

# News Release

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## **The St. Joe Community Foundation commits \$250k to Covenant Care**

The St. Joe Community Foundation has committed \$250,000 to Covenant Care in Panama City. This gift will help deliver expanded community and home-based palliative care throughout the Bay and Walton County regions.

Palliative care provides an extra layer of support and care for patients diagnosed with a serious, long-term or life-threatening illness. Community palliative programs work in conjunction with an individual's doctors and can be provided concurrently with curative treatment. Patients can be cared for at The St. Joe Community Foundation Center for Palliative Care, or in their home.

April Wilkes, Executive Director of The St. Joe Community Foundation said partnering with Covenant Care would expand the access residents in the region have to palliative care, providing more advocacy for those that are overwhelmed with medical information and needs.

"We are excited to play a major role in expanding healthcare options and assistance to the community," said Wilkes. "Patients and care-givers will benefit significantly from this program."

Covenant Care, the region's largest non-profit provider of home health, hospice, memory, palliative and personal care, is headquartered in Pensacola with offices across Florida. Aaron West, Covenant Care Vice President of Advancement, said partners like The St. Joe Community Foundation are critical to Covenant Care's mission.

"It takes partners like The St. Joe Community Foundation for Covenant Care to be able to do more for our patients and families. This new access to palliative care will be a game changer in

this region” said West. “This generous commitment proves once again that The St. Joe Community Foundation is dedicated to building great communities, and also to helping create access to healthcare for those who call Northwest Florida home.’

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**About Covenant Care**

Founded in 1982 by Sacred Heart, Baptist and West Florida Hospitals in Pensacola Florida, Covenant Care offers personalized care and comprehensive support to improve the quality of every life we touch. Covenant Care is the largest and most trusted nonprofit post-acute care provider of home health, hospice, memory, palliative and private duty care in the region. Our collaborative team of more than 600 physicians, nurses, aides and therapists and 1,000+ volunteers serve patients and families in communities throughout Florida and Alabama. For more information, visit [choosecovenant.org](http://choosecovenant.org) or call 1-855-CARE-365.

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