

Continuum Care Hospice

Our dual missions are to provide comprehensive coordinated care for persons with life-limiting illnesses until the end of life and to offer continued support to the bereaved.

HOSPICE PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy is based upon a belief in the sacred dignity of human life, and the importance of respecting the creed and philosophy of every individual. We believe that all people are responsible both for themselves and for each other. So believing, we are committed to providing such compassionate and competent care as to affirm life to our patients. We believe that each person's dying is a human experience which affects all who have a relationship with him or her, and that it is always a privilege to be allowed by a patient and his or her family to provide them with care and services at a time of need, especially during the final phases of life.

Continuum Care Hospice is a way of life, not a place. Our purpose is to provide care that will enhance the quality of the remaining life for those facing a terminal illness. We provide support and care for persons in the last phases of an incurable disease so that they can live as fully and comfortably as possible. Continuum Care Hospice affirms life and regards dying as a normal process. Hospice neither hastens nor postpones death. We believe that through personalized services and a caring community, patients and families can be helped to make the necessary preparation for death.

OBJECTIVES

Our primary objectives are:

- To provide quality comprehensive, family-centered, coordinated, and compassionate care
- To utilize an interdisciplinary group for care planning and delivery of services
- To manage the patient's pain and other symptoms
- To maintain the patient in his/her own home or assure an inpatient setting as homelike as possible
- To maximize patient/family autonomy and decision making and respect their beliefs, goals, and choices
- To facilitate the patient's and family's capacity for reconciliation and closure
- To provide bereavement services to family/significant others
- To educate the community about death and dying
- To collaborate with other community resources to optimize continuity of care and comprehensive services

Continuum Care Hospice is committed to the provision of excellent care for the communities we serve. As an integral part of the healthcare system, hospice leads in the planning and provision of services at the end of life. The communities we serve are fully aware of the accessible, cost-effective, and compassionate care we provide.

Our goal is to provide palliative care that addresses the physical, psychosocial, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of service for the terminally ill as an integrated whole. Continuum Care Hospice is guided by the principals of responsive care, teamwork, leadership, and stewardship. Care to the patient and caregivers can help those served to experience death with grace and dignity.

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