

The Charles L. Deardorff, MD Medical Education Endowment Fund

The Charles L. Deardorff, MD Medical Education Endowment Fund improves and enhances end-of-life care throughout the community by continuing and implementing educational initiatives for physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and other health care professionals about the importance of and methodology of best-practice palliative medicine.



The Endowment Fund was created by family, friends and colleagues of Charles L. “Chuck” Deardorff, MD, a general surgeon who spent 30 years serving patients and the Lancaster County community. He passed away at the Essa Flory Hospice Center in 2005. His wife Carol was so impressed with the care her husband received that she wanted to ensure the clinical community could continue to learn about the importance of hospice care and palliative medicine.

The Fund helps support clinical education programs and other initiatives, like Hospice & Community Care’s *Palliative Medicine Journal Club*, which brings clinicians together to review clinical literature and talk about the patients and families they’re treating.

Hospice & Community Care, founded as Hospice of Lancaster County, has established endowment funds for the purpose of providing income to be used for specific needs. The principal remains invested in order to perpetuate the fund for future generations.

