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Aurora Health Care Foundation
950 N. 12th Street, Suite A511
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*Evening of Promise
October 5, 2016*

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Honorable Mayor Dan Devine & City of West Allis Common Council
City of West Allis
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

Dear Mayor Devine and Members of the Common Council:

The Aurora West Allis Medical Center (AWAMC) annual Evening of Promise is in its 6th Year. Thanks to your support last year, our Evening of Promise event helped contribute to the partial renovation of the AWAMC Emergency Department. This project is currently under way and will help enhance our patients' experience and care.

The 2016 Evening of Promise will be held on Wednesday, October 5th. This year's event will provide funding to **Enhance End of Life Care at Aurora West Allis Medical Center**. Your generous support will help us to create a dedicated space and "homelike" atmosphere of comfort and peace for patients who are experiencing end of life care at AWAMC and their families.

- "End of Life Care" refers to health care during the final days and hours of life. This care is used when a health condition is advanced and believed to be incurable with treatment. The goals of care transition from *doing everything to "cure"* to *doing everything to "care"* – making dignity, comfort, relationships, and peace the focus.
- Last year AWAMC had over 100 patients transitioned to hospice care, which was provided primarily by Aurora At Home and Aurora Zilber Family Hospice. These valuable partnerships will continue and every effort will be made to accommodate the wishes of family's choosing to transition home or to Aurora Zilber Family Hospice for their hospice care.
- This new hospice room at AWAMC would be uniquely designed to provide comfort, privacy and respect for patients in their final days and hours, when transferring to another location may be difficult/challenging. We would create a comfortable private space with an adjoining room for families to gather, discuss sensitive family matters and visit their loved one.

This project has the potential of benefiting every family that experiences end of life care at AWAMC. We hope that you consider supporting this project by contributing \$25,000 from the Community & Economic Development Investment Fund. Your contribution would be highlighted at the 6th Annual Evening of Promise.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Kellar
President
Aurora West Allis Medical Center