

Palliative Care Education at Chandler Hall

In 2014, Chandler Hall began a Palliative Care Education Program made possible by a one-year grant from Friends Foundation for the Aging. The purpose of the grant is to educate staff about the purpose and best practices of palliative care, to form an interdisciplinary palliative care team, and to design a facility-based program for residents with dementia.

The program brings educators to Chandler Hall to instruct care leaders, who in turn will pass the information along to the care partners in their departments. It emphasizes person-based care, which focuses on the whole person and not just illnesses or weaknesses, respecting choices, wishes, values and goals: a philosophy wholly in keeping with Chandler Hall's Quaker roots.

Two sites have been chosen to pilot this Palliative Care Education Program in addition to Chandler Hall: the Delaware Valley Veterans Home in Philadelphia, and Saunders House in Wynnewood. The program began in October 2014 and will run for one year.