

Hospice Care

UnityPoint Hospice believes that each of us, in our final days, should be cared for in a way that enhances our quality of life. Every person has the right to die peacefully, pain-free and surrounded by loved ones.

Your gift can provide comfort to a terminally ill patient and their family.

RESPECTING AND SUPPORTING EACH UNIQUE JOURNEY

UnityPoint Hospice has provided end-of-life care to adults and children since 1989. We walk beside each person and their family, respecting, supporting and honoring their decisions without judgment.

We believe the patient and family should have the ability to choose the care that will bring dignity, hope and comfort to the remainder of the patient's life. St. Luke's offers outpatient hospice care in the patient's home, nursing facility or assisted living facility. When the end-of-life journey involves hospital care, patients and families may choose the Ed & Joan Hemphill Hospice Unit at St. Luke's Hospital.

This individualized patient and family-centered care is provided to eastern Iowans within a 50-mile radius of Cedar Rapids. Hospice staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



EASING PAIN, OFFERING COMFORT

A person with an irreversible illness experiences a variety of physical, emotional, spiritual, social and financial concerns. St. Luke's provides support for hospice patients and families in all of these areas.

- Care for patient and family – wherever they reside.
- Round-the-clock access to a medical team with expertise in hospice care.

- Pain and symptom management by hospice nurses.
- Hospice aides to help with personal care.
- Therapies including massage, music and pet.

- Spiritual and emotional support for patients and families.
- Assistance with wills, advance directives and other legal matters.
- Volunteer companionship and support.
- Grief and loss counseling for your loved ones.

UnityPoint Hospice ranks in the top 25% nationally in terms of daily census, with over 100 patients served each day. Hospice has a full-time physician and

offers comprehensive support with 90 full-time staff and 120 volunteers. The average number of patients served each day has grown from 102 in 2010 to 111 in 2012.

PHILANTHROPY ENSURES CARE FOR EVERYONE

Hospice care is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance plans. The generous gifts from our compassionate donors ensure that no person is denied care based on the inability to pay. Hospice care, available to every person with a terminal illness, can provide months of comfort and support while patient and family embrace life.



The following Hospice services are made possible through the

generosity and philanthropy of people like you.

- The Embracing Life Campaign raised \$2.5 million to create our community's first inpatient hospice unit, the Ed & Joan Hemphill Hospice Unit at St. Luke's Hospital. Philanthropy funded the unit in its entirety.
- The Foundation continues to raise funds for the hospice unit endowment, ensuring that services are available for future patients and families.
- Camp Embracing Memories is the area's only overnight children's grief camp. This camp is available annually to children who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Children attending Camp do not need to have had a loved one experience hospice care.
- Special quilts, handmade by talented volunteers, are given to all patients who experience hospital hospice care. These quilts are funded by philanthropic support.
- Hospice volunteers are the "heart of hospice." All volunteer activities are funded through philanthropic support.
- Grief services and materials are essential for loved ones who have experienced loss. Philanthropy helps fund these critical resources.
- At times Hospice staff needs equipment not funded through the department's budget. Hospice uses donated funds to purchase items and equipment that help provide excellent patient care.

*You mean so much
to a hospice patient
and their family.*

Please complete the enclosed pledge card today or call St. Luke's Foundation at 319/369-7716.