



Coalition of Agencies in Service to the Elderly Bio Information Form

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What age range do you serve? **All ages**

A brief description of your position:

Responsible for the development, planning and implementation of all activities related to community awareness of Niagara Hospice services and programs. Also responsible for the Volunteer Services program.

A brief description of what your agency does:

Hospice is a way of caring for patients with end-of-life illnesses and supporting their family and loved ones through the illness, dying and grieving process. At Niagara Hospice, we believe every day is a gift and we value quality of life for each and every patient. As the only hospice provider in Niagara County, our staff and volunteers take pride in their compassionate service to others. Just one call to Niagara Hospice provides loved ones the physical, emotional, psychosocial, spiritual and bereavement care they need.

Hospice care is appropriate for people with any advanced stage illness, not just cancer, where the prognosis is a life expectancy of approximately six months or less if the illness were to run its normal course. Some patients receive hospice care beyond six months. Several studies have shown that people with end-of-life illnesses who

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choose hospice care often live longer - and with better quality of life - than patients who do not elect hospice services.

“When medical science can’t add more days to life,
Hospice adds more life to every day.”

Please list any other programs your agency provides:

Niagara Hospice House – residential and general in-patient hospice services;

Hospice care in Assisted Living and Adult Home facilities and in contracted Nursing Homes;

Grief services for Hospice family members;

Camp Hope – a free bereavement program for children