



## Valley Hospice & Palliative Care Program

*Valley Hospice provides care at home or in a home-like setting to persons who are terminally ill. Hospice neither hastens nor postpones death, but affirms life, emphasizing quality through symptom control provided by an interdisciplinary team. Hospice empowers patients to live their lives to the end with dignity and comfort, while involving families and loved ones in giving care.*

### VALLEY HOSPICE

At Valley Hospice, the patient's personal physician consults with our interdisciplinary team consisting of a physician medical director, nurses, social workers, chaplains, home health aides and volunteers. Working closely together with compassion and clinical competence, team members attend to the patient and family as the "unit of care."

### BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

Bereavement Services for adults and children are an integral part of our hospice program. Both group and individual support are offered. The bereavement program is staffed by social workers and chaplains. Through our Journeys program, the additional skills of an art therapist are used to assist children experiencing a loss.

### PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES

Palliative care is a choice for patients and families who are in need of the expertise of our team. It is intended to help patients achieve optimal symptom control while dealing with illness. The full resources of the hospice interdisciplinary team with support services are made available to our patients.

### OTHER PROFESSIONALS

The care team can also include individual specialists in the areas of oncology, cardiology, IV therapy, enterostomal therapy, rehabilitation and psychiatric home care. Our nutritionist visits patients and counsels them when there is a need. Our pharmacist attends weekly team meetings and acts as a resource in developing a plan of care for our patients.

### ELIGIBILITY

- The hospice/palliative care patient should reside within Bergen or Passaic counties.
- When at all possible, the patient should have a primary caregiver who can be a family member, friend or paid companion. If this is not possible, our social workers will intervene to help the patient plan for future needs.

### PAYMENT

Hospice is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurance programs.

In order to receive palliative care services, a patient must have a specific diagnosis that indicates a need for skilled and intermittent care.

Valley Hospice is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving all patients in need, regardless of ability to pay. Private donations are important in order to continue to provide our high quality of care. Gifts can be made in honor of or as a memorial to a loved one. All contributions are tax deductible.

## A HELPING HAND

**W**e could not continue to serve clients who are not adequately insured and who cannot afford to pay our fees without the help of benefactors who see the need and generously respond. We gratefully accept donations which may be made in honor of the living or as a memorial to the deceased. All contributions are acknowledged and are tax-deductible.

Please make your check payable to Valley Hospice and mail it with this form to:



Valley Hospice  
15 Essex Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

*My Gift:* (please print)

*In honor of:*

*In memory of:*

\$100    \$50    \$25   Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send an acknowledgement of my gift to:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## YOU SHOULD KNOW...

- Valley Home Care (VHC) provides Medicare and Medicaid services and is reimbursed by Blue Cross and other private health insurers.
- VHC is Accredited by JCAHO.
- VHC is licensed as a home health agency by the New Jersey State Department of Health and is certified by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services.
- VHC is under the direction of a volunteer Board of Trustees, selected from the local community.
- Valley Hospice is part of Valley Home & Community Health Care which is an affiliate of Valley Health System. Valley Health System is also comprised of The Valley Hospital, Chilton Memorial Hospital and HealthNet Medical Group.
- Through its affiliation with The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, VHC is also affiliated with The New York Presbyterian Healthcare Network.
- VHC is a member of the National Association for Home Care, the Home Health Assembly of New Jersey, the New Jersey League for Nursing, the National Hospice Organization, and the New Jersey Hospice & Palliative Care Organization.
- VHC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, handicap, age, religion or sex.



15 Essex Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652  
(201) 291-6000

