



# HOSPICE *of* LENAWEE

## *MYTHS* of Hospice

**Myth:** If I accept a referral to hospice it means I have given up.

**Fact:** Accepting a referral to hospice simply means you have chosen to focus on the quality of life for however much time you have left. Our goals are to reduce physical pain, create emotional well-being and enhance spiritual peace.

**Myth:** Hospice is only available in the last few days of life.

**Fact:** Hospice is available at any point that a physician certifies that a person has a life limiting illness and life expectancy is six months or less. People live an average of 29 days longer in hospice care than alternative forms of end-of-life care (and they live with more comfort, dignity and peace).

**Myth:** Hospice will limit my activities.

**Fact:** Hospice will enable me to do more than otherwise.

**Myth:** Hospice is available only if I have cancer.

**Fact:** Hospice care is available to anyone with any type of life limiting illness. Cancer represents the diagnosis in less than half of our patients.

**Myth:** Hospice care is expensive.

**Fact:** Medicare and other health insurance programs cover the cost of hospice care in its entirety. If a person is not eligible for hospice through their insurance coverage, we are often able to provide care at little or no cost due to the charitable gift support we receive from our community.

**Myth:** Hospice bereavement services are only available to family members of hospice patients.

**Fact:** Hospice bereavement services are available to any member of our community who has suffered a loss through the death of a family member. There is no cost for any of these services. They are supported entirely by charitable donations.

**Myth:** All Hospice care is alike.

**Fact:** Hospice of Lenawee is the primary non-profit Hospice serving Lenawee County and is the only hospice headquartered here. For over 30 years, Hospice of Lenawee has been serving the people of Lenawee County with our compassionate care.

**Myth:** Hospice of Lenawee only serves patients in Lenawee County.

**Fact:** Hospice of Lenawee primarily serves patients in Lenawee County – but is also available to serve those in neighboring communities.

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