

peace,
respect,
comfort,
dignity,

this is
hospice



HOSPICE
CARE *of*
Southwest
Michigan

Here for Life

Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan cares for you wherever you live, in your own home, at a care facility, or at Rose Arbor, our hospice residence.

You receive the compassionate and dedicated attention and care of the whole team.

Nursing Care

Our registered nurses are experienced and knowledgeable about pain and symptom control. Under the supervision of our medical director and the direction of your attending physician, they work to keep you comfortable and alert, and answer any questions you may have. Nursing care is available on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Personal Care

Our certified hospice aides provide personal care and light housekeeping, under the supervision of your hospice nurse.

Emotional Support

Our social workers provide emotional support to you and your loved ones and help coordinate community and financial resources as needed.

**You matter because you are you.
You matter to the last minute
of your life.**

Spiritual Support

Our chaplains honor what gives your life meaning and purpose. They can help you explore ways to nurture or heal relationships and facilitate connections to your faith community.

Volunteer Support

Our trained volunteers provide companionship, respite for caregivers, and emotional support to clients and families. They serve meals, help with activities, and offer comfort and encouragement to those who are grieving.

Grief Support

Our grief support counselors offer a wide range of services. One-on-one counseling, support groups, and helpful mailings are all available to help families move through the grieving process toward healing.

OUR SPECIAL CARE INCLUDES MUSIC, MASSAGE,
PET THERAPY AND LIFE STORY RECORDING.



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is a team that supports and guides you.

there are times during a serious illness when staying at home might not be the best choice.



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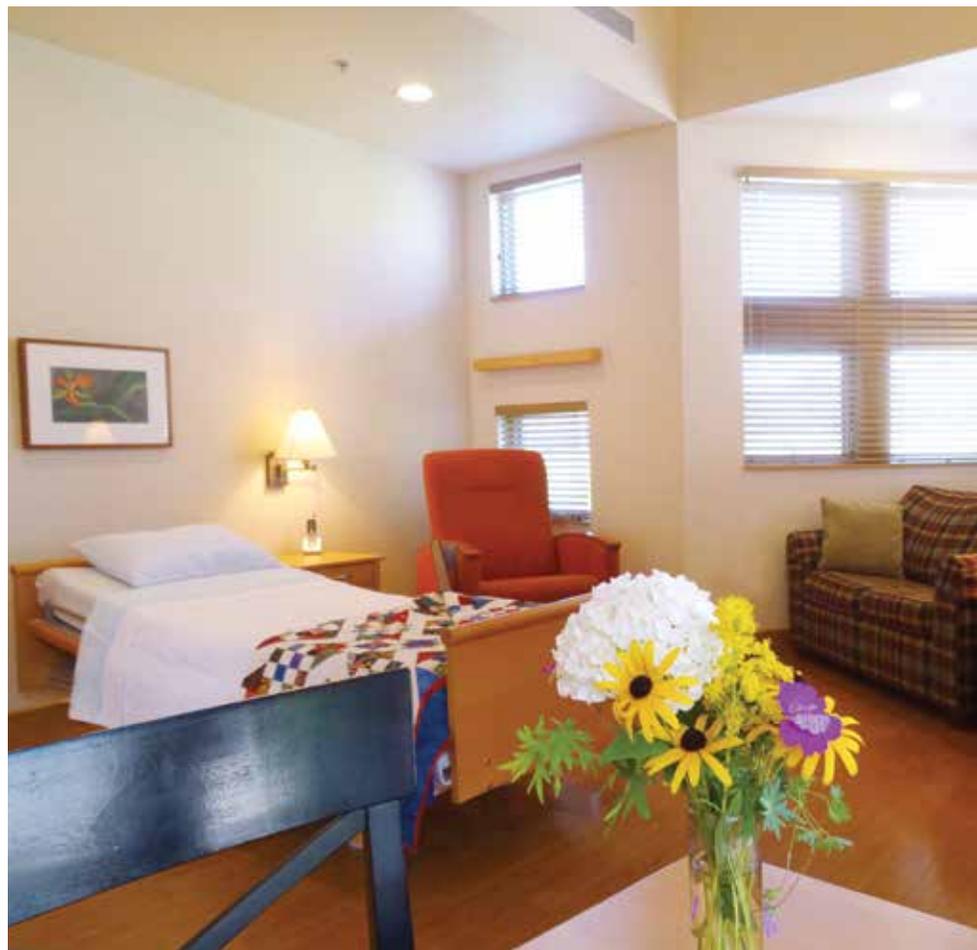
Hospice Residence

Registered nurses deliver skilled care, including pain and symptom management, as needed 24-hours a day. Our hospice medical director evaluates clients on a routine basis. Trained counselors provide emotional, spiritual and grief support.



A home away from home. Comfort, privacy and dignity for the whole family.

Everything at Rose Arbor is planned with our clients and their families in mind. The quiet, beautifully kept grounds, the porches with comfortable rocking chairs, and the cottage-style rooms allow families to stay overnight and feel at home. A lovely great room encourages families to gather and listen to music or the birds in the aviary. Our professional staff and trained volunteers care for clients and support their families. There are private, child-friendly family rooms as well as a peaceful reflection room. To learn more visit hospiceswmi.org, or call 269.345.0273.



Here is the truth about the seven major myths of hospice care.

myth 1

Hospice is for people who have no hope. Hospice doesn't mean giving up hope. It means having specialized care aimed at making both the client and the family more comfortable. Hospice gives you and your family hope that your time before the end of your life will be as comfortable and meaningful as possible. You can rest assured that you will be taken care of physically, emotionally and spiritually, and that your family will receive the care and support they need.

myth 2

Hospice is only appropriate in the last few days of life. Hospice care is for anyone in the advanced stages of illness. The hospice team can do much more to help maintain the best quality of life for the client and family when services begin sooner rather than later.

myth 3

Hospice care is only for cancer patients. Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan serves individuals with a variety of medical conditions, including end-stage heart disease, dementia, kidney and lung disease. We care for people of any age in advanced stages of illness. In fact, more than half of our clients have an illness other than cancer.

myth 4

Hospice is expensive. As a nonprofit, community-based agency, Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan accepts clients based on their need for care, not their ability to pay. Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance have comprehensive hospice benefits.

myth 5

Hospice can't continue beyond six months. Your own physician and our medical director periodically review your condition. If the illness is following its normal course, then hospice care continues to be appropriate. Many clients receive hospice care well beyond six months.

myth 6

Hospice disappears after the client dies. We offer grief support including counselors, groups and mailings for more than a year after a client dies. We have programs for grieving children, parents, spouses and partners.

myth 7

You are required to have a do-not-resuscitate order. The goal of hospice care is to allow for a peaceful end-of-life, in a comfortable and familiar setting, with loved ones nearby. While many people choose to have a DNR to avoid unnecessary medical intervention and hospitalization, you are not required to have a DNR to receive hospice care.

Since 1981, Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan has been a vital part of our community. We serve everyone, regardless of race, color, gender, ethnic or religious background, national origin, gender identification, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, age, height or weight.

hospice is

hope that your time before the end of your life will be as comfortable and meaningful as possible. It's knowing that you will be taken care of physically, emotionally, and spiritually and that your family will receive care and support.

Since 1981, the staff and volunteers of Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan have cared for the sick, the dying and the grieving in our community. In that time, we have learned that life is about supporting people wherever they are in their journey. We believe that — whoever you are — you matter to the last minute of your life.

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