

We're One Great Family!

We speak of it in the *Life Care Journey* and in other assemblies of the company, and it is true: Life Care is one great family.

Over and over again, this truth is proven. Here is one recent example:

A note came in to Life Care's public relations department for posting in the *WOW! Moment* section on the Village Square. It was sent by Michael C. Mulligan, human resource director at Life Care Center of Littleton, Colorado. Here's what he wrote ...

Hendrick Tampubolon is a long-time certified nursing assistant who has been with Life Care Centers of America for more than 11 years. Recently, Hendrick was told that the cancer he thought was in remission was now active again and even more aggressive than before. Hendrick is currently employed at Life Care Center of Littleton, but when the situation was made known to them, the leadership and associates of Hallmark Nursing Center in Denver sprang into action. Last Friday afternoon (Jan. 18), Hallmark sold empanadas at the facility and raised more than \$300 from the sale. All proceeds from that sale will go to Hendrick in the hopes that somehow the money will help ease the burden he and his family are going through at this time.

We at Life Care Center of Littleton would like to give Hallmark Nursing Center and all of its associates a warm and heartfelt thank you for stepping in to help a fellow associate in need. While we may never understand exactly how this act will touch the Tampubolon family, rest assured it will be accepted in the same manner in which it was given – selflessly and compassionately. Hallmark, your example is truly one we should all emulate each and every day. From our heart to yours, thank you!



Hendrick was initially diagnosed with throat cancer in 2011, Mulligan said. "After treatment, his cancer went into remission, and he was diagnosed as cancer-free in 2012 and had been in remission up until November of 2018, when he was placed on FMLA. At that point, Hendrick was told that the cancer had returned, but this time it was in the lungs and stomach. This month, Hendrick has started his chemotherapy treatments, and he has begun to feel much better."

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Listening to Tampubolon speak over the phone, Mulligan said, “I was given a sense of comfort that God isn’t finished with him yet. There was a sound of optimism in his voice that I am not sure I would have if I were in his place ... To hear hope in his voice gives me strength and hope where it may not otherwise be found. It is my prayer that God, in His infinite wisdom, grant Hendrick the gift of further life so he can give that strength to others in their time of need.”

Hendrick’s family includes a 23-year-old son and his sister.

Kailey McNerney, executive director at Hallmark, said she was notified by her admissions director that a Life Care associate and his family were in need. “Our team has a very special place in our hearts for those in need, whether they are employed here in our center or elsewhere,” McNerney explained. “In the past year and a half, several of our team members have had personal losses that were unexpected. This allowed our team to bond and to love each other as family. We just wanted to pay it forward, as we feel so lucky to work with the individuals we do daily. We are glad that we could help in this way, and as always, I am very proud of my amazing team.”

Familial support for Tampubolon was extended by his own facility, too. His co-workers at Life Care Center of Littleton have also held several fundraisers to help with his medical and personal expenses.

Family? Yes, we are!

The Bible is clear on how we should love and treat each other:

Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2 ESV).

And Jesus said: By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:35 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter