

Patient Care Services

Serving Individuals with Life-limiting illness and their Caregivers



The Evensong singers at a patient's home.

Our well-trained and committed volunteers provide compassionate non-medical care and support to our neighbors who are living with life-limiting illness and to their loved ones. Our services are provided free of charge.

- Visits at home, nursing home or hospital
- Emotional support and companionship
- Respite for caregivers
- Transportation / Errands
- Needs-specific awareness, i.e. Veterans and their caregivers, Dementia-related journeys
- Linking to community resources
- Assistance with end-of-life wishes and events

Evensong Music for the journey . . .

Evensong is a group of singers who offer songs for peace and comfort in the homes and at the bedsides of those who are nearing the end of life's journey. Offering music ranging from spiritual to secular, this unique service is also offered free of charge.

"The services my family received from these dedicated volunteers and the Evensong singers is what it's all about. My family will be always in your debt."

*~ a man whose wife was served by
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County*

Bereavement Support

Supporting Those Who are Grieving

Grief is a natural response to loss. Expressions of grief may include shock, sadness, anger, hurt, loneliness and fear. The way through grief is enhanced by support.

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County offers support services to adults and children who have lost a loved one and to those who are experiencing myriad losses associated with aging. Services are offered in individual and group settings at no cost.



- Support Groups offered throughout the year
- Aging & Loss Workshops
- Support, Crisis Intervention and Educational programs in community settings including schools, churches, businesses, Veterans-serving organizations
- Caring Hearts Bereavement retreats
- Holiday Grief Support Program



The kitchen crew at a recent Holiday Grief Support Program.

"I never realized the effect of the extreme pain and mental anguish of grief on the body and mind, and its endurance. Hospice guided and supported me through that critical period of my life, I am forever grateful."

*~ a widower served by the
Caring Hearts Bereavement Program*

Community Outreach

Education and Advocacy for Hancock County

We offer speakers, educational programs and training for community groups including schools, churches, Veterans-serving Organizations, businesses, medical professionals, and those experiencing a shared loss.

- Patient Care & Bereavement Volunteer Training
- Caregiving for loved ones
- Advance Care Planning
- Specialized needs such as Veterans and their Caregivers, Dementia-related issues, Aging & Loss support, Professional training
- Annual Teleconference on Living with Grief featuring local and national experts
- Supper & Cinema evenings
- Lunch & Learn workshops



Participants learn from local service providers at a community Veterans' issues workshop.

Our Library

Over 400 books and recordings are available to all community members at our Ellsworth office.

- Death and Dying
- Hospice Caregiving
- Grief / Children's Grief
- Veterans and Caregivers
- Alzheimer's and Dementia
- Spirituality

"This has been one of the most beneficial groups that I have ever been a part of. I see the students giving themselves permission to grieve and to heal. Although it can be very emotional, they are finding support with each other and that has been very powerful."

~ a local elementary school guidance counselor

Why Your Support Matters

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County offers patient care and bereavement support services to the community free of charge. We rely on donations, memorial gifts and fundraising events to support our work.

Yes, I support the good work of Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County. Enclosed is my donation:

\$ _____ Check enclosed.
(Amount)

Or, please charge my gift to:

___ Visa ___ Master Card

(Number) _____ Exp. (Date) _____

Signature _____

Please record my gift in memory of:

Please contact me to discuss Planned Giving options or to discuss a remembrance in my will.
(Please print clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Detach this form and mail it with your gift to:

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County
14 McKenzie Avenue
Ellsworth, ME 04605

Donations can also be made online at
www.hospiceofhancock.org.

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Your donations are tax deductible.

Thank You!

Please send me information about:

- Patient Care Volunteer Training
- Bereavement Support Volunteer Training
- Veterans and Caregiver Outreach opportunities
- Office and Fundraising volunteer opportunities
- Board Member opportunities

Our dedicated direct-service volunteers receive an intensive 30-hour training course. In the past five years alone these volunteers have given over 25,000 hours of service to their neighbors. Other volunteers receive less intensive though appropriate training.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please return to:

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For more information call 207-667-2531,
visit our website at hospiceofhancock.org
or like us on Facebook.

Our Mission

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County seeks to enhance the lives of those experiencing life-limiting illness and grief and loss by providing quality, cost-free, compassionate support and comfort.

*Our guiding values are:
dedication to the preservation of individual choice, dignity and quality of life;
support for volunteers and the hospice team;
hospice education, advocacy
and community engagement.*

Who We Are

- Four Staff Members
- 120 Trained Patient Care Volunteers
- 25 Trained Bereavement Volunteers
- 30 Evensong Singers
- 20 Office and Library Volunteers
- 12 Members of our Board of Directors
- And dozens of volunteers for our annual major fundraisers:
Hospice Regatta of Maine
Dinner Parties For A Cause

Who Can Request Our Services

- Person who is ill
- Physician
- Family Caregiver
- Medical Hospice / Home Care Agency
- Nursing Home / Hospital Personnel
- Individuals Dealing with Loss
- Community Organizations, i.e. Schools / Businesses / Churches / Veterans-Serving Organizations / Groups Dealing with Sudden Loss or Crisis

All requests must be made with the permission of the person or family who will receive services.

WHAT IS HOSPICE?

Hospice is a special kind of care designed to provide support for people with a life-limiting illness and those who are grieving.

Hospice neither hastens nor postpones death, but affirms life, emphasizing quality, not length.

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County

- Works in close collaboration as team members with several local medical hospice providers and three area hospitals.
- Is a Maine State Licensed Volunteer Hospice program.
- Is a non-profit organization supported through individual, foundation and corporate gifts and receives no state or federal funding.



A Bereavement Support Volunteer visits with a child at a Caring Hearts Bereavement Program gathering.

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*Hospice Volunteers offer more than you think.
Serving our community independently and in partnership with medical service providers.*

Volunteer Service

*Practical Support
Compassionate Understanding
Affirming Dignity*

Since 1980