Village Hospice is about living.

We believe in living each day to the fullest, because every day matters.

**Village Hospice care is focused** on a patient’s right to dignity and grace at a time when they may be dependent on others for personal care and activities of daily living. Bringing care to the patients allows them to rest in familiar surroundings and prevents unnecessary emergency room visits or hospitalizations.

**Hospice care is appropriate for those with life-limiting illnesses**, during their last months, weeks and days. The focus is on quality of life and on caring, not curing; and on physical, emotional and spiritual well-being, and easing patients’ pain.

**Village Hospice care is provided by a multidisciplinary team** of trained healthcare professionals that includes: a physician, registered nurse, social worker, home health aide, chaplain, music therapist, and volunteers. This team will work with the patient’s physicians and loved ones and advocate for the patient’s right to be informed and to direct their own plan of care.

**Village Hospice can provide care in a variety of settings in 8 Missouri counties.** We provide care wherever the patient calls home – whether in a private residence or within an independent, assisted living or skilled nursing community, or at Village House – located within the Village Care Center at John Knox Village in Lee’s Summit, Mo. (See our service area map on back.)

**Why Choose Village Hospice?**

- Serving patients in 8 Missouri counties.
- Patient-centered care – allowing patients to direct their plan of care.
- Specialty Programs: Music Therapy, Pet Visits, Memory Bears
- “We Honor Veterans” programs and services and veteran-to-veteran volunteers
- Dedicated volunteer and bereavement programs.
- 24-hour on-call staff, in addition to full-time associates.
- Grief support services for spouses, children and families for a full 13 months after they experience loss.
- Non-denominational and nonsectarian pastoral care.
- We do not require a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) form.

**Village Hospice provides comfort care** that supports the patient, family and loved ones through this singular journey, through the use of music therapy, spiritual counseling, social work and bereavement services, including support groups. We provide care for the bereaved for a full 13 months after the loved one passes.

**Village Hospice is a not-for-profit organization.**
Hospice FAQs

What counties do you serve?
We see patients in these 8 Missouri counties: Bates, Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte and Ray

Who is eligible?
- Patients with an illness that is life-limiting.
- Patients who choose comfort care, rather than curative treatment.
- Patients whose physician gives a prognosis of 6 months or less if the illness runs its normal course.

It can be hard for doctors to know how long a person will live. Some people live longer than expected. If patients live longer than six months, they can continue with hospice.

Does insurance cover hospice care?
Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance covers most services. Since hospice care is based on need, a patient is never turned away due to a lack of insurance or funding.

What grief support services do you provide?
We care for spouses, children and families for a full 13 months after they experience loss, with services including one-on-one and group counseling, workshops and resources.

What are some common diagnoses for hospice patients?
Cancer, heart disease, lung diseases, dementia, stroke and coma, are some of the most common conditions.

Do I have to use the agency my physician recommends?
No. You are welcome – and encouraged – to check with your insurance company to see which agencies they work with, and you can request the agency YOU are most comfortable with.

*This information was accurate at the time of printing. Please call for the most current information.