

More Resources

Additional online publications dealing with support services for independent and assisted living; free eldercare forms; eldercare searches for nursing homes, home health providers, and assisted living communities.

www.SeniorClix.com

Comprehensive collection of online resources for older adults and caregivers; search for national and local eldercare resources.

www.elderweb.com

National Eldercare Locator—information and referral service offered by the U.S. Administration on Aging.

1-800-677-1116

Administration on Aging—Broadest range of resources and links for aging-related issues and needs.

www.aoa.gov

Medicare—information of all types related to Medicare; maintained by Healthcare Financing Administration.

1-800-MEDICARE
www.medicare.gov

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization—national database of member hospice care providers.

www.nhpco.org

Lessons from the Dying, Rodney Smith, MSW, 1998, Wisdom Publications; a valuable book of practical stores, lessons, and meditations.

1-800-272-4050

Safe Crossings—resources for helping children Deal with their grief when a parent, grandparent, or sibling dies.

www.safecrossings.org

ISHO, Illinois State Hospice Organization

www.il-hpco.org

The FHN Hospice Vision:

Create an awareness and acceptance of death and bereavement as part of life's experience.

"A Special Way of Caring"

FHN Hospice is a concept of care providing non-curative, yet supportive service—We care for the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of our patients and their families as they deal with this period of illness and bereavement. Our emphasis is to assist families who desire to care for their loved one at home during the final phases of life.

FHN Hospice is committed to providing sensitive, comforting care to terminally ill patients and their families in Carroll, JoDaviess, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago counties.

Donations

Donations to FHN Hospice are accepted and very much appreciated. Contributions help provide staff education, meals, Life-Line, supplies, and much more...for patients and families in need. Donations may be directed to FHN Foundation, 1045 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL 61032, 815-599-6900.

A program of FHN Memorial Hospital

Hospice can be reached 24 hours a day at

815-599-7240

Toll Free 877-873-3621



"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong—because someday you will have been all of these."

—George Washington Carver



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The FHN Hospice Program Philosophy

Hospice accepts death as a natural part of the life cycle. The purpose of the Hospice program is to serve persons with a life-threatening illness and those supporting them. The care available through the Hospice program includes skilled medical and nursing care and an interdisciplinary team approach to meeting medical, social, psychological, and spiritual needs.

The Hospice program is concerned with symptom management that maximizes patient comfort, enhances feelings of self-worth and well being, and encourages patient participation in decisions affecting his/her living and dying. The program supports both patient and family as their activities and relationships undergo change. The support continues into the period of grief and bereavement.

Based on this philosophy we make the following commitments to patients and families regarding the care we provide:

- You will have the best medical treatment, aiming to prevent exacerbation, improve function and survival, and ensure comfort.
- We will help you manage shortness of breath, pain or other symptoms in an effort to promote comfort.
- Your care will be continuous, comprehensive, and coordinated.
- You and your family will be prepared for everything that is likely to happen in the course of your illness.
- Your wishes will be sought, respected, and, whenever possible, followed.
- We will help you consider your personal and financial resources and will respect your choices about the use of your resources.
- We will do all we can to see that you and your family will have the opportunity to make the best of every day.



*Each moment is mine to
make as beautiful or as painful as I choose.*

—Anonymous



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