

## DeKalb County Hospice A special way of caring



### Why we need your support

Coping with a terminal illness is a difficult experience both for the dying person and for their loved ones. DeKalb County Hospice provides the terminally ill person and their family end-of-life care that emphasizes comfort, compassion and dignity.

Insurance payments cover only a portion of the cost of providing services. Your gift will help to insure the continuation of hospice services. Your gift also supports the Bereavement Program services that are offered free of charge not only to hospice families but to the entire community.

*Please consider giving a donation to DeKalb County Hospice so that we may continue our commitment to serve all those who need our help.*



### From a Family,

*“Once again I am writing to thank an incredible group of the most loving, caring and gentle people ever – DEKALB COUNTY HOSPICE! It is totally obvious that what you do, you do from your hearts. As one person from your group told me, “When this becomes a job to me, it will be time to quit!” That says it all to me. Our family just can’t thank you enough for all the love and gentle care you have given to our mother and sister for the five months she was under your care. Having worked with you before, we felt completely at peace with you at the helm. Thank you each and every one!! We ask that God continue to bless each of you as you bless others with your love and tender gentle care”*

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***At this holiday season, we at DeKalb County Hospice have many reasons to be thankful!***

We are beginning our twenty-eighth year of service to this community because of the continued generosity of individuals, families, businesses and organizations who have believed in our mission and have supported our efforts financially.

In the past year some of our accomplishments have been:

- Provided hospice services to 254 terminally ill individuals and their families.
- Provided bereavement support for over 4,700 individuals with visits, phone contacts, newsletters and special mailings.
- Organized and facilitated 13 grief support groups, community events and workshops.
- Provided 5000 hours of Volunteer support and respite to hospice families.
- Provided support services to 45 clients in the Transitions Program.
- Produced a CD of original songs by hospice patients and families. The CD has received national coverage by the American Academy of Bereavement and the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization. Over 450 music therapy visits were made to hospice patients and Transitions clients.

Your ongoing love and support have made all of this possible. On behalf of our patients and their loved ones, we say, “thank you.”

***From a Daughter,***

*“Please accept a far too belated thanks for the care and compassion you all so selflessly lavished on my late father. Thanks also are due for the very same abundance of these blessing which you so kindly gave to us – his family. We are eternally in your debt, and speaking for myself, continue to reap the rewards of the ongoing support you send our way.”*

***From a Family,***

*“Our family is most appreciative for the wonderful care and service all the lovely nurses provided our loved one in his final days. Your knowledge made facing some of the more difficult moments easier for us. Your service is surely a Godsend to families in our area. We’ve heard for years how wonderful you were. Learning first hand, we certainly agree. Thank you for all you did to make it easier on us.”*

***From a Son,***

*“I can’t even find the words to express my gratitude for the wonderful care that you gave my father. The compassion, support and joy you brought to my dad and my family cannot be measured. All of you gave me great peace and comfort in knowing life did not end but only changed.”*

***From a Wife,***

*“Thanks to everyone at hospice. You showed the utmost in professionalism, care, love and support at a time when I needed it most. I lost my best friend that day and know in my heart he had the very best those last few days.”*

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**Gift Options:**

Cash: Please, do not mail cash. You are welcome to drop your gift off at the Hospice office.

Check: Make checks payable to DeKalb County Hospice

On-line: [dekalbcountyhospice.org](http://dekalbcountyhospice.org)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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This Gift is in Memory/Honor (circle one)

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To make better use of your gift we will not thank everyone individually. Donors will be listed in our next newsletter and in the Kishwaukee Health System’s annual report. The amount of your gift remains confidential. We will gladly acknowledge memorials given in a loved one’s name.  
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