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I wanted to write a note of thanks to all the Hospice staff that took care of my father-in-law at Christian Care. He so much appreciated that you were able to seamlessly team up with his regular nursing staff and give him true emotional and physical comfort in his waning days. My mother-in-law lived in assisted living and the companionship and spiritual care given to her by the hospice team gave her the much-needed respite that made his passing easier to bear, and it continues to this day. We, as a family, are so grateful to have such caring and compassionate people to help us through the trying times of losing a loved one.

Continued blessings in your work,

Marcia Meyer,

*Director of Resident Services
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Community*

Hospice Care in the Nursing Facility

One of the best attributes of the Medicare Hospice Benefit is that hospice care can be offered wherever you call home. Family LifeCare strives to *enrich your life through compassionate care as we bring hope, comfort and dignity along life's final journey.* Our services are available to residents in nursing facilities. In fact, 70% of our care is provided to residents in nursing facilities. To enrich the final months of life, Family LifeCare works alongside the nursing facility staff to provide care in a comforting environment. We complement the services provided by the nursing facility staff while giving additional care and support through massage therapy, spiritual care, and bereavement.

In the nursing facility, our Family LifeCare team will listen to the resident and their family and assist them in clarifying their goals for end-of-life care. Our team of professionals and the services they provide include:

- Medical Director and nurses available 24/7 who have specialized training in pain and symptom management, to assure resident comfort through all stages of illness;

- Social service professionals to provide assistance with advance directives and financial concerns and to give emotional support to the resident and/or family;
- Hospice aide services to pamper and supplement increasing personal care needs;
- Chaplains to offer spiritual support for the resident and/or family as they cope with the illness, changes and loss;
- Volunteers to assist with daily activities and to provide companionship even as the resident is in their final hours;
- A massage therapist to encourage relaxation and to provide relief from anxiety, pain and other symptoms;
- Bereavement professionals to provide grief support for at least 13 months following the death of a loved one.
- Medical supplies, equipment and medications related to the terminal illness to enhance your comfort.

Residents and families can talk with their physician or nursing facility care team about hospice services, or contact Family LifeCare directly to inquire about our services. Our hospice team is available at anytime to meet with you, to talk about your needs and priorities, and to answer your questions...by calling 1-800-355-2817. ✉

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