish.



A Final Home for AIDS Patients

In San Francisco, Easing Life's End

By Michael Abramowitz
Washington Post Staff Writer

San Francisco knows all too well the toll of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The city has had more than 3,800 total cases and 2,100 deaths, the highest per capita incidence of the disease in the country.

Yet more than five years of battling the epidemic here has also brought the city a corollary distinction: a reputation for having developed one of the most humane systems of caring for AIDS patients in the nation. It is a system that depends on a cadre of volunteers and doctors, a commitment by the city to spend tax dollars on AIDS care, and an unusual network of low-cost alternatives to hospital treatment.

The Visiting Nurses and the Hospice of San Francisco have been on the front lines of the AIDS battle here since the beginning, applying principles first popularized in England in the 1960s and '70s to the care of hundreds of dying AIDS patients.

Hospice is more than a place for patients. It is a philosophy of care that emphasizes palliative and support services for terminally ill patients—but without extraordinary measures, such as artificial respirators, to prolong life.

Through physical therapy, intensive emotional support and sophisticated "pain management" techniques such as the use of morphine, hospice care aims to make the last days of life as fulfilling as possible, often in the comfort of one's own home. "People are allowed to die," said Norma Satten, a representative of the San Francisco hospice group. "There are no heroic measures."

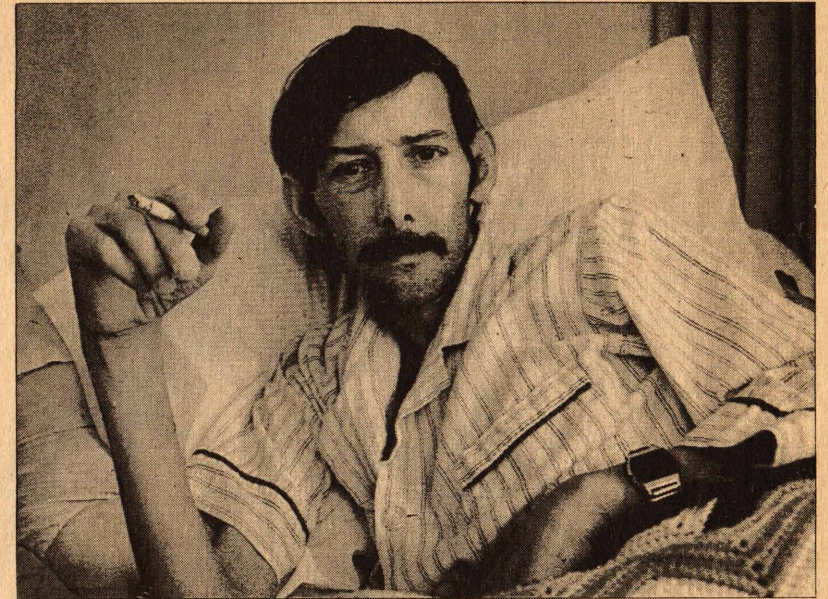
As San Francisco officials have found, hospice care is a form of treatment that makes extra sense for AIDS. Not only is it less expensive than hospital care—a day of hospice care can go for roughly \$150, compared to more than \$800 for a day in San Francisco General Hospital—it is often more compassionate.

"Early in the epidemic, patients tended to die in the intensive care unit on respirators. Doctors pulled out all the stops—and people died pretty inhumane deaths," said Dr. Jerome Schöffner, a doctor who works with the hospice group. Now, he added, AIDS patients "feel they may as well die in their own beds with friends around. We can basically do that. We can do just about everything that happens in the hospital, except for the high-tech stuff."

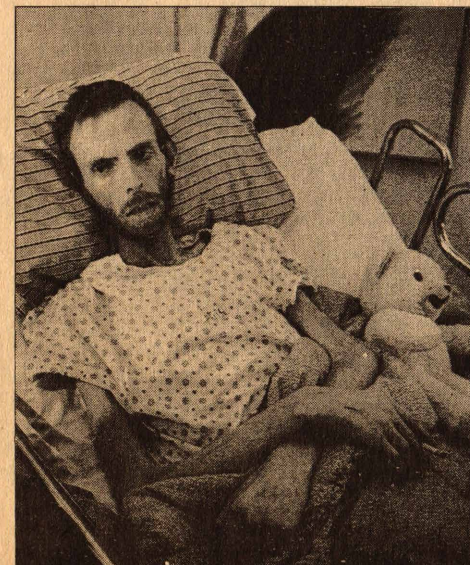
While most of the hospice group's patients can be treated in their own homes, a residential facility known as Coming Home Hospice was recently opened to take care of AIDS patients who have lost their homes or have no place else to go. After a fund drive that netted more than \$700,000, the group leased a former Catholic convent in the city's Castro area and transformed it into a homelike residence that can house 15 AIDS and other terminally ill patients.

Each private room comes with a bed, television, sink and closet. The convent's former chapel is now a living room, replete with piano and videocassette player. There is also a kitchen, dining room and meditation room. The house is regularly staffed by a registered nurse, social workers and other attendants. The group even provides bereavement services for the families of dying AIDS patients.

Since the home opened in March, more than 80 patients have come to live here, and 69 have died. Residents spend on average four weeks in Coming Home Hospice. Says Satten, "We try to make the last days of someone's life as comfortable as we can. We try to make it about living, not dying."



AIDS patient Hugh Hoell.



Patient Eddy Horan, who died Nov. 9. The average stay at the hospice, from admission until death, is just under a month.

PHOTOS BY RAY LUSTIG
—THE WASHINGTON POST

Caring for 'All God's Children'

A San Francisco AIDS hospice

BY RANDY SHILTS

When Marie Krystofliak first walked through the newly renovated Coming Home Hospice, she paused by Room 101, knocked lightly on the door and whispered, "Here I am, Mom."

Krystofliak remembered when the building that is now San Francisco's first AIDS hospice was a convent for the Most Holy Redeemer Parish; her mother lived in Room 101 as the convent cook.

"My mother was a staunch Catholic, like I am, and she would have loved what we're doing in the convent now."

Krystofliak, 65, has lived in the Castro and prayed at Most Holy Redeemer Church, just two blocks off Castro Street, for more than 30 years and sent her two children to their first communion there. The widow says she took little notice when the parish turned increasingly gay during the homosexual migration to the neighborhood in the late 1970s.

"When I heard them tell stories about how they had been discriminated against and the prejudice they had felt, I was shocked," she said. "We're all God's children and we should treat each other with respect. I made a promise to myself and to God that I would help people with AIDS."

Since plans were first made to

open Coming Home Hospice in the former Most Holy Redeemer convent, Krystofliak helped organize weekly bingo nights that raised \$60,000 for the renovations. She now volunteers there as a receptionist two days a week.

On other mornings, after she prays for those with AIDS at the statue of the Virgin Mary at Holy Redeemer, she often drops in to go from room to room and hug the dying.

"You're crying inside, but you can't show it on the outside," she says. "You go in with a smile and say, 'Here's the good humor man.' When they die, part of you dies, too."

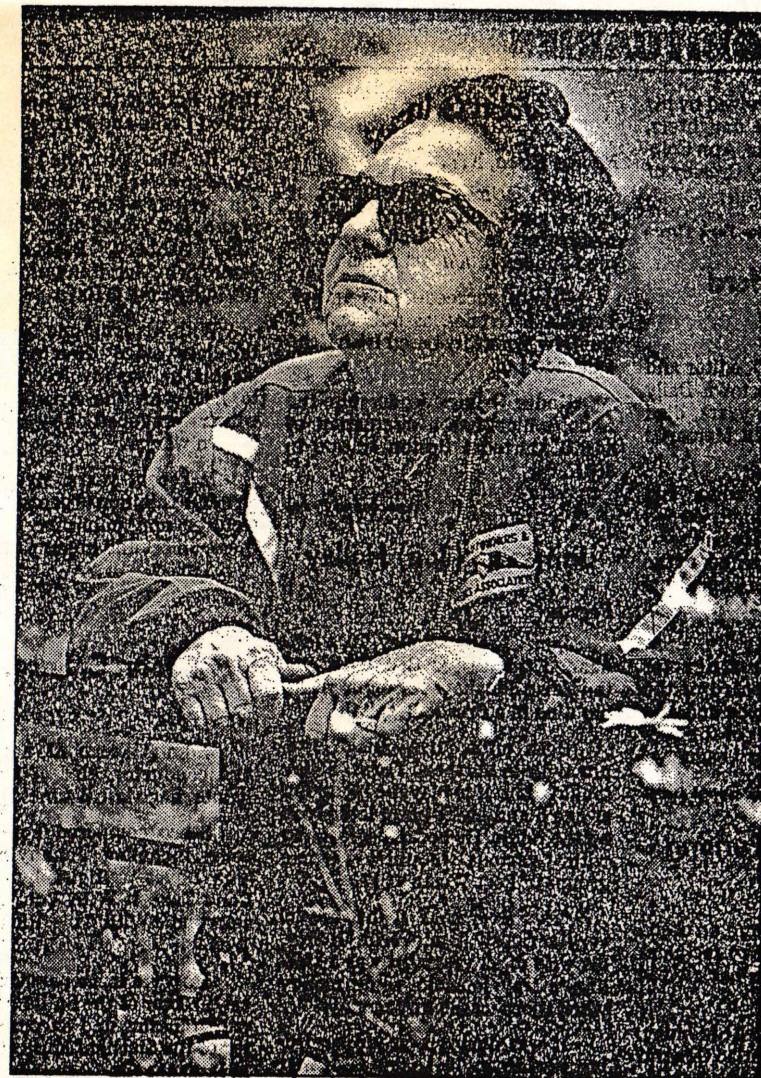
Pictures of three of the young men who have died are on Krystofliak's mantle, next to snapshots of her grandchildren.

When she started her volunteer work, one of her sons worried aloud about the safety of her grandchildren.

"I sat him down and said, 'Don't you read the papers?'" she says. "You don't get it from touching or giving a hug. But then, not everybody feels the way I do."

At Coming Home, the volunteers are a mix of men and women, old and young, straight and gay. And that, says Krystofliak, is the way she likes it.

"This is the way it's supposed to be," she says. "This is the way God wants it."



BY STEVE RINGMAN/THE CHRONICLE

Marie Krystofliak prays for AIDS victims outside Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on Diamond Street, where she has worshiped for 30 years.

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The admission requirements

Admission criteria for the Coming Home Hospice are strict, and only people in the Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco program are eligible.

- The resident must have been diagnosed with AIDS, ARC (AIDS-related complex) or other terminal disease.

- The person must be a resident of the County of San Francisco or Northern San Mateo County.

- He or she must be in need of 24-hour attendant care and supervision, and no longer have a home — or be without a home appropriate to meet the patient's needs.

The average cost for the Coming Home

Hospice is \$150 a day. (Average home-care cost in Visiting Nurses program: \$115.)

Residents are responsible for cost of room and board, and they use such payment as MediCal, Medicare, private insurance or other resources. But if someone is unable to pay for room and board, he or she may still be eligible for admission through donations or private funding.

Financing for the hospice programs comes from a number of sources, including the City of San Francisco. Contributions to the not-for-profit organization can be made to: Friends of Hospice, 225 30th St., San Francisco, Calif. 94131.

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SPECIAL CARE FOR AIDS PATIENTS

Reaching out to ease the pain of final days

This hospice offers death with dignity

SAN FRANCISCO — Betsi Bilyck bounds up the stairs to greet the newest resident at Coming Home Hospice.

"The show begins!" she announces, leaning around the doorway.

"The R.N.! Ta da! The social worker! Ta da!"

Staff members file into the room.

George Jalbert, pulling himself up on his bed, laughs at the chorus line.

The room will be Jalbert's last home. He's dying of complications from AIDS. Once a nurse on the AIDS ward at San Francisco General Hospital, he now calls the hospice "my last bus stop."

Coming Home Hospice, the first bed and care facility specifically for AIDS patients in the USA, was opened in March by the Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco. It's not an acute in-patient facility. Health care services come from their home-care program.

Instead, as Debra Friedland, development associate for the hospice program, explains, "it's a place where people can die with dignity."

Average stay: 25-28 days. More than 50 people have died there so far.

The building, a former convent now rented from Most Holy Redeemer Church on Diamond Street, is bright and cheerful. The mood is upbeat.

"Life is changed, not taken away," reads a poster. There's a goldfish named Wilma Goldie, fresh flowers supplied free by local florists and furniture donated by local design houses.

Fifteen patients — there are a few non-AIDS patients here, too — live in this two-story stucco building two blocks from Castro Street, the center of San Francisco's gay community and for 20 years a mecca for gays across the USA.

"We're all going to die," says Bilyck, a team leader who heads up attendants at the hospice. "I'm just here peeking in, learning, and seeing what it's

all about. It's a very spiritual place. That I can talk to them an hour before they die, I'm just fascinated by that."

But the job takes its toll. Staff turnover is high, and workers often retreat to a room upstairs where they — and friends and family — can be alone. One wall is padded. It's called the screaming room.

"I set limits with myself," says Bilyck. "I try to leave it here." Part of her personal therapy: walking three miles to pick up her daughters from day care.

When a patient dies, the staff follows a ritual. They often play classical music. Sometimes they smoke out the room with sage. They cry.

"We meditate. We say what we think needs to be said," says Bilyck. "Maybe we tell a joke. It all depends on the person."

Residents are encouraged to decorate their rooms any way they want. Anything goes. One man redid his room in baroque style and had his dinner served off a silver tray. Pets are allowed. Jalbert's friends stop by to give him an ostrich-feather mask that covers his wall.

Resident Craig Seymour, a former cook whose speciality was seafood, calls his room at the hospice "grandeur." He spends his days making bonsai arrangements and reading tarot cards. He says he's eager to die, to begin a new adventure.

Seymour welcomes visitors, but many of the other residents have dementia and can't speak. A few don't want to be disturbed at all. Signs on the door say so.

Others, like Ed Horan, just want to hug teddy bears and smoke cigarettes. He smokes three packs a day. A photo of his folks back in Montana is next to his bed.

Jerry Geffner, social worker at the hospice, says he has learned to stand back.

"I'm more accepting now. There are many ways to leave, many ways to die," he says, speaking in the downstairs living room. "I would hope people

could work through the anger, but I've learned they may not, and that's OK, too. You may help facilitate, be a good listener."

Geffner will do the same with Jalbert, the first resident of Coming Home whom he has known previously.

"George is probably unusually open about death and dying," he says. "He's worked through a lot. Often they're not that savvy and comfortable."

The Jalbert case will be one of Geffner's more difficult.

"There's a mixed emotion about that. On one level it makes for more intimacy. His friends know me," says Geffner. "There's a sense of rapport. It's positive. But on the other hand, it's emotionally intense."

When someone dies, Geffner lights a candle and another paper heart is hung on the wall of his office — the patient's name and date of death marked on it, a reminder of residents who are now gone.

Another note on Geffner's wall: a reminder that someone will be by tomorrow to pick up a deceased resident's belongings.

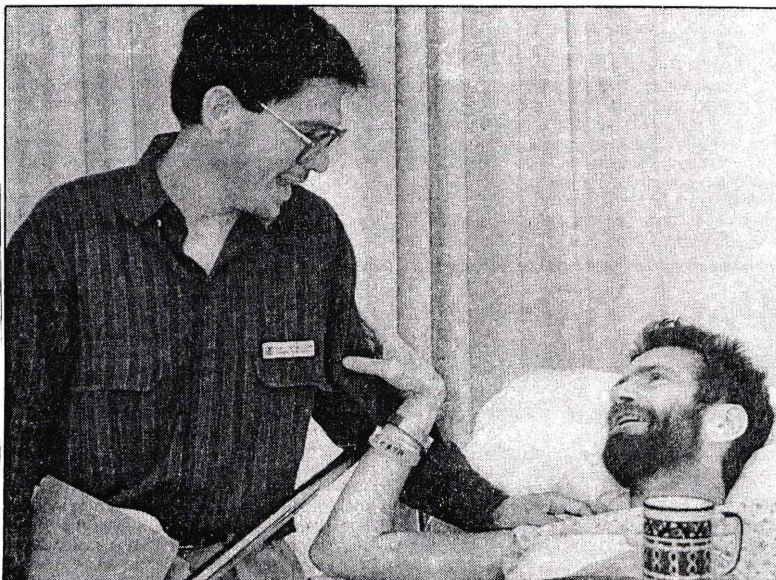
"I can't go to all the services. I have to do my job," he says. "A lot of time I can just call the family and friends to give my condolences."

Geffner belongs to a support group to deal with the volume of deaths he encounters. "It's important to get support," he says, "but sometimes I'm too busy to get it, which is a bit of irony, I guess."

Coming Home Hospice on Diamond Street in San Francisco is home for a dozen AIDS patients. Opened in March by the Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco, it is the USA's first bed and care hospice specifically for AIDS. The program also offers care outside the hospice — visiting nurses and social workers see about 80 AIDS patients in their own homes.

Jeanne Martin, director of hospice programs, gives the facility an A+ on its half-year anniversary. Health care administrators from around the world have traveled to San Francisco to tour the state-of-the-art center and learn more about its program.

USA TODAY reporter Craig Wilson and photographer Doug Menuez visited the hospice as it finished up its first six months. This is their report.



FRIENDS: Social worker Jerry Geffner and patient George Jalbert knew each other before Jalbert came to the hospice. "George is probably unusually open about death and dying," Geffner says.

S.F.'s First Live-in Hospice Opens

AIDS Patients Are Facility's 1st Residents

By Maitland Zane

The new Coming Home Hospice in the Castro area took in its first AIDS patients yesterday.

Thanks to a fund drive that raised more than \$700,000, the former Roman Catholic convent at 115 Diamond Street has been transformed into a residence where terminally ill men and women can live out their last days in comfort and with dignity.

Tomorrow afternoon, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop plans to visit the facility, the first of its kind in San Francisco, because it could prove a model of how caring for patients with AIDS can be done in a compassionate and cost-effective manner.

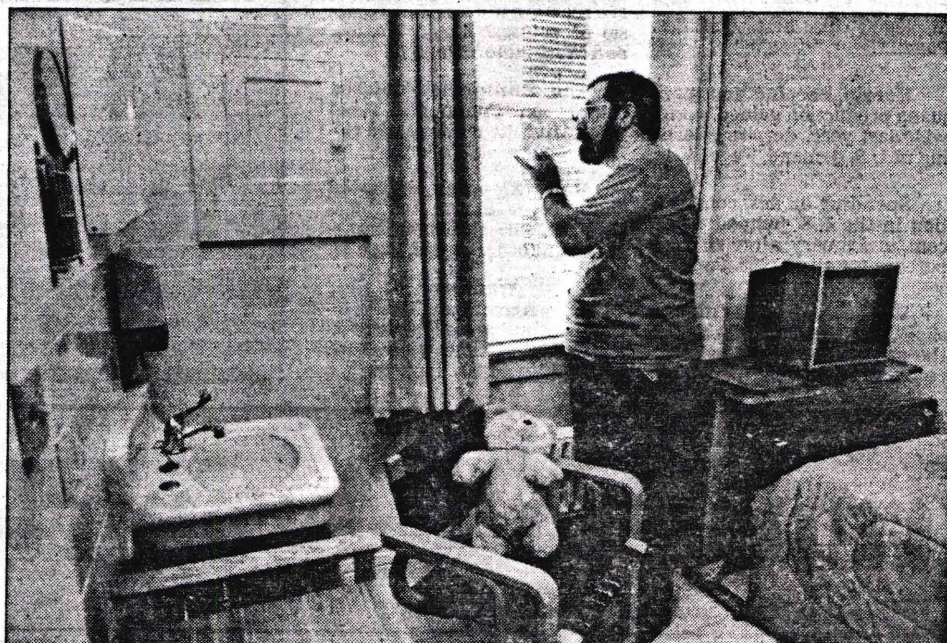
The attractively spruced-up building, leased for \$1,000 a month by the Hospice of San Francisco from Most Holy Redeemer Church, has 15 beds, 10 for patients with acquired immune deficiency syndrome and the others for elderly people in the final stages of cancer.

"We anticipate about two deaths a week," said Michael Reedy, 46, who will be managing a paid staff of 10, plus volunteers. "The average length of stay is expected to be 40 to 45 days."

Each room has a TV set, a telephone and a lock on the door (for privacy) so that patients can be treated, as much as possible, as they are in their own homes. Those who are able to get around go about as they like, if only in a wheelchair or with a walker.

Yesterday's first two arrivals found teddy bears on their beds, thanks to Victor Davis, who owns a Gough Street cabaret called Teddy Bears, where 2,600 of the furry toys festoon the walls and ceilings.

At the rear of the two-story building is a sunny dining room. Seven videocassette recorders have been donated, so that the patients can watch movies. What was the chapel has been turned into a big living room where patients can visit



BY DEANNE FITZMAURICE/THE CHRONICLE

Michael Reedy, Coming Home Hospice manager, checked one of the rooms for AIDS patients

with families, lovers and friends, and where the inevitable memorial services will be held.

"We deliberately left the bedroom walls bare, so people can bring their own favorite paintings or drawings," said Reedy.

"There's been almost universal acceptance of this program," said San Francisco School Board member Libby Denebeim, co-chair of the Coming Home Hospice fund drive.

Hospice and hospitality derive from the same Latin word, and the first hospices were resting places for travelers, often operated by religious orders. The concept of compassionate care for the dying, usually in their own homes, started in Britain in the mid-1970s, and spread to San Francisco in 1978.

Denebeim said she got involved in Hospice of San Francisco because her grandmother and mother died at home and she saw the need for help at a time of agonizing stress.

Up to now, the group has cared for about 100 people at a time, many poor and without family or close friends, in their own homes.

"When AIDS hit, we were ready," Denebeim said. "The public

is going to call this place an AIDS hospice, but actually it's for people with all kinds of terminal illnesses."

Coming Home is the first live-in hospice facility in San Francisco and will provide 24-hour care for AIDS patients and other terminally ill people. If a patient should need acute care, he or she would be "put in a regular hospital," Reedy said.

Hospice official Norma Satten credits the church's pastor, the Rev. Anthony Maguire, with the idea of turning the former convent into an AIDS hospice.

"The planning started two years ago this week," said Satten.

The name Coming Home came from an organization for gay and lesbian seniors founded by a gay dentist, Dr. Claude Gadbois, which raised the first \$175,000 of the \$300,000 needed to renovate the building.

Bill Haskell, project manager for the renovation, estimates that care for an AIDS patient will cost about \$140 a day at Diamond Street, compared with \$850 a day at San Francisco General Hospital or \$1,000 a day in private hospitals.

The cost of room and board alone is \$30 a day, but only about one patient in three can afford "full freight," said Hadley Hall, executive director of Hospice of San Francisco.

The hospice has a sliding scale depending on patients' financial situation and whether they are covered by Social Security.

Hall said the organization's budget is \$4 million a year, with \$3 million going for patients of AIDS and AIDS related complex.

"About 400 AIDS patients died with us last year," said Hall. "That's roughly half the total deaths from the disease" in the city.

"Our major goal is to keep patients home as long as possible," said Satten. "When they can no longer do that, we try to make their last days comfortable, giving them love and warmth, but in an institutional setting."

Although major reconstruction has been completed, including installation of an elevator, kitchen and phone system, there is more to come. Reedy said bids will be let in spring for a sun deck and garden off the dining room.

Hospice of San Francisco currently has about 70 volunteers, and a training program is being organized. The group's address is 225 30th Street. Its phone number is (415) 285-5615.

Thanks to your support, Coming Home Hospice will soon be open to provide residential hospice services. Please celebrate with us at one or more of the events listed. Some events are by special invitation only, but those with a ♡ are open to everyone.

Thursday, February 19th

3 pm Press Conference
♡ 6-8 pm Reception hosted by
Capital Campaign Committee

Saturday, February 21st

♡ 1-5 pm Open House Tours
115 Diamond Street

Sunday, February 22nd

♡ 10 am A Mass of Thanksgiving
Most Holy Redeemer Church
Diamond at Eighteenth

Open House and Reception
for Parish and Friends

♡ 1-5 pm Open House Tours
115 Diamond Street

Sunday, February 22nd

♡ 6-8 pm Volunteer Appreciation Potluck
Everyone is invited to join us in
thanking our wonderful volunteers.
Please bring food or a non-alcoholic
beverage to share at this community
event.
Social Hall at Most Holy
Redeemer (basement)
Diamond at Eighteenth

Monday, February 23rd

3-5 pm Open House and Presentation
for AIDS service providers
115 Diamond Street

5-7 pm Open House and Presentation
for physicians
115 Diamond Street

For more information about any of the celebration events, please call 285-5615, Ext. 215

Thank you for helping to create Coming Home Hospice

207 - Sal. M. Piscitello and Michael Walters
208 - Frank S. Chella
209 - Bob Landy

Livingroom - Coming Home Hospice Bingo
Most Holy Redeemer Church
S.F./East Bay Urban Coalition and
Lutherans Concerned/S.F.

Walter Leiss In Memory of The Members of
Congregation Sha'ar Zahav Who Have Died of AIDS

Meditation Room - Dignity/S.F.
Twin Peaks Tavern In Memory of David Himsl

In addition, over 128 volunteers contributed hundreds of hours of their time to paint, plaster, polish and assist with the myriad of tasks necessary to renovate the building and prepare it for occupancy on March 2, 1987. We are indebted to these compassionate men and women.

Support is still needed to provide services to the men and women who will live at Coming Home Hospice. Fees will be on a sliding scale, and no one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay. Hospice of San Francisco will need to subsidize their care and the operation of Coming Home Hospice. Please join the **Coming Home Hospice Sustainers Program** and pledge a monthly donation, or give whatever amount you can afford. Thank you for your contributions to compassionate care.

Yes, I want to join the Coming Home Hospice Sustainers Program and pledge a monthly donation of \$_____. My first check is enclosed. Please send me an acknowledgement of my pledge and monthly envelopes.

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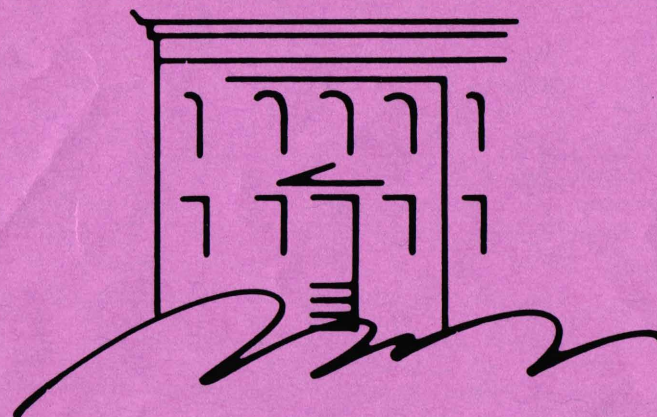
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COMING HOME HOSPICE



OPENING CELEBRATION*

February 19-23, 1987

*Coming Home Hospice services will begin on March 2, 1987

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THE PARTNERS IN THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR COMING HOME HOSPICE

HOSPICE OF SAN FRANCISCO is a community based program of Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center. Since 1979, Hospice has provided for the special needs of the dying and their loved ones, emphasizing comfort and living each day as fully as possible when there is no longer any realistic hope for cure. Hospice offers a program of skilled, compassionate care, pain control and symptom relief. The AIDS Home Care and Hospice Program was established in 1984, and currently provides care to an average of 63 patients in their homes. Hospice of San Francisco will operate and manage Coming Home Hospice.

MOST HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH is a diverse parish which extends a unique and loving response to people with AIDS. They will lease the convent building to Hospice for a seventeen year period. The Most Holy Redeemer Neighborhood Support Group goes into homes to offer practical support to people with AIDS, preparing meals cleaning house and providing friendship and support. Coming Home Hospice Bingo on Thursday nights attracts a lively crowd of over 200 players weekly. The Bingo Committee has fulfilled their pledge of \$45,000 and will continue to fund raise for services at the hospice.

COMING HOME is a voluntary organization founded in 1980 to ensure that gay-sensitive support services are made available to lesbians and gay men who face a life-threatening illness or old age. In 1983 Coming Home signed an agreement with Hospice of San Francisco. Working collaboratively, the members assist with recruitment and training of volunteers and fundraising for Hospice programs. Coming Home made an early pledge to raise at least \$100,000 for this project and has far exceeded its goal, having raised 25% of overall campaign funds. Members of Coming Home have taken leadership roles in the Campaign.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RAISED?

Over 1500 donors helped to raise the more than \$700,000 needed to complete the project. Unexpended funds will be used to provide services for patients who are unable to pay.

Foundations and Corporations	\$197,000 (28%)
Capital Campaign Committee	\$175,000 (25%)
Coming Home Organization	\$175,000 (25%)
Mayor's Office of Community Development	\$93,000 (13%)
Coming Home Hospice Bingo and Most Holy Redeemer Church	\$45,000 (9%) \$19,000

Over 1500 donors (individuals, groups, Foundations and corporations) contributed to the **Coming Home Hospice Capital Campaign**. We regret that we are unable to list everyone, but we offer our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Room Sponsors are donors who made contributions of \$5000 or more. Donors who made contributions of \$1,000 - \$5000 are listed on the Wall Plaques in the first floor stairwell.

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AN INVITATION

TO: AIDS Service Providers
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FROM: Jeannee Parker Martin
R.N., M.P.H., Director
AIDS Home Care and
Hospice Program

RE: Opening of Coming
Home Hospice

DATE: February 10, 1987

Coming Home Hospice, a fifteen bed residential hospice facility located at 115 Diamond Street will open on March 2, 1987. This new program of Hospice of San Francisco will broaden the scope of services available in San Francisco to people with AIDS and other terminal illnesses. The hospice residence will provide supervision, room and board and assistance with personal care in an inviting, home-like atmosphere.

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your colleagues to join the Hospice staff at:

An Open House and Presentation
Monday, February 23rd
3 - 5 p.m.
115 Diamond Street (at 18th)

Tours of the building will be available and staff will explain our admissions intake procedures and answer any questions you might have.

In order for us to plan for that afternoon, please call 285-5615, Ext. 215 and let us know how many people from your agency will be attending.

We believe Coming Home Hospice will provide an additional resource for your clients and extend the continuum of care available in San Francisco.

P.S. If you cannot make it on February 23, please try to come to one of the "open house tours" on the weekend.

COMING HOME



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR LESBIANS & GAY MEN FACING LIFE THREATENING ILLNESS

WHO WE ARE

COMING HOME is a voluntary non-profit organization founded in 1980 to ensure that gay-sensitive support services are made available to lesbians and gay men who face a life threatening illness or old age. COMING HOME is a cooperating agency with San Francisco Home Health and Hospice.

WHY WE'RE HERE

The mission of COMING HOME is to publicly and privately encourage a wide variety of supportive services for gay men and lesbians at a time of great vulnerability and personal need. COMING HOME assists San Francisco Home Health and Hospice and other home health agencies to provide practical and emotional support for gay and lesbian clients as well as their lovers, family and friends. COMING HOME is available to respond to the requests of gay men and women regardless of age, race, creed or income.

WHAT WE DO

COMING HOME promotes the use of in-home health care and hospice services for lesbian and gay patients, recruits lesbian and gay volunteers for hospice training programs, and raises funds to support patient care services not otherwise covered by insurance programs. COMING HOME offers assistance and inservice consultation and education on lesbian and gay issues to home health and hospice programs.

HOW WE DO IT

Financial support for COMING HOME comes from individual and corporate contributions, public and foundation grants, and memorial bequests. All contributions are tax deductible. Our volunteer staff supports our work through personal involvement.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

As a VOLUNTEER, your efforts will be appreciated and your work will be rewarding. A hospice volunteer training program is available to you free of charge. You are invited to share your time and talents with COMING HOME.

As a FRIEND of COMING HOME, you can help raise funds and work to promote COMING HOME's services in the lesbian and gay community.

As a CONTRIBUTOR, your tax-deductible donation will help support and enlarge our service outreach. Memorial gifts are welcome.

For more information on how you can help, please write or call: **COMING HOME**, 2269 Market Street, #127, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 285-5622



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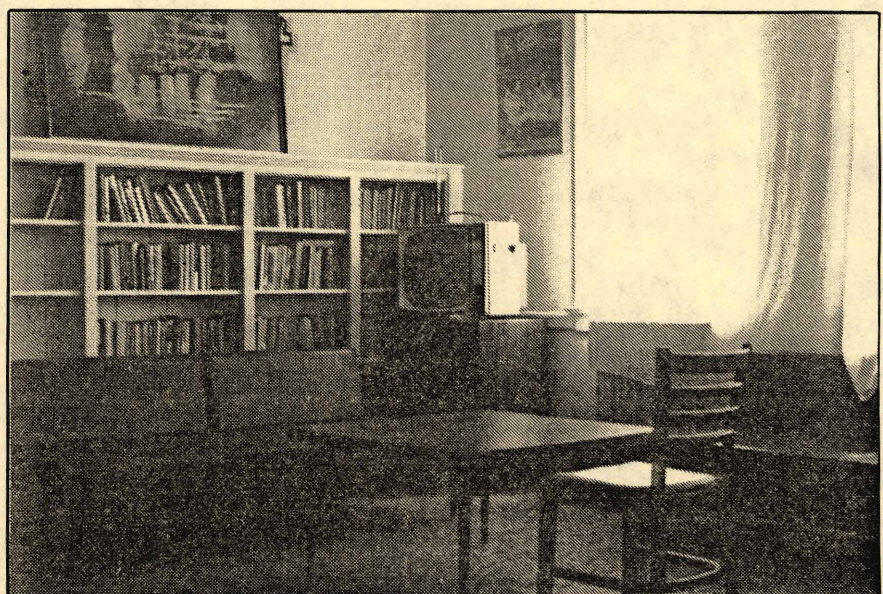
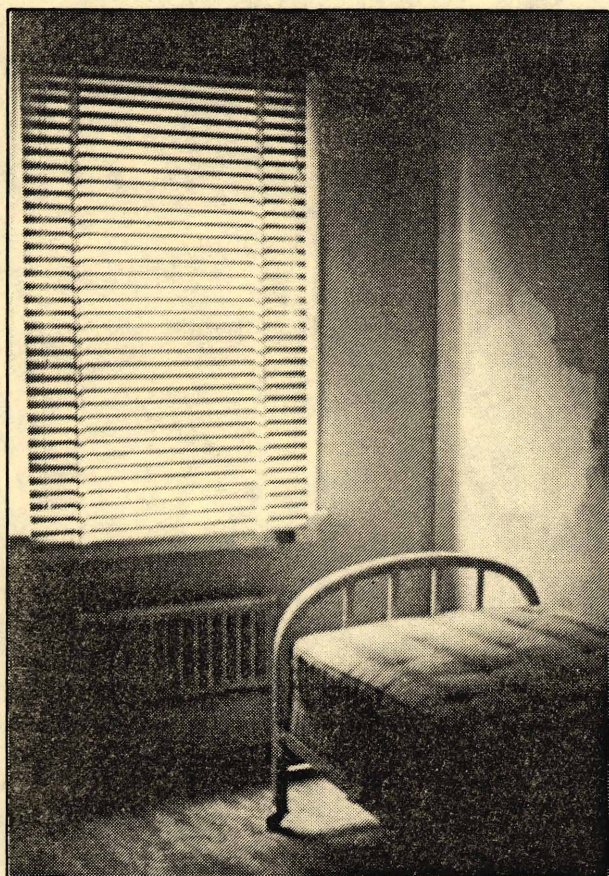
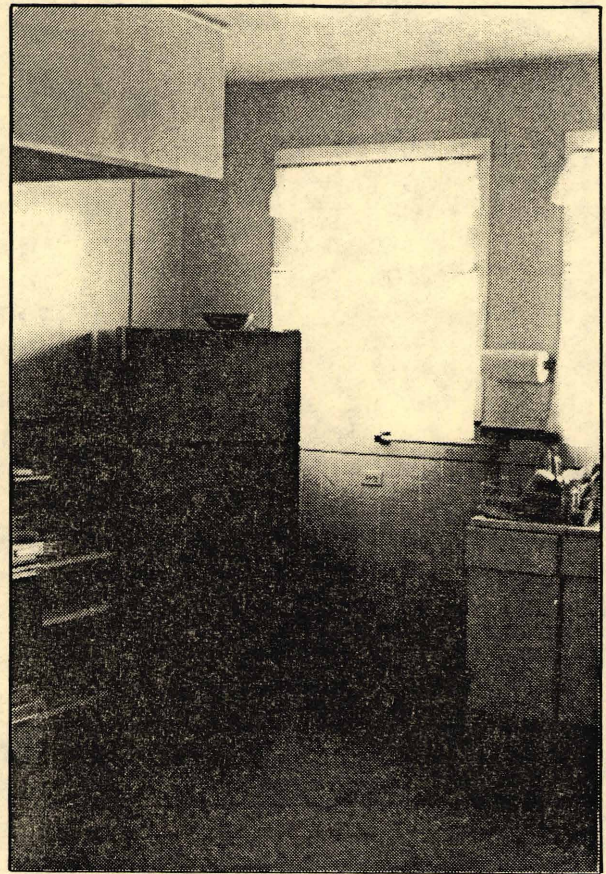


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Coming Home Hospice



COMING HOME: A HOSPICE HOUSE

Hospice of San Francisco, in addition to its program of care in the home for the terminally ill, wishes to provide 24-hour custodial care and supportive services in a home-like, non-hospital residential setting for people with AIDS and other terminal illnesses. To accomplish this, Hospice is converting the Convent of the Most Holy Redeemer Church into a residential hospice facility housing 14 patients.

The Need: Hospice of San Francisco provides skilled, compassionate care to people facing terminal illness. Although the focus for this care is in the home, a full continuum of home and institutional care is required to meet the needs of all hospice patients. One part of this continuum is currently missing: 24-hour care and supervision in a residential, home-like setting. This setting is particularly important for patients living alone without adequate support who need 24-hour supervision but not necessarily 24-hour skilled nursing care. Rather than provide 24-hour attendant care individually home, such patients may be more effectively cared for in a home-like group setting. The group setting will serve two groups of terminally ill patients: people with AIDS and others, largely cancer patients.

What Will the Program Be Like: The basic services to be provided in the hospice residence are safe and healthful living accommodations, personal assistance and care, supervision and observation, food and laundry service, plus the hospice services usually provided in the home--nursing, social work and volunteer care. The length of stay in the residence will generally be no longer than a few weeks. Family and friends will be encouraged to visit and spend time with their loved ones. Activities suitable to the individual patient's needs will be provided, including art, music, literature, medication and spiritual services. The existing common rooms and chapel in the convent are well suited for these uses.

Who Will Sponsor and Manage This Project: Hospice of San Francisco (a subsidiary corporation of VNA of San Francisco), will sponsor this project, assume overall program operation and site management responsibilities. Hospice will work closely with Coming Home, an affiliated organization which is committed to ensuring that lesbians and gay men faced with (the debilities of old age or) life threatening illness are able to obtain hospice care sensitive to their needs.

How the Project Will be Financed: In order to use the building for hospice purposes, funding is required to remodel the convent and bring it up to code. Approximately \$450,000 is needed for remodeling and initial start-up costs. Capital and initial start-up costs must be raised through community sources. Ongoing operating costs will be raised through resident fees for bed and board; through the City for attendant care; through private pay, insurance, City funds and other third-party payors for hospice services.

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