

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Call 816-363-2600 for more information.

As a community service, Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care offers the Safe Passage Series, six free booklets that address issues related to serious illness. To request the Safe Passage booklets, call 816-363-2600 or visit [www.kansascityhospice.org](http://www.kansascityhospice.org)

About Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care  
 Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care is a nonprofit organization that has been enhancing life for the seriously ill and their families in nine counties in Kansas and Missouri since 1980. In addition to hospice, our programs include:

- Palliative Home Care, for people currently pursuing curative treatments.
- Carousel, pediatric palliative care.
- Kansas City Palliative Medicine, physicians specializing in comfort care and symptom management.
- Kansas City Hospice House, an inpatient facility offering expert care 24 hours a day in a homelike setting.
- Passages, counseling and resources for difficult transitions in life.

For more information about Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care and the programs we offer, call 816-363-2600.

“THE TEAM MEMBERS WE SAW  
 TREATED AND CARED FOR MY  
 MOTHER AS IF SHE WERE THEIR  
 OWN MOTHER. THEY TALKED WITH  
 HER AND LISTENED TO HER STO-  
 RIES... SHE ENJOYED THEM SO  
 MUCH, AND THEY ADDED A GREAT  
 DEAL TO HER DAYS.”

**Juanita Mallory,**

*Daughter of Kansas City Hospice patient*



**MAIN OFFICE**  
 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 100  
 Kansas City, MO 64114  
 816-363-2600

**EAST OFFICE**  
 14500 E. 42nd Street, Suite 240  
 Independence, MO 64055  
 816-468-5700

**KANSAS OFFICE**  
 10100 W. 87th Street, Suite 100  
 Overland Park, KS 66212  
 913-894-8228

**KANSAS CITY HOSPICE HOUSE**  
 12000 Wornall Road  
 Kansas City, MO 64145  
 816-941-1000

**FROM LAFAYETTE COUNTY**  
 1-800-591-0908

**FROM LEAVENWORTH**  
 1-800-458-3026

*Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, handicap/disability or religious beliefs.*



**Kansas City Hospice  
 & Palliative Care**

[www.kansascityhospice.org](http://www.kansascityhospice.org)

KANSAS CITY  
 HOSPICE



*Enhancing Each  
 Day of Your Life*



**Kansas City Hospice  
 & Palliative Care**

## ENHANCING EACH DAY OF YOUR LIFE

Fear is natural when you or a family member is facing a life-limiting illness. A whirlwind of emotions, ranging from disbelief to anger to overwhelming sadness, may be in motion. Meeting physical needs and performing caregiving duties can add to the stress.

But you don't have to face these challenges alone. If a serious illness is affecting you or a loved one, Kansas City Hospice can help. Specially trained staff will visit regularly where the patient lives—whether at home or in a nursing home—to address the physical needs of the patient and the emotional and spiritual needs of the patient and family members.

The future may be uncertain, but there is still much that can be done to make the most of your days. Kansas City Hospice strives to enhance each day of your life and to help you feel in control again.

## MAXIMIZING YOUR COMFORT

Kansas City Hospice team members visit patients regularly to provide the care and resources to help patients enjoy the highest possible quality of life. The focus is on comfort, rather than cure-oriented treatment.

Addressing the patient's pain and symptoms, educating you and your family on the disease process and physical care, easing emotional and spiritual distress for you and your family, and connecting you with additional community resources are just some of ways Kansas City Hospice can help.

## INDIVIDUALIZED CARE FOR YOU

Kansas City Hospice will work with you to tailor a plan of care that will meet your needs. You can trust Kansas City Hospice to respect and honor your wishes.

Your own physician will continue to direct and be involved in your care. Kansas City Hospice also has three full-time physicians specializing in palliative care (comfort care) who can consult with your physician or can be your primary doctor if you don't have one.

Kansas City Hospice team members provide these services, which the Medicare Hospice Benefit and many commercial insurance providers cover:

- Nurses visit regularly, oversee your care and medications, teach care procedures and communicate with your doctor.
- Social workers provide counseling and connect you with additional resources if needed.

- On-call nurses are available 24 hours a day for questions and visits.
- Medical directors (physicians) oversee nursing staff and provide hospice care, making house calls as needed.
- Home health aides assist with bathing and personal care.
- Chaplains provide nondenominational spiritual support.
- Volunteers provide companionship, support and respite for patients and caregivers.
- Physical and occupational therapists help patients maintain strength and find new ways to participate in daily activities as physical abilities change.
- Art and music therapists help patients explore their emotions.
- A child/teen specialist addresses the unique needs of young people.
- Grief support specialists give families support, guidance and hope.

Other services covered by the Medicare Hospice Benefit and many insurance providers include:

- Medications for symptom control and pain relief.
- Medical equipment, oxygen and medical supplies.
- Continuous care nursing during crisis periods.
- Brief hospitalization for symptom control.
- Brief respite care in a nursing facility.
- Brief stays at Kansas City Hospice House, an inpatient hospice facility, for pain and symptom management.

**“I NOW HAVE VISITS FROM MY NURSE, CHAPLAIN, SOCIAL WORKER, ATTORNEY AND OTHERS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, I HAVE A PEACE OF MIND KNOWING SOMEONE OUT THERE CARES ABOUT ME AND IS PREPARED TO MAKE MY LIFE AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE.”**

**Cindy Richeson,**  
*Kansas City Hospice patient*

## WHEN CARE BEGINS

Care starts with a phone call from the patient's physician, a family member, the patient or a hospital staff member. In general, care begins when the prognosis is thought to be in months rather than years.

Call our main office at 816-363-2600 to schedule a free assessment to see if Kansas City Hospice may be helpful to you. Services can start immediately or as soon as you are ready.

## PAYMENT

Services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurance policies. As a nonprofit organization, Kansas City Hospice is committed to serving all in need, regardless of their financial resources.

