

Make time for living.

Choose hospice sooner.



A Duke University study<sup>1</sup> in 2007 showed that patients who received hospice care actually lived longer than hospice-eligible patients who did not receive hospice care.

**29**DAYS

Hospice patients lived an average of 29 days longer.

**71** DAYS

Hospice patients with **CHF** lived an average of 71 days longer.

Hospice means **MORE** care, **MORE** resources, **MORE** support and potentially **MORE** time to focus on personal goals.

<sup>1</sup> Data Source: Comparing Hospice and Non Hospice Patient Survival Among Patients Who Die Within a Three-Year Window, published in the Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, March 2007. This study was sponsored by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and conducted by Duke University.

## "I wish I had known about hospice sooner."

One of the most common statements made by families who chose hospice for their loved ones.



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In 2018 my brother-in-law was fighting stage IV pancreatic cancer. He kept seeking curative treatment, but finally a doctor told him the truth: no matter how aggressively his condition was treated, his prognosis wasn't going to change.

His last wish was to see his first grandchild.

By this time he was in an extreme state of debilitation and died within days of starting hospice care.

His granddaughter was born 21 days later.

I wish we had chosen hospice sooner. The extra support might have made it possible for them to meet.

Now my job allows me the privilege of helping families fully utilize the benefits they are entitled to receive by choosing hospice sooner.

- Brenda, Hospice Account Executive

## How would you like to spend more time?

Actual personal goals hospice patients have prioritized.

"Enjoying dinner at the table."

"Working in my garden."

"Attending mass on Sundays."

"Going fishing."

"Writing letters to my friends and family."

"Driving my tractor."

"Having lunch with my girlfriends."

## We care where you are.

Choose hospice sooner to add a support team wherever you call home.

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Aides
- Social Workers
- Chaplains
- Spiritual Counselors
- Volunteers
- Community Resources
- Medications & Supplies
- Bereavement Support





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## Do you have questions?

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