

Compassionate Care opens hospice in city

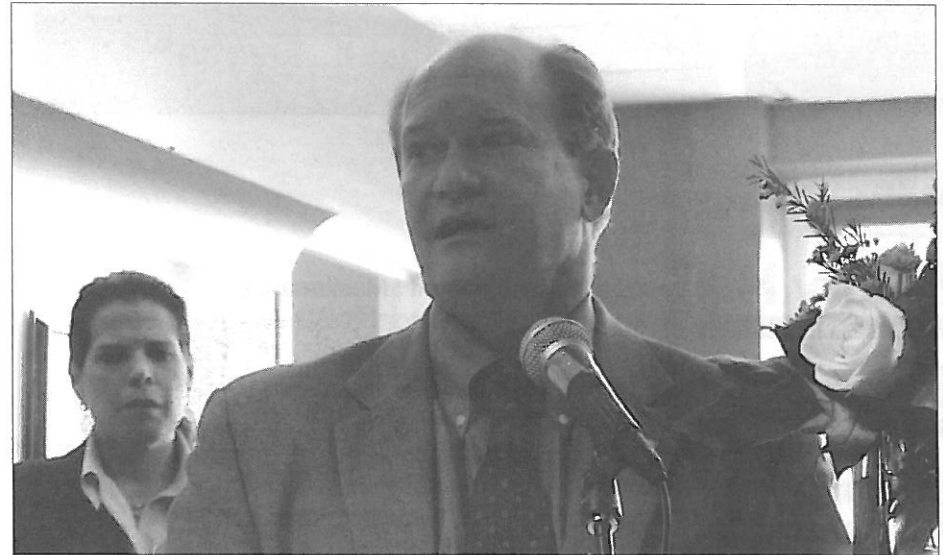
Compassionate Care Hospice (CCH) of Wilmington announced the opening of a hospice inpatient unit on the 6th floor of St. Francis Hospital on January 13. This will be the first hospital-based hospice facility in the State. St. Francis will lease 14 private rooms to Compassionate Care. CCH staff will provide care for patients whose symptoms cannot be managed at home.

Julie Hester, RN, MPH, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Francis Hospital and the Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly Bishop of Wilmington welcomed invitees, hospital employees, and a host of dignitaries, including New Castle County Executive Chris Coons, to the new facility. Bishop Malooly also performed a prayer service and a blessing of the rooms.

"Compassionate Care is excited to be opening this unit right in the heart

of Wilmington" said Tom Taylor, RN, Regional Director of CCH. "We'll have more than 20 full-time employees on site. In addition to patient rooms, the unit will also provide space for offices and meeting rooms. The renovated space looks beautiful, and we're proud to partner with an established community institution like St. Francis, who shares our goal of providing access to quality care."

"The partnership with Compassionate Care Hospice fits with the St. Francis Mission of reverence for each person, especially those who are actively dying as we continue our healing ministry in the community," explains Julie Hester, RN, MPH, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Francis Hospital "We could see that Compassionate Care provides this same healing touch that is so important to the Mission of St. Francis."



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New Castle County Executive Chris Coons congratulates the employees of Saint Francis Hospital and Compassionate Care on the opening of their new hospice. Julie Hester, President and CEO, St. Francis Hospital is in the background.