

# Hospice



## of Southern Maine

Hospice of Southern Maine's mission is compassion, care and comfort through the end of life. We provide comprehensive hospice services to terminally ill individuals and their families; which includes physical, emotional and spiritual services in the patient's own home, the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House or other appropriate setting.

Hospice volunteers are valued members of the hospice interdisciplinary team and are considered the heart of hospice care.

For those interested in working directly with patients, Hospice of Southern Maine offers a comprehensive 30 hour training course. Trainings are offered in the spring and fall, with class size limited to 16 participants.

Direct Service trained volunteers are asked to make a commitment of providing up to 4 hours/week for a minimum of one year of non-medical aid and support to patients and their families. Opportunities include the possibility of providing service in patient's homes and/or the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House. In addition, volunteers are needed to provide complimentary care services such as Gosnell House kitchen support, therapy dog visits (PawPrints Program), music visits (Heartstrings Program) and Reiki visits.

There are also opportunities for volunteers to provide service on an episodic or one time basis with tasks such as: office work, help with mailings, answering phones, building packets, providing haircuts to patients and assisting with special events and fundraising activities.

For more information or to apply, please contact Hospice of Southern Maine Volunteer Services.

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