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Chairman Smith and Committee Members:

Thank You Mr. Chairman and Committee Members for allowing me to give you a short snapshot of the Jefferson County Hospice Service.

Hospice pays bills for patients that either have no insurance or very little coverage.

Hospice provides advertising and promotional materials (such as advertising on WIBW, and handouts to people we visit with or see at some county event) We buy educational resources for the nurses and staff, and pay dues for the Kansas Hospice organization. All of this is done for the benefit of Jefferson County Hospice in the hopes that we will still be able to provide for our clients in our county.

Hospice also pays a share of the Social Worker's salary. We provide for lodging and travel for those who need to go to conferences. We provide books, cards, flowers and educational material for client's families. And we provide these materials for a year after the client has passed.

Hospice raises money every year at Taste of Elegance so that we can continue to do this for the people in this County.

Sadly enough, Hospice gets charged about \$10,000 in sales tax every year because of our Taste of Elegance event.

Jefferson County Hospice was started in 1967.

Clients served:

In 2015 - 56 clients

In 2016 - 67

In 2017 - 62

In 2018 - 55

In 2019 - 54

In 2020 - 50

Respectfully,

***Ramon C. Gonzalez, Jr.***