

Word on the Street: Hinds Hospice reopens after a four-month renovation

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The front sitting room is seen at the Hinds Hospice, which had been closed while it went through remodeling to meet new codes and improve care. CRAIG KOHLRUSS — THE FRESNO BEE | [Buy Photo](#)

Hinds Hospice, a longtime hospice care provider in the San Joaquin Valley, reopened on Wednesday after undergoing more than \$300,000 in renovations. The upgrades took four months to complete and were done to comply with fire and safety codes, while other work was done to upgrade and beautify the northwest Fresno home that became a hospice care facility in 1981. The home at 1416 W. Twain Ave. has room for six patients.

“We wanted to maintain the feeling of being in a relaxing home setting while also being able to provide state-of-the-art clinical care,” said Lauren Nickerson, fund development coordinator at Hinds Hospice.

Cheryl Inman, director of inpatient services for Hinds Hospice, said that among the upgrades was the creation of a new nursing station that more than doubled the previous area. Nurses also have laptop computer carts that can be wheeled into a patient’s room, eliminating the need for paper charts.

Also added to the interior was a new utility room, wider doorways and fresh paint. On the walls, a volunteer hand-painted a design of a tree with its outstretched branches clinging with blossoms. Outside, new concrete pathways

were added to the front entrance to make it easier for wheelchairs. A new solid wood door was installed along with new lighting and a stone facade.

Inman said donors paid for a majority of the renovation's cost and RJ Miller of Fresno was the contractor.

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