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Dear Friends,

Thanks once again to each of you for your continued interest in and support of the Hospice of the Highland Rim Foundation (HHRF). In recent months, the HHRF Board made a decision to sell the building on East Lauderdale which has been home for this operation for the past 20 years. That decision did not come lightly, but is being made in the best interest of those we serve. It seems appropriate to use this letter to share the reasons for that decision. Through the leadership and generosity of Merry Miller Weis, our current building came to house first the Hospice of the Highland Rim, and later the Hospice of the Highland Rim Foundation. It has served its purpose well. We've been able to offer partial use of the building over the years to another charitable organization, the Multi-County Cancer Support Network (MCCSN) of Tullahoma and they, in turn, have helped cover part of our utility costs. However, it is evident that HHRF only requires a fraction of the space afforded by the building. In fact, HHRF and MCCSN, together, use less than half of the available space in our current site. While our building is in good shape, the cost of utilities and maintenance for space beyond that which is needed requires funds which could be more directly focused toward those needing HHRF services. Further, the capital which has been tied up in the building could better serve HHRF by being invested to help fund future needs. As such, the Board decided to place the building on the market and begin a search for a much smaller space, sized to fit our day-to-day needs. We believe taking this step is essential to best steward the resources of HHRF and improve our long-term ability to serve those facing end-of-life challenges. With that in mind, I ask your help if you know of a church, charitable organization, or business having an office that could be spared to house HHRF in the future. Our goal is to steer as much of our resources as we can toward the needs of those we serve. In that spirit, I also ask that you continue to consider HHRF in your charitable giving. The requests received by HHRF outstrip our current ability to provide help. We've made choices to prioritize help toward the greatest needs near term, while we seek additional funds to more fully serve in the future. On behalf of all those served in the past and those needing help in the years to come, thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care,

-David Elrod