



## A TRADITION OF COMFORT AND SUPPORT



Greenwood House is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization providing the highest quality care, comfort and support to community members in need.

Now in its 80th year, Greenwood House has worked hard to earn the continued trust and respect of our local community and is proud to enjoy a strong reputation for quality care in Central New Jersey and beyond.

*“Using hospice services is not about ‘giving up.’ For our family, it meant quality of life and exceptional care from committed and caring professionals.”*

### HOSPICE CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY

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For more information about Greenwood Hospice, please call 609-883-6026 or visit [www.GreenwoodHouse.org](http://www.GreenwoodHouse.org)

Greenwood Hospice provides all services without regard to race, religion, national origin, disability, age or sexual orientation.

Licensed by the State of New Jersey and certified by Medicare and Medicaid

Member of New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

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*“Making every moment count.”*



## **ABOUT OUR HOSPICE CARE**

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With Greenwood Hospice, the emphasis isn't on cure... it's on care. We have a long tradition of providing compassionate care, comfort and support, as well as expertise in pain and symptom management. Our goal is to enable patients to participate in the joyful activities of life, for as long as possible.

Our hospice program helps families meet the challenges of end-of-life issues by providing support to both patients and their loved ones so they can concentrate on time spent together.

## **THE HOSPICE TEAM CONCEPT**

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Care is managed by the patient's personal physician along with team members who provide support to the patient's primary caregiver.

*Our hospice team consists of:*

- A board certified hospice physician
- Nurses to monitor pain, manage symptoms and guide caregivers in providing care for the patient.
- Social Workers to help the patient and family cope with the stresses of the terminal illness and connect them with available community resources.
- Trained volunteers to assist with a variety of patient and family support activities.
- Spiritual Care Coordinators to provide emotional support and counseling.
- Hospice aides to provide personal patient care and companionship.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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When you choose Greenwood Hospice, you're gaining compassionate care and support from a dedicated team of specially-trained professionals.

Hospice care includes all visits by members of the hospice team, all medications related to the terminal illness, as well as any medical equipment necessary for the comfort of the patient.

### **When is the right time to call?**

Hospice may be appropriate when:

- A patient is suffering from an advanced, progressing illness or unintended, continuing weight loss.
- A patient has made the decision to stop aggressive treatments as they have not proved effective or are too debilitating.
- A patient wishes to spend their remaining time in their home environment rather than deal with recurrent hospitalizations.

Hospice can be selected anytime a terminal condition is diagnosed, the decision is made to forgo life-extending measures in favor of comfort care and the prognosis for passing is within 6 months. Hospice is all too often selected when a patient is within days or hours of death, limiting the positive effects hospice can provide. Normally, bringing a qualified patient onto hospice when weeks or months of life remains decreases suffering and increases patient quality of life during this critical period.

### **Where do we serve patients?**

Hospice is not a place, but a philosophy of care. Greenwood Hospice serves patients wherever they call home. Services can be provided in a patient's private home, a residential or assisted living community or in a skilled nursing facility.

### **Who pays for hospice care?**

Medicare and New Jersey Medicaid cover all services and supplies related to providing hospice care for those with a life-limiting illness. In addition, many private insurance companies also cover these services.

## **BEREAVEMENT SERVICES**

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Grief can affect family and loved ones for a long time and in many different ways. We provide support and counseling to family members and loved ones for at least one year following the death of a loved one. Services include individual and family counseling, grief education and support groups.

## **LEGACY PROJECTS**

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A legacy project is a physical item that a person creates to communicate their legacy to those who come after them. We at Greenwood Hospice especially like to honor our patients as Wisdom Keepers and have found creative ways to help them share their wisdom through voice recordings, images, artwork, stories, poetry or music. Creating legacy projects helps our patients give meaning to their life as they engage in life review and share who they are and what matters most to them.