



*I believe one single act  
of compassion  
can have a large impact.*



Hospice and  
your loved one



*"I can't thank all of you enough in the gallant fight you put up to make my Mother's last days as peaceful and pain-free as possible.*

*From this point on when I see a nurse I will think of all of you, the sacrifice you make and the grace you must be blessed with when you have to watch those you care for slip away."*

*We love you all,  
Al Carrato*



## *We are here for you.*

When any family first hears about hospice and life-limiting illness, it's always a difficult time. In these challenging moments, it's important to know that you have an option that can help your loved one get the most out of life and live as fully and as comfortably as possible.

Our hospice care is centered around the entire family. We provide a team that focuses on individual care while offering your family all the support and help that's needed.



*"I know that you hear this often, but your love and kindness that was shown to my dear husband will always be engraved in my heart and memory. May God bless you all and keep you. Words can never express my gratitude to each and every one of you." - Rachel J*





## *Our team can include:*

Nurses  
Social Workers  
Hospice Aides  
Chaplain  
Specially trained volunteers

## *Our services include:*

Home medical equipment and related medications  
Pain and symptom management  
Emotional and spiritual support  
Comprehensive bereavement program

## *Every moment matters*

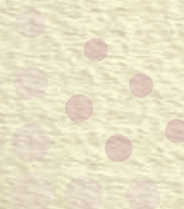
We believe that every moment matters. Our hospice program is designed to help make the most of each day and help provide the support that every family needs at this time.

## *What does hospice cost?*

Most of our services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and many private health insurance companies. You can also choose to pay privately. Our staff can help assist patients, families and physicians in determining eligibility and researching all available resources.

## *A company you can trust*

We are a national leader in home healthcare with 40 years of experience. Each year, we serve 500,000 patients. Through compassion and teamwork, our experienced staff creates a kind and caring atmosphere for patients and their loved ones.



## *Is hospice appropriate for you or a loved one?*

Signs that you may need to consider hospice care can be subtle. It could be as simple as multiple trips to the emergency room in a short period of time. Or even shortness of breath while resting.

Other signs could include experiencing several falls over a six-month period, experiencing weight loss with a noticeable difference in the way clothes fit or spending most of the day in a chair or bed.

These signs don't necessarily mean you need hospice immediately. But they are indications that now is a good time to find out about hospice care and that you should ask your doctor about it.

To qualify for hospice, patients must have a life-limiting illness such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, end-stage Alzheimer's or any other condition with a life expectancy of six months or less. Each patient or family must choose hospice care with the understanding that the patient is not being treated for a cure, and the patient's physician must agree that hospice care is appropriate.

Getting into a hospice program early can comfort both the patient and the entire family. With early hospice care, you will have a team who will help you understand what's happening and how to prepare mentally, physically and spiritually for what's ahead. Early hospice care can improve the quality of the days ahead for everyone.

If you think you or your loved one may be a candidate for hospice, don't wait. Talk to your doctor today to learn more about how hospice can provide the care, compassion and support you or your family needs.



*"The family called me their personal angel and gave me an angel figurine that was engraved with their love and thanks. I will never forget them."*

*Tanya Champion,  
Hospice Nurse*



*At Gentiva Hospice,* we believe that every moment matters. We believe in compassionate care. Most of all, we believe in dignity and respect for each patient we serve. Maybe that's why so many families believe in us when it comes to choosing a hospice provider.

If you have any questions or concerns about hospice care, or whether hospice is right for you or your loved one, please call us today.

