



What is the Hospice House Foundation?

The Hospice Foundation was established in 2005 as an all volunteer not for profit organization. **"The Mission of the Hospice House Foundation of WNC, Inc. is to Obtain Funds for the Construction & Endowment of an Inpatient Facility for our Community and to Support Hospice."**

Members include Hospice volunteers and employees, clergy and business people, physicians, homemakers, retirees and professional people.

What is meant by "inpatient facility"?

Our Hospice House will be a home-like residence that provides high quality, 24 hour professional, compassionate end of life care. Most people would choose to be in their own homes to receive hospice care. For those that live alone, in isolated situations, or whose primary care giver can no longer continue in this role, Hospice House is a welcome option.

What facilities will it have?

As a freestanding building it will offer:

- A full kitchen
- Dining room
- Lounge/Family room
- Chapel
- Office
- Private bedrooms with bath, sleeper couch and comfortable chairs, lots of windows and perhaps a private porch or deck.

How can I help?

If you would like more information about the Hospice House or would like to become involved in the project, please contact Michele Alderson at 828-524-6375.

Donations are welcome and are tax deductible.

They may be made to:
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Frequently asked Questions and Answers about Hospice.

What is hospice?

Hospice is a special concept of care designed to provide medical, emotional, and spiritual comfort and support to patients and their families when a person's illness no longer responds to cure-oriented treatments. It neither prevents nor hastens death. Instead, it strives to control the symptoms that cause pain and discomfort.

Who qualifies for hospice care?

Hospice is for anyone facing a life-threatening or terminal illness. Hospice accepts cancer patients as well as other diagnoses such as Alzheimer's, lung disease, heart disease, and liver disease.

What specific assistance does hospice provide home-based patients?

Hospice patients are cared for by a team of doctors, nurses, social workers, counselors, home health aides, clergy, therapists, and volunteers. Each provides assistance based on his or her area of expertise. In addition, hospices help provide medications, supplies, equipment, hospital services, and additional helpers in the home as appropriate.

Does hospice do anything to make death come sooner?

Hospice does nothing to either speed up or slow down the dying process. Just as doctors and midwives lend support and expertise during the time of childbirth, so hospice provides its presence and specialized knowledge during the dying process.

How much does hospice care cost?

Those over the age of 65 are entitled to the Medicare Hospice benefit and the benefit covers most aspects of hospice care. In addition, most private health plans and Medicaid also cover hospice services.

Can a hospice patient ever return to aggressive curative medical treatment?

Certainly. A patient may relinquish their hospice benefit at any time and return to aggressive treatment. If a patient's condition improves, the hospice team may recommend discharge. If a discharged patient should later need to return to hospice care, hospice will be available at that time.