

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide volunteer care and support to the terminally, critically, and chronically ill and their families, to help ensure comfort, dignity and choice.

We also provide education and support to community members regarding the care giving, dying and grieving processes.



How are we able to provide free services?

We are supported by generous financial and in-kind donations from our community and by hundreds of volunteer hours annually.

How can you help us?

- You may send your tax-deductible donation to:
P.O. Box 1034
Haines, AK 99827
- Or choose to donate with PayPal online:
www.hospiceofhaines.org
- If you donate to the Alaska Community Foundation, designate "Hospice of Haines"
- You may choose to donate online when you apply for your Permanent Fund Dividend through Pick, Click & Give.

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Hospice of Haines

Volunteer Assistance for our Neighbors in the Chilkat Valley



For more information about our services or how you may help:

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Hospice is a worldwide movement based on providing individualized palliative care--comfort care--for the terminally ill as an alternative to aggressive treatment or hospitalization.

Hospice of Haines was organized by a "grass-roots" effort in 1996. It is a federally recognized "non-profit" and is licensed by the State of Alaska as a Volunteer Hospice Program. We serve by request of residents and their caregivers and in collaboration with local medical and home health providers.

Our first mission is to offer trained, compassionate, in-home volunteer support for those terminally ill individuals who wish to remain in their homes in the Chilkat Valley.

Bridge Services are for chronically or critically ill individuals who may not have a terminal diagnosis but whose care needs are not adequately addressed through existing services. Bridge services are offered contingent on hospice volunteer availability, with priority given to the terminally ill clients.

The Bereavement Program is for individuals who experience a loss through death and wish to attend a grief group or receive one-on-one support. Children and teens may receive grief supports from trained adult volunteers. "Hope Baskets" are offered to individuals & families who have lost loved ones. "Hope through Healing" supports the bereaved through correspondence.

Community Education programs and annual volunteer trainings are offered free to anyone who would like to learn more about care giving and the death and dying process.

Who volunteers?

Volunteers are caring individuals "giving back" to their community. Before volunteers assist clients in their homes, they attend a comprehensive volunteer training and are later screened for reliability and other qualities. Volunteers are assigned by the Volunteer Coordinator to meet the particular needs or wishes of the client and/or family care giver.

All volunteers are required to maintain strict confidentiality.

How do volunteers help?

- Visiting and conversation, reading aloud or games
- Simple meal or snack preparation
- Light housework or home chores
- Help with errands, shopping or transportation
- Provide respite—"breaks" for family members and other care givers
- Professional massage therapy upon request
- Provide simple comfort measures
- Volunteers without the "in-home" training have opportunities to help with fundraising events and administrative tasks.
- Volunteers do not provide medical care, home health services, or professional counseling.*

