

## How can you help Hospice?

- **Family Support or Bereavement Volunteer**  
Working directly with patients and their families in their place of residence.
- **Thrift Store Volunteer**  
Working with a large team to receive and prepare donated goods for sale in our popular store.
- **Office Volunteer**  
Assisting in the office, helping with fundraising events, committee work, etc.
- **Monetary Donations**  
Hospice of Amador and Calaveras welcomes donations in memorial or in honor of someone special.
- **Thrift Store Donations**  
Donate lightly used items to our Thrift Store.



Mailing Address:

PO Box 595, Jackson Ca. 95642-0595

Office located at:

1500 South Highway 49, Suite 205, Jackson  
209.223-5500

Thrift Store: 839 N. Hwy 49/88  
209.223.4762

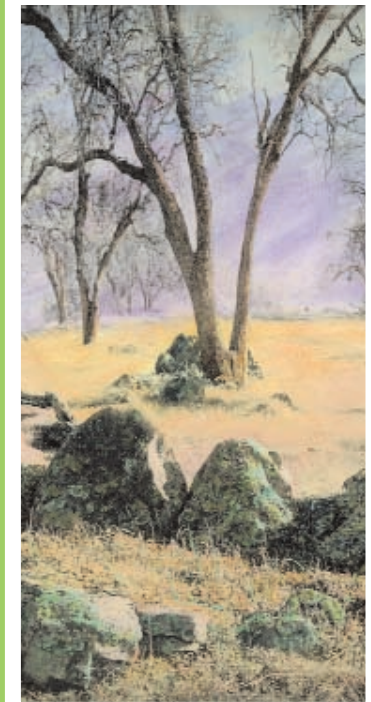
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# Hospice

of Amador & Calaveras

Caring for families  
in our community since 1982



Hospice of Amador and Calaveras County  
is a non-profit agency serving  
Amador, Northern Calaveras,  
Eastern San Joaquin and  
Sacramento Counties

## What is Hospice?

Hospice is a philosophy of care for people who are nearing the end of their lives. The emphasis is on comfort care rather than curative treatment.

Hospice care combines pain and symptom management with practical and emotional support in the comfort of the patient's home. Hospice services are also available at area skilled nursing and assisted living facilities.



The Hospice of Amador and Calaveras Team focuses on meeting the needs of patients and their families. Specialized support and care are carried out under the direction of your personal physician.

Our team approach enhances the quality of life and is just part of what makes hospice care unique.

## Who is Eligible?

### *Somebody who:*

- Has an endstage illness such as cancer; cardiac, lung or kidney disease; AIDS; or neurological disorders.
- Wants symptom control and a comfort approach.
- Lives in Amador County, northern Calaveras, eastern San Joaquin or Sacramento Counties.
- Has a physician who recommends hospice services.

## Choosing Hospice

Anyone can refer a patient to Hospice. If you would like more information, call Hospice of Amador and Calaveras at 209-223-5500.

## Who Pays for Hospice Care?

Medicare, Medi-Cal, most insurance companies and HMO's cover hospice care. In addition, Hospice of Amador and Calaveras receives financial support from the community, United Way, proceeds from our Thrift Store, fundraisers and individual donations which allow us to provide care even when the patient cannot pay.

## Our Patients and Families say it Best...

*"They (Hospice) cannot add days to your life, but they can absolutely add life to your days."*

*"Calling Hospice is not "giving up" ... it is the opposite. For (our infant daughter), it meant a high quality of life and care from loving, committed and thoughtful professionals. For that, we are ever grateful."*

*"Hospice was a blessing to me. Without their help, I would not have been able to care for my husband at home."*

*"When I get sick, upset and need help, they are always there for me. I can call them at 3 a.m. and talk to someone."*

**Coping with a life limiting illness?  
Hospice can help**

*It's about quality of life.*

**Call: 209.223.5500**



## Services

*A team of professionals and volunteers provide comfort and symptom relief.*

- **Registered Nurses** – provide pain and symptom management; also available in person or by phone 24-hours a day.
- **Medical Social Workers** – offer emotional support and help with financial and legal options and resources.
- **Home Health Aides** – assist with personal care and hygiene.
- **Trained In-Home Volunteers** – provide caregivers with support and respite.
- **Medical Director** – consults with patient's physician and other team members to manage patient care.
- **Spiritual Counselor** – offers support and can assist in obtaining chaplaincy services of your choice.
- **Specialized Therapists** – can be called on for physical, occupational or speech consultation.
- **Bereavement Staff** – provides counseling and support groups.