

Volunteers

receive special training in hospice care and can provide whatever assistance a patient/family may need, including: assisting with household tasks, shopping, caring for the patient to relieve family members, and providing bereavement care. Volunteers also help by doing clerical work, fundraising, public relations, and other tasks that are vital to maintaining hospice services in our community.

Education

Information and supportive services are provided through training programs and seminars for healthcare providers, programs for churches and other community organizations, materials, including books, videos, and reprints. Speakers are available for area organizations by calling the hospice office.

Your involvement

Hospice expenses are met through payments from Medicare, Medicaid, and other insurances, as well as by our memberships, donations, and fundraising events.

You can help by:

- becoming a member
- giving a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one
- making a general donation

- becoming a volunteer. New volunteers are welcome. Your skills can be used in taking care of patients, helping families, working in the office, and helping with fundraising events. Training for volunteers takes place annually.

If you would like to help, please fill in the information below and send to:

Potter County Hospice, 1001 E. Second St., Coudersport, PA 16915

name _____

address _____

e-mail _____

phone (____) _____

.....
membership (\$15) _____

donation \$ _____

*please include your check, payable to
Potter County Hospice, with this form*

In memory/honor of:

please send acknowledgment to:

.....

I am interested in volunteering

___ patient/family care

___ in the office

___ other _____

Hospice Services



CHARLES
COLE MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL

REGIONAL MEDICAL CARE

1001 EAST SECOND STREET

U.S. ROUTE 6 EAST

COUDERSPORT, PA 16915

814/274-0384

WWW.CHARLESCOLEHOSPITAL.COM

Potter County Hospice

has been caring for terminal patients and their families since October 1984. Services were expanded in 1996 when Potter County Hospice became a department of Charles Cole Memorial Hospital. Potter County Hospice is certified by Medicare and Medical Assistance and is Joint Commission accredited.

Our Mission

- To provide quality care that meets the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of terminal patients and their families in Potter, McKean, Cameron and Tioga counties.
- To enable terminal patients to experience comfort and death with dignity as they choose, whether at home, in the hospital, or at an extended care facility.
- To provide bereavement care for surviving family members.
- To provide education, information, and support services in terminal care and related cases for healthcare professionals as well as the community at large.

The Hospice Philosophy

affirms life and regards dying as a normal process. Hospice neither hastens nor postpones death.

Hospice Care

is a medically directed service that provides physical, psychological, social, and spiritual care for the patient and his/her family. Patient and family are actively involved in planning and determining the help they need. Care is focused on providing comfort which includes freedom from pain and other physical discomforts as well as emotional and spiritual comfort. Hospice care includes one year of bereavement care for family members following the death of their loved one. Hospice also provides non-pharmacological treatment of pain.

Care Is Provided

by a team of professionals including physicians, registered nurses, home health aides, medical social workers, and trained volunteers. Spiritual care may be provided at the request of the patient or family by a hospice chaplain or local clergy. Physical, occupational, and speech therapists, along with a registered dietician, are also available as needed. All services are coordinated with a physician at biweekly team meetings.

Contact Us

We're here to help you and your family. Please call us at **814/274-0384**.

Hospice Services Are Available

to anyone who:

- has a terminal illness, for whom aggressive treatment is no longer appropriate or desired and who has a limited life expectancy. Terminal illnesses include end-stage heart disease, kidney failure, chronic obstructive lung disease, cancer, and others. A terminal illness usually is expected to result in death within six months or less if it follows its usual course.
- is aware of his/her diagnosis and prognosis within his/her ability to understand and who consents to hospice care.
- has a caregiver who will accept responsibility for assisting with the patient's care to the end of life. The caregiver need not live with the patient or be a relative.

Referrals

Anyone can initiate a referral by calling the hospice office. Usually, patients choose hospice care with their family and physician when it is decided that there are no cures for the disease. Comfort measures and quality of life become the priority. The patient's physician must approve admission to hospice and work closely with the hospice staff as a member of the team caring for the patient and family. The hospice medical director is available as a consulting physician.