

## What is a residential hospice?

It is a residence that offers comfort, care and compassion to the individual and their family at end-of-life. A residential hospice provides 24 hour medical care with a focus on pain and symptom management and offers emotional support to the individual and their family.



It is like a home, decorated in a warm, welcoming manner and with comfortable furnishings. Visitors and residents make themselves at home in the large private rooms with comfortable furniture. They are suitable for family visiting and have a murphy bed for overnight stays. Family can focus on being just that ... family – sons, daughters, a parent, a sibling and not worry about caregiving, pain medication or schedules. It's not a sad place; it's a place where residents can enjoy the kitchen, family room, outdoor patio/gazebo with friends and family when they feel well enough. Local musicians offer

their talents in jam sessions, cards are played and memories are shared with laughter and sometimes tears.



The rooms are private and the rest of the home is there to enjoy, especially the large kitchen with its fresh muffins, soup and snacks. Quiet rooms are available too, for quiet moments or for

contacting family/friends. Residents can even enjoy a long soak in the special tub-room (something many miss since becoming so ill). Families can make meals and eat together in the dining room or be in their loved one's room. Staff are very compassionate and while their priority is the comfort of the resident, they also help support the family through this time. Death is not hidden and there is a respectful ceremony when a resident leaves the home.

This is what we want for our area residents ... help us build this dream.

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