

# WHAT IS HOSPICE?

- **Comfort & Care** for those with life-limiting conditions.
- Providing patients with **everything they need** so they can remain at home.
- A **benefit** covered by Medicare & Insurance that is **FREE** to patients.
- A place where YOU can experience the **strength & beauty of the human spirit & make a difference** to patients & their family.

## HOSPICE IS NOT

### **A place people go to die.**

Hospice is not a place but a philosophy of care. Wherever a patient calls home is where hospice care is provided. Not focused on curing...focused on healing.

### **Only for people with cancer or those who are bedridden or very ill.**

Although many patients do have cancer, Southland Hospice serves terminally ill patients of all ages, with all types of progressive and chronic diseases

### **Not only for patients who do not need a high level of care.**

End-of-life care is extremely complex. The hospice team is composed of specially trained staff and volunteers who can provide comprehensive medical care

### **A place requiring a "Do Not Resuscitate" status prior to admission.**

Medicare-certified hospices do not require a DNR order, since it is understood by the patient and family that the patient will be receiving palliative, not curative, care.

### **A philosophy of "nothing more can be done."**

When a cure is no longer an option, there is still a great deal that can be done to control symptoms, and provide care, comfort and support. Hospice care is the model of high-quality, compassionate care that helps patients and families live as fully as possible.

### **Just for the patient.**

Hospice care focuses on the patient, of course, but also on those affected by his or her illness and on providing comfort, dignity and emotional support to the patient and their loved ones. Quality of life for all concerned is our highest priority.

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