

***We would like to share a letter we received from Abby, a fourth year medical student, describing her experience at Iowa River Hospice.***

Hi, my name is Abby Tarasewicz! I am a 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student from Des Moines University. I am graduating from DMU this coming June and will be pursuing a career in psychiatry. I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to rotate with Iowa River Hospice. I sought out a rotation in hospice care as I realized I had very little experience in end-of-life care, which is an integral part of understanding the human experience. I am so appreciative to the patients who allowed me to take part in such meaningful moments in their lives. The lessons I learned this month I could never learn from a textbook. These experiences will forever impact how I understand patients' experiences and practice medicine in the future. What a privilege it has been to learn from Iowa River Hospice, who are providing the type of care I would want for my own family.