

Hospice is ...

... the concept and practice of compassionate healthcare for patients and families dealing with the final stages of a life-limiting illness. When a cure is no longer a viable option, much can still be done. Hospice neither prolongs life nor hastens death. Instead, Hospice focuses on quality of life by keeping the patient comfortable in his or her own home or place of residence; helping the patient and family regain a sense of control and competence; promoting dignity, autonomy, right to privacy; and enhancing the quality of their time together.

Why Hospice of the Rock River Valley?

Hospice can help people of all ages who:

- ◆ are in the final stages of a terminal illness.
- ◆ seek the best in symptom control and comfort when a curative treatment is no longer an option.
- ◆ reside in Lee, Whiteside, Bureau, Carroll or Ogle counties.

Where is Care Provided?

Hospice is where you are - in your home, in a retirement center or a nursing home. All Hospice team members visit routinely to give care, answer questions, teach new and important skills, and make each day as full of life as possible. Professionals are on call 24 hours a day for your special needs.

When care cannot be managed in the home Hospice can make arrangements with many area nursing facilities where family members and friends are encouraged to remain involved in the care.

Paying for Hospice Care

Hospice of the Rock River Valley does not charge the patient or family in exchange for services. We rely on grants and community support to cover costs that are not covered by Medicare/Medicaid and insurance. Services at Hospice of the Rock River Valley are based on need. Under the Medicare Hospice Benefit all Hospice services are covered as well as:

- ◆ medications for symptom management and pain relief related to the terminal illness.
- ◆ medical equipment and supplies related to the terminal illness.
- ◆ short term inpatient care for crisis management or respite care.
- ◆ physical and or other therapy.

Medicaid offers a similar benefit. Most private insurance plans offer a type of Hospice coverage, and Hospice staff will verify the availability of coverage through your company.

Bereavement Care

Support groups, individual assistance, educational opportunities, and information on other resources are all part of the HRRV Bereavement Program.

Hospice of the Rock River Valley also hosts a youth bereavement camp each summer. This free camp is open to youth age seven to seventeen who are experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one.

Bereavement services are free of charge and are also available to individuals in our communities who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Your Hospice Team

- ◆ Your Hospice nurse makes regularly scheduled visits and coordinates your care with other team members.
- ◆ A physician, either your family doctor or one from the Hospice Team, oversees your medical care.
- ◆ Well-trained volunteers can be your helping hands and friendly listeners.
- ◆ A social worker listens, counsels and offers practical support.
- ◆ A certified nursing assistant may help you with personal care.
- ◆ A chaplain, along with volunteer clergy of many faiths, is available for assistance with spiritual concerns.
- ◆ Specialized therapists, such as physical, occupational, and speech, or a certified dietician may contribute their skills as needed.

Making Contact

Is this the time for Hospice care? Just ask. One call to Hospice of the Rock River Valley will answer your questions and provide reassurance to you and your family during this private, special time. Anyone may call: patients, family members, friends, physicians, social workers, clergy, or hospital staff. Because every moment counts, you will receive a prompt response.

Call 815-288-3673

*By your side, our family
caring for your family.*

About Hospice of the Rock River Valley

◆ Hospice offers free educational programs in our communities. Trained volunteers and staff members are available to present a variety of topics customized in length and content to your business, group or organization.

◆ More than 400 trained volunteers contribute their time and talent to all of HRRV's programs.

◆ Memorials, donations, grants, and other community funding comprise more than 40 percent of HRRV's annual operating budget and ensure the availability of Hospice services to all who need them.

◆ HRRV is a fully licensed hospice program, and is certified as a Medicare/Medicaid provider. HRRV holds professional memberships with the Illinois Hospice & Palliative Care Organization and the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization.

◆ June 1, 1995 - Sauk Valley Hospice and Whiteside County Hospice merged to establish Hospice of the Rock River Valley. These programs brought together boards, staff & volunteers, and combined their knowledge and experience to provide even higher quality care to the terminally ill in Lee and Whiteside counties as well as Bureau, Carroll & Ogle counties. HRRV embraces the hospice philosophy, which affirms life and regards dying as a normal process which should neither be hastened nor prolonged. HRRV has been providing expert and compassionate quality care to our communities for more than 25 years.

Hospice of the Rock River Valley will serve, to the best of our ability, any individual regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or any other characteristic protected by law. The offices of Hospice of the Rock River Valley are accessible to individuals regardless of disability.



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