

4 MYTHS ABOUT **HOSPICE**

Hospice is
a place.



The truth is hospice is a philosophy of care, not a place. Patients can receive hospice care wherever they live – usually in their own homes, but also in long-term skilled nursing care or assisted living communities.

Hospice is only for
people with cancer.



The truth is though many patients do have cancer, hospice serves terminally ill people of all ages, with all types of progressive diseases. These include heart, lung, kidney, vascular and neurological diseases, as well as AIDS and Alzheimer's.

Hospice is just for people who
have only a few days to live.



The truth is because patients get substantial relief from pain and other symptoms they often tell us: "We wish we'd entered the hospice program sooner." The average length of stay is 72.5 days. Patients see more benefits when on hospice for six months.

Hospice is only for the patient.

The truth is our hospice team works with families and friends to offer support during and after the Hospice care. Services include bereavement, social work and volunteers.



Safe Haven Is...

A **philosophy of care** that promotes dignity, provides compassion, and focuses on the needs of the patient and family.

A **team-oriented approach** to medical care, pain management and support.

A **provider** of medical, spiritual and emotional support as well as bereavement care.

Our Mission

To make the end of life comfortable and meaningful.

Our Vision

To be the premier provider of end-of-life services in the communities we serve, and to honor God in all we do.

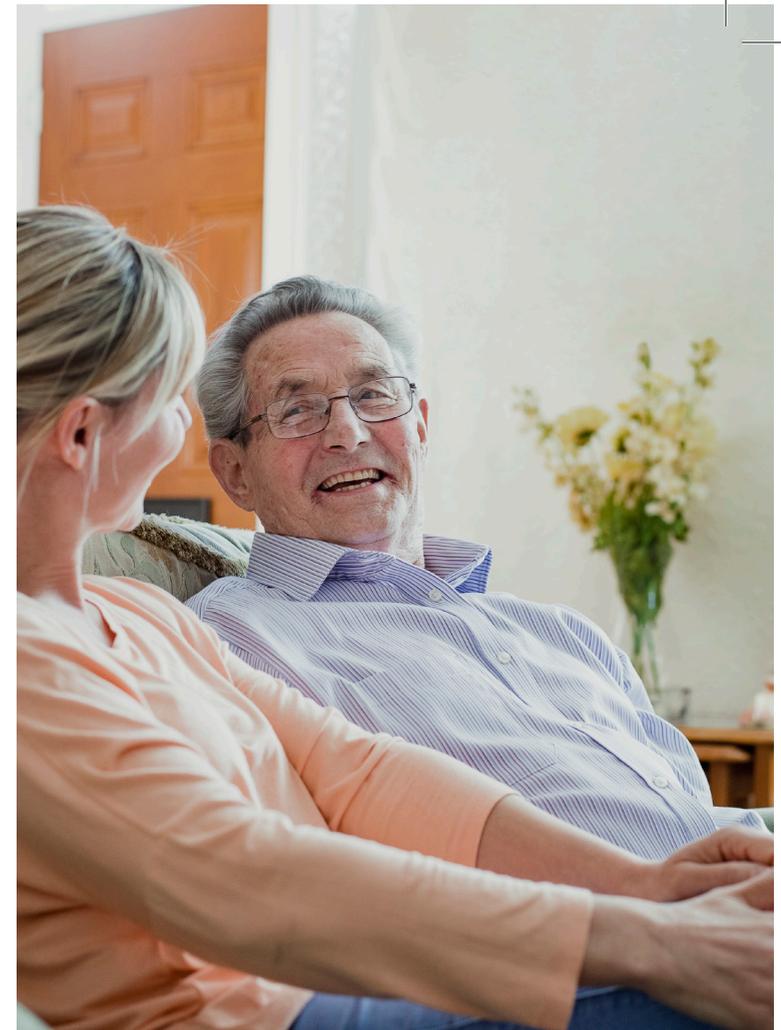


Because Every Moment Matters

855-879-4096

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Safe Haven does not deny services to anyone on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, ability to pay, and/or physical or mental handicap.



Volunteer Opportunities



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Volunteer at Safe Haven Hospice

Safe Haven Hospice is committed to at least 5% of its service to patients and families being provided by qualified volunteers.

Become a Safe Haven Hospice Volunteer

Volunteers are selected from among candidates who commit the necessary time for preparation to meet high standards. Volunteers fill out and submit the Safe Haven Hospice Volunteer Employment Application to the Volunteer Coordinator.

For those whose applications both meet the high standards of the agency and give evidence of giftedness to meet identified needs, training and orientation is made available. After this is completed, a final screening and assignments will be made.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Reading
- Praying
- Assisting with Memorial Services
- Music
- Office Tasks
- Companionship
- Emotional and Spiritual Support
- Household Tasks
- Other Interests



As a Safe Haven Hospice Volunteer...

You will be welcomed as a team member. With primary consideration for the patient, the volunteer coordinator will make assignments that consider your talents and your schedule. Some volunteers work weekly, some monthly, some are on call in special need situations. You will be accountable to giving quality service in keeping with the standards of Safe Haven Hospice.

Our best team members are:

- Compassionate
- Encouraging
- Life Valuing
- Helpful
- Faithful
- Reliable

Hospice Volunteers in Action

- Amanda does supplemental office work to make sure all hospice services are coordinated, tracked and documented.
- Judy shares devotions and sings for a patient who can't attend church, but loves when "church comes to him."
- Pat provides hair care for bed-bound patients who still like to look their best.

Yes, I want to volunteer at Safe Haven Hospice.

Please call **855.879.4096** to request an application or complete this form and mail to:

Safe Haven Hospice
Attn: Volunteer Coordinator
1999 Wabash Ave, Suite 202
Springfield, IL 62704

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

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"...Whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me." Matthew 25:40