



Adding life to each day



IOWA CITY
HOSPICE



Our philosophy...

Iowa City Hospice believes everyone deserves the best end-of-life care available.

At one of the most emotional, intimate transitions of your life, our compassionate, experienced staff and volunteers will be there to walk beside you – respecting your choices, and empowering you to retain control of your end-of-life care.

We may not add days to your life, but we can add life to your days.

Why choose Iowa City Hospice?

Respect. Comfort. Peace of mind.

As the oldest, most experienced hospice in the area, Iowa City Hospice brings an unmatched combination of:

- a personalized approach to patient, caregiver, and family care,
- Highly-qualified, experienced staff, and
- a large, dedicated volunteer base.

The result? **Respect** for individual choices.

The **comfort** and **peace of mind** that comes from knowing you and your loved ones are

well cared for. **Individualized** care plans and the most appropriate scope of hospice and bereavement services.

Those who use our services agree: 99.4% of families and caregivers would recommend Iowa City Hospice to others;

and referring physicians consistently give Iowa City Hospice's care excellent marks, averaging 4.6 on a 5-point scale.



“Your assistance, presence and services for comfort and pain control I know were a great source of comfort and ease for her family.”

— Referring physician

All hospices are not the same

“Iowa City Hospice provided immense comfort to me and my family during one of the most difficult times in my life. They told us honestly



what was happening to my Grandmother’s body, assisted with completing complicated medical forms, and helped us understand our grief.”

— Granddaughter of an Iowa City Hospice patient

Beyond hospice eligibility requirements, there are no further conditions, restrictions or barriers to accessing Iowa City Hospice’s care.

Hospice eligibility is determined when your doctor certifies that you have a limited life expectancy of six months or less, and you make a decision to discontinue aggressive cure-oriented treatments and focus on comfort and quality of life.

Open access

Choosing hospice is not “giving up.” Iowa City Hospice patients do not have to stop palliative, comfort-oriented treatment, or give up the hope of recovery.

No one who needs care is turned away from Iowa City Hospice. Services are paid for through Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurance and the financial support of your neighbors. Through the generous support of the community, your not-for-profit hospice is able to continue our mission of caring for anyone who needs us, regardless of ability to pay.

What we offer

STAFF MEDICAL DIRECTORS, who partner with your personal physician and other healthcare providers to ensure consistent, personalized care

REGISTERED NURSES, who are available 24/7 to answer your questions or address pain and symptoms – even in the middle of the night

STAFF PHARMACISTS, who consult with your care team to ensure the best possible pain and symptom management

HOME HEALTH AIDES, who respect your dignity, and are specially certified in hospice care

SOCIAL WORKERS, who address your and your family's emotional needs and help you through confusing paperwork

CHAPLAINS, who respect and support you in your own spiritual or religious beliefs and practices

BEREAVEMENT SPECIALISTS, who offer grief support services to your friends and family, and to anyone in the community who has lost a loved one, regardless of whether the person was in hospice care



A legion of **VOLUNTEERS**, to provide additional support to you, your family and caregivers

Care provided **WHEREVER YOU ARE**, whether a private home, an assisted living facility, a nursing home, or a hospital



COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES (such as music therapy; physical, speech or occupational therapy; and dietary counseling) individualized to meet your unique needs

SPECIAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICES for grieving children

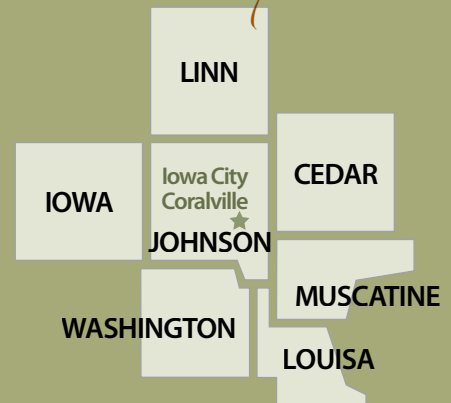
MEDICATIONS, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES paid for and delivered to your home

INPATIENT CARE, RESPITE CARE AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT, so you and your caregivers are not alone in dealing with difficult medical, social or spiritual issues

We were very blessed to have an organization like Iowa City Hospice to help us make Wes comfortable in his last few weeks. Iowa City Hospice even provided music therapy to his sister and our other friends' children to help them understand what had happened. Even now, three years after his death, we receive cards, calls, and letters providing services and support to us.

— Mother of an Iowa City Hospice patient

Our seven-county service area



When will I know it's time to call?

It's never too soon to call Iowa City Hospice.

End-of-life care may be difficult to discuss, but it's best to learn about the options, and for family members to share their wishes, long before it becomes a concern.

We encourage anyone – family members, clergy, friends, medical professionals – to contact us to learn more about Iowa City Hospice's services. Our staff can offer guidance about how to raise the subject of hospice with someone who may be in need of our care.

Iowa City Hospice staff and volunteers can also provide educational presentations to church groups, service clubs, businesses, medical offices or long-term care facilities.

“Simply put, Iowa City Hospice changed our lives. Having the care and support helped our



family truly enjoy the time we had left with Marv. My one regret is that we didn't call sooner.”

— Wife of an Iowa City Hospice patient

“This organization began as a vision shared by many community volunteers in 1979. We shared a common commitment: to enhance the quality of life for people at the end of their lives. We never deviated from our belief that this should be a community-based non-profit organization that would never deny service to anyone.”

— Martha Lubaroff
Iowa City Hospice founder



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