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## BOTHWELL FOUNDATION DONATES FUNDS TO AREA HOSPICES

The Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation recently presented grants to two hospices to help them better serve the needs of terminally ill patients and their families.

The Bothwell Foundation, which works to develop private resources to improve access and the quality of health care in the area, presented grants of \$5,000 each to the Crossroads Hospice Charitable Foundation and Benton County Hospice.

The grants were made from hospice-specific donor funds that the Bothwell Foundation oversees. The funds previously were used by Bothwell Home Health & Hospice, but the hospital discontinued those services last fall.

“Because these funds are from donors, we want to ensure we continue to use them as the donors intended,” said Lisa Church, director of Bothwell’s Foundation & Communications department. “The Foundation Board of Directors adopted a policy recently specifying that each year we will make a grant to the hospice or hospices serving the majority of patients from this area. We’ve stipulated that the funds have to be used to benefit local patients.”

The services that hospices provide to terminally ill patients and their families are incredibly important in helping these patients make life’s final transition at home with their families around them, Church said. Hospice employees also help support family members during this difficult time.

“We hope these grants will help Benton County Hospice and Crossroads serve patients and their



Bothwell Foundation Vice President Stafford Swearingen and Lisa Church, Foundation executive director, present a check for \$5,000 to Janet Hessenflow, executive director of Crossroads Hospice Charitable Foundation; Kathy Decker, Crossroads provider relations; and Lori Knoche, Crossroads physician liaison.



The Bothwell Foundation presents a grant of \$5,000 to the Benton County Hospice in Warsaw. From left are Gladys Pierce, hospice clerical support; Tammy Goehman, hospice social worker; Debbie Joy, hospice program director; Miriam Weter, hospice patient care coordinator; Rick Schlesselman, Foundation board member; John Schmidt, hospice social worker; and James Mahlon White, Foundation board member.

families at a time when they need it most,” Church said.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation was formed in 2005 in an effort to develop private resources to improve health-care services for the community. The foundation’s “For Your Health, Close to Home” capital campaign raised \$3.4 million to benefit the expansion of cancer and cardiovascular services for residents in Pettis and Benton counties. Construction of the Canon Centers for Cancer and Cardiovascular Care is expected to be complete in fall 2011.