



Hospice Helps Patients and Families Focus on Quality of Life

Hospice of Orleans Makes More Meaningful Moments Possible

Albion, NY- November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and hospices across the country are reaching out to raise awareness about the highest quality care for people coping with life-limiting illness.

“Every year, more than 1.5 million people living with a life-limiting illness receive care from hospice and palliative care providers in the country,” said J. Donald Schumacher, president and CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. “These highly-trained professionals don’t only provide quality medical care. They work to make sure patients and families find dignity, respect, and love during life’s most difficult journey.”

Hospice is more than traditional healthcare. Hospice and palliative care programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to patients and their families when a cure is not possible. Hospice and palliative care combines the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that families need most when facing the end of life.

Through this specialized quality care, we see many patients and their families experience more meaningful moments together. Hospice helps them focus on living despite a terminal diagnoses.

As Sandy Thaine, a volunteer at Hospice of Orleans noted, “I have seen how Hospice works with terminally ill patients where I worked. When it happened to me, they were the kindest and most understanding people. Knowing how difficult and stressful life can be, I knew I wanted to become a volunteer and help make the transition a little easier for the patient and family. Dignity is so important.”

Throughout the month of November, Hospice of Orleans will be joining organizations across the nation hosting activities that will help the community understand how important hospice and palliative care can be. To learn more about Hospice and Palliative care, join us November 15th, from 3:30-5:00 at the HOAG Library, 134 S. Main St., Albion.

More information about hospice, palliative care, and advance care planning is available from Hospice of Orleans at 585-589-0809.

Stories showing the many ways hospice makes more special moments possible can be found at www.momentsoflife.org.