



Being A Caregiver

When you care for a loved one with an advanced illness you are doing a remarkable thing - but you are also taking on a challenging role.

We are here to help. Notre Dame Hospice is not just here for your loved one, we are here for you as well. We'll provide you with practical support, information, resources, encouragement, spiritual support and emotional support. You are not walking this journey alone. We are here to walk this journey with you and provide any support, guidance or help you may need along the way.

Support for Your Loved One

Notre Dame Hospice will provide complete support to your loved one through their advanced illness. Choosing to let us help earlier can increase the quality of the time left for your loved one. The goal of hospice is to help people with advanced illness live as fully as possible. Our care will be directed to support their wishes. Remember, our hospice nurses are uniquely trained in pain control and symptom management so helping your loved one recapture days of joy is a goal of our care.

Your loved one can also benefit from the hope, compassion, support and dignity we bring to our patients. Research shows that patients who receive hospice care have a better sense of hopefulness, say they feel more respected and live longer than those not on hospice. Your loved one will receive spiritual and emotional support as well. And since Notre Dame Hospice is a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and is the only Catholic nonprofit hospice in the Greater New Orleans Area, we can also give your loved one the peace of mind knowing that everything done for them at the end of life is in accordance with church teaching.

Support for You

By allowing us to help ease some of the responsibilities of caregiving you and your family can focus less on the disease and more on enjoying time together. We'll be there to provide practical hands on support. You will also be given information on what to expect and how to handle each step as the illness progresses.

We are also here for your emotional needs as well, sometimes it helps to have someone who understands the challenges of caring for a loved one with an advanced illness. So don't think of us as only there for your loved one, we're here for you as well.

The Right Timing

The time to consider hospice is a personal decision but often begins when your loved one and their physician decide that efforts to cure the disease are no longer feasible or desirable. When the focus becomes about comfort and quality of life, it could be the right time to consider hospice.

Encourage your loved one to share their feelings with you about their wishes and hopes. If you think hospice might be the answer to fulfilling their wishes, then it's probably time to speak to their physician about hospice care.

Who Pays for Hospice?

Hospice care is a 100% covered benefit under Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance pays for hospice care.

We can verify coverage for the family and can assist with the Medicaid application process if necessary.