

BUSINESS IN THE VILLAGE

Hospice Caring, Inc., Holding Hands *and* Healing Hearts

Providing non-medical hospice care to the Montgomery County community, without charge, since 1989.

PATIENT AND FAMILY SERVICES

Patient and Family Services respond to the needs of families facing a life-threatening illness. Our trained volunteer caregivers focus on the desires of the patient and family and often provide much needed respite for the family caregiver. Some of the tasks our volunteers undertake are to faithfully visit patients in nursing homes; stay with a home bound patient so that a caregiver can run errands; listen to stories and concerns; fix meals for patients; commit to staying present when needed; and drive patients to medical appointments.

ADULT BEREAVEMENT

Hospice Caring's adult support groups offer a safe, compassionate place to navigate the transition triggered by the death of a significant relationship. Group members talk, cry, and laugh together as they move toward their "new normal." Some groups are ongoing and new members may join at any time.

CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT

Good Grief Clubs

Hospice Caring provides an in-school, seven-week bereavement group offering peer support to students in grades K-12. Each group is co-facilitated by a trained Hospice Caring volunteer and a school counselor. With age-appropriate activities, an environment is created in which students feel safe to tell their stories, explore their feelings and reactions to the deaths they've experienced, learn healthy ways of coping with the changes in their lives, and work toward remembering and honoring their loved ones.



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CAMP CARING

Camp Caring is an annual weekend bereavement camp for children ages 8 to 12 who have experienced the death of a loved one.



A DIFFERENT KIND OF HOSPICE

For 22 years, Hospice Caring, Inc., has been the only non-medical volunteer hospice in Montgomery County providing, without charge, practical and emotional support to adults and children who are facing a life-threatening illness, and to those grieving the death of a loved one. Hospice Caring offers:

- Our patient and family caregiving program of practical and emotional support
- Adult bereavement support groups
- Children's bereavement programs through Good Grief Clubs in schools and at Camp Caring, a weekend summer camp.

If you are facing life-threatening illness in your family or are grieving the death of a loved one, we invite you to contact Hospice Caring. We can help.

Grief Relief After-School Family Program

Our after-school program began in response to children's bereavement needs that could not be met in their schools. During this informal weekly drop-in program, the children and their adults (usually a parent or guardian) engage in art activities, conversations, and a sharing circle for an hour and a half. It's a wonderful opportunity for families to grieve together and for the adults to find friendship and support with each other.

Camp Caring

Camp Caring is an annual weekend bereavement camp for children ages 8 to 12 who have experienced the death of a loved one. The children are paired with trained adult Big Buddies to explore their feelings through age-appropriate crafts, activities, discussions and one-on-one time. Throughout the weekend, emphasis is placed on helping the children to understand what grief is, discussing normal responses to death, and learning ways to express and cope with their grief. Children may be referred by parents, guardians, advocates or school counselors. Camp Caring is offered without charge and is made possible through a very generous community.

CAREGIVER TRAINING

Volunteers are the heart of Hospice Caring. In order to responsibly serve patients and the bereaved, every volunteer caregiver must complete a three-day introductory training session, which is often described by graduates as a transforming experience. Through lectures, guided exercises and role playing, staff and professionals present a broad range of information and skill-building instruction to new volunteers that prepares them to be one-on-one caregivers.

We encourage participation in our Caregiver Training simply as a way to explore any interest in hospice work. There is no obligation to be a caregiver upon completion of the training; in fact, there are numerous other ways to be involved with Hospice Caring, Inc. that are equally as rewarding.

SAVE THE DATE

Giving Is Always in Fashion

You are cordially invited to attend a spectacular fashion presentation by the W by Worth line of clothing and benefit fundraiser for Hospice Caring, Inc. on Sunday, May 1st, 2:30 pm, in the beautiful space at BlackRock Center for the Arts. \$50 per person. Fashion, Jewelry, Raffles, Door Prizes. For reservations, call 301-869-0113 or e-mail jeannettem@hospicecaring.org.

See you there!

April 27
Outback Steakhouse
Benefit Luncheon

May 21
Spring Celebration

June 3, 4, 5
Camp Caring

June 7, 8, 9
Volunteer Training

June 12
Scrapbook Crop

June 20
Golf Tournament

July 11
Viva Las Vegas:
Elvis Impersonators
Performance

For more information visit www.hospicecaring.org.



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