

PREVENTION COMPASSION INSPIRATION INNOVATION



Family Hospice Events

Chocolate Extravaganza (Spring event):

Sponsored by the Family Hospice Advisory Board, this Mardi Gras themed event features wonderful chocolate treats donated by local businesses.

Light up a Life (December event):

Facilitated by the Family Hospice volunteers, this event is a special time to remember loved ones who have passed on, and/or honor those who are still with us.

Family Hospice Memorial Fund

Our ability to support the needs of hospice families is made possible in great part through memorial gifts which are used to provide patient/family care, medications and equipment required for comfort. Donations to Family Hospice are very much appreciated. All donations are tax deductible.



Family Hospice offers support and care to those living with a life limiting illness, enabling them to live as comfortably and fully as possible. Whether or not there is a cure, comfort is available. Hospice works best when there are months rather than days to establish relationships and provide the strongest possible support system.

The Family Hospice Team

Hospice services are ordered by the patient’s physician or nurse practitioner, with the Hospice Medical Director being part of the team. Registered nurses provide planned home visits with an emphasis on symptom management, including pain. Nurses are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The team also consists of a nurse’s aide, social worker, bereavement and volunteer coordinator, chaplain, pharmacist, respiratory therapist, and dietician. Physical, occupational, and speech therapists are also available as needed.

Team members all work together to support the patient and family physically, emotionally, and spiritually throughout the hospice journey. Bereavement services and support continue for families after the death of their loved ones.

Service Area

St. Joseph Family Hospice serves an area in Idaho approximately 30 miles from Lewiston and along the Clearwater River to within Orofino’s city limits.

How are Hospice Services Initiated?

Talk with your primary care provider (physician, nurse practitioner) about hospice support. You may also contact the Family Hospice office for any additional information you may need.



No person will be denied admission to Family Hospice based on race, age, sex, creed, religion, disability, marital status, national origin, disease, or ability to pay.

Payment

Medicare/Medicaid eligible persons are fully covered for all hospice services related to their terminal illness. Private insurance and other plans may have full or limited coverage. Family Hospice staff will help to determine eligibility for Medicare or other insurance benefits. We can assist in identifying resources for payment and arrangements can be made for those individuals responsible for the payment of hospice services.

Family Hospice Volunteer Program

Family Hospice relies on volunteers for office support, running errands, helping with transportation, and sitting with patients to allow caregivers some time away. All volunteers receive in-depth training and continuing education. If you are interested in learning more about the Family Hospice volunteer program please call 208.799.5275.