

Why might someone choose to enter hospice care?

Hospice is most often associated with someone who is near death. While that's partially true, hospice services can provide care to anyone given a prognosis of six months or less to live—not just weeks or days. So, going back to the question, “Why would someone choose hospice?” Faith Hospice aims to allow a patient to do one key thing: make the most of the time they have left.



Live on their terms.

By becoming a Faith Hospice patient, a whole new set of tools and resources are available. A team of doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, aides, and volunteers work together to guide and assist the patient and their loved ones based on how the patient wants to spend their end-of-life journey.



Make the most of their time.

Rather than making many trips to the doctor or spending time recovering from treatments and side effects, patients can embrace what is important to them. Sometimes, those are big things: checking one last item off the bucket list, experiencing a family milestone, or taking a trip. But often, it's the little things: sleeping in their own bed, enjoying home-cooked meals, and continuing the comforting routines they've developed.



Experience a higher quality of life.

Upon entering Faith Hospice, the focus shifts from curative treatment to quality-of-life care. Treatments for a life-limiting illness can become as debilitating if not worse than the disease itself, hindering a patient's quality of life. Many choose hospice rather than spend their time dealing with the taxing side effects of intense treatment and medication.



Have greater peace of mind.

When living with a life-limiting illness or disease, things can happen or change at any time. If something goes wrong at 3 am on the weekend, having resources immediately available is a huge relief. Knowing support and assurance are just a call away can ease the anxiety for patients and their loved ones. The sooner a patient enters Faith Hospice, the more informed and confident they can be about their team, care, and options prior to anything becoming urgently necessary.

We're here to help.

Hospice is a journey—sometimes long, winding, and full of obstacles—and Faith Hospice is here to walk alongside you.

Give us a call at (616) 235-5113 or visit our resources page at faithhospicecare.org/resources for more information.