

OUR MISSION

To give comfort and honor dignity for end of life patients and their families through compassionate physical, emotional and spiritual care, regardless of their financial circumstances.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Hospice can't do anything about death. But hospice can do something about pain. About fear. About laughter. About comfort.

A COMMITMENT TO

compassionate
CARE

It can be a very difficult and emotional time for you and your family when you have been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness. This is where Hospice Care of the Lowcountry is able to help.

A collaborative team of health and social service professionals joined by volunteers work together to provide the following:

- Pain & symptom management
- Personal care
- Support for emotional, social, psychological and spiritual needs related to end of life
- Needed medications, medical supplies, and equipment
- Counseling is available and can take the form of a support group, one-to-one therapeutic counseling, spiritual counseling, phone check-in calls and educational mentoring
- Speech and physical therapy services can be accessed when needed

Hospice staff are available by phone at all times, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

HOSPICE CARE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

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For many patients, Hospice Care helps people maintain their identity, dignity, and freedom from pain and anxiety.



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Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, Inc. is a registered 501-C(3) nonprofit organization. Serving Beaufort, Hampton and Jasper Counties since 1982.

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Hospice Care of the Lowcountry has been serving the community since 1982. Today we are the leading independent, non-profit, Medicare-certified hospice serving Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton Counties. In addition, we are the only hospice in this area to offer Palliative Care of the Lowcountry; a program similar to hospice, except that an individual may continue to receive curative treatment.

Hospice Care of the Lowcountry has developed creative programs to address the unique needs of our patients and their families. These programs go above and beyond the basic Medicare guidelines but we feel they are a critical part of providing meaningful care and support for those facing end of life issues.

Included are: *Kids Path*, *Community Bereavement Program*, *"Hos-Pets" Pet Therapy*, *Pet Peace of Mind*, *Aromatherapy*, *Life Song Music Therapy*, *Jean Myers Video Memoirs*, *Hop Aboard*, *We Honor Veterans* and *The Watchman™* programs.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HOSPICE CARE

WHEN IS IT TIME FOR HOSPICE CARE?

After a diagnosis of life-limiting illness, patients and their families should consider their choices for care. A patient does not have to be bed-bound or home-bound to receive hospice care.

CAN I CONTINUE TO LIVE IN MY OWN HOME?

One goal of hospice care is to keep a patient out of the hospital and remain in the comfort of their own home with family and/or friends close at hand. The patient may live in their own home, or the home of a loved one as long as the home is within the region served by Hospice Care of the Lowcountry.

ARE ONLY THE ELDERLY ELIGIBLE?

Most hospices will take only adults, but Hospice Care of the Lowcountry offers a special program for children called "Kids Path" which offers physical, emotional and spiritual care to both the individual and family.

WHAT DOES HOSPICE CARE COST?

Hospice Care of the Lowcountry is guided by its mission to care for anyone in need, regardless of ability to pay. Hospice Care is covered 100% by Medicare, Medicaid, & most private insurance plans.

CAN A HOSPICE PATIENT CHOOSE TO RETURN TO CURATIVE TREATMENT?

Yes. Receiving hospice care is always a choice. A patient may leave hospice and return to curative treatment if that is their choice.

HOW DOES HOSPICE HELP THE FAMILY?

Taking care of a loved one or a friend with a terminal illness is stressful for all involved. With hospice, the family is included in the care, not just the patient. They have the full support of the clinical team as well as specialized support from our grief programs and counselors.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Our hospice team is happy to answer any of your questions and give you all the information you need by phone at all times, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Our main phone number is 843-706-2296.